



# Dennistoun Community Council

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### PLanning Meeting

#### NOTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 11 August 2020

Online, via Zoom

**CCllrs Present** CCllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Jonathan Deans (JD); Elaine Docherty (ED); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT); Mary Wallace (MW); David Williams (DW); Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker and acting chair*].

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## 1 Discussion

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- Potential for a Dennistoun Business Improvement District
  - [improvementdistricts.scot](http://improvementdistricts.scot)

Three approved Glasgow BIDS currently: Sauchiehall St ([allinsauchiehall.com](http://allinsauchiehall.com)), Byres Rd and Lanes ([visitwestend.com](http://visitwestend.com)), and Shawlands ([myshawlands.com](http://myshawlands.com)). Possilpark has established a steering group working towards setting up a BID ([possilparkbid.co.uk](http://possilparkbid.co.uk)), supported by Scotland's Towns Partnerships ([scotlandstowns.org](http://scotlandstowns.org)).
- Living Wage Ward
  - [livingwage.org.uk/living-wage-places](http://livingwage.org.uk/living-wage-places)

Discussed and seen as a good aspiration. No specific plans confirmed at present.
- Other Business Links

Smaller business-related projects such as promoting local offers or supporting a Shop Local scheme (e.g. [lovelocal.scot/scotland-loves-local](http://lovelocal.scot/scotland-loves-local)) seen as a potential way toward fostering dialogue and establish connections.
- City Centre Strategy
  - [yourcitycentre2020.commonplace.is/about](http://yourcitycentre2020.commonplace.is/about)

Consultation underway for Learning Quarter (DCC is partially within this) and the Merchant City (DCC is adjacent to a part of this). This project commenced in early March 2020. It is intended to develop Baseline evidence and analysis in Spring / Summer 2020 and then develop draft proposals for the Districts, in collaborations with communities and consultees, through to mid 2021. Draft District Regeneration Frameworks and Action Plans should be published in late 2021 / early 2022 for final consultation, refinement and approval in 2022.
- Action Plan and Sub-committees

Broad discussion. Activities of current sub-committees summarised. Proposals for a shift to focusing on Communications, Social, and Physical noted, with positives, potential problems, and alternative approaches identified.

Effectiveness of the group organising the Hustings was acknowledged and praised as a good example of project centric success. The digital version of the Day Out In Dennistoun mapping ([dennistoun.co.uk/adoid](http://dennistoun.co.uk/adoid)) is seen as an asset that is currently under-utilised. Noticeboards as a way for us to extend awareness within our area is another positive.

The discussion turned to remits, mission statements, vision, and a general question of the purpose of DCC beyond the general guidance that CCs should 'Ascertain, coordinate and express the views of our community, and seek to promote our area as a positive and inclusive neighbourhood.' Mount Florida Community Council was noted as actively compiling information based on the Place Standard ([link](#)).

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The outcome of this was consensus on a plan to go forward with three sub-committees:

- LONG-TERM STRATEGY (to develop a longer-term vision/direction for Dennistoun drawing on examples of good practice, identify funding sources to bring in outside expertise, and determine required resources for major long-term projects e.g. Business Improvement District),
- SHORT-TERM PROJECTS (to execute ongoing, recurring, and upcoming matters such as neighbourhood maintenance), and
- ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS (to maintain the existing comms group activities, build associate member relations, and develop our community engagement).

It is an aspiration that each sub-committee would have a meeting each month, and CCLrs would have flexibility to join any of the meetings of interest following publication of an agenda, and to submit items for discussion on the agenda.

It is hoped that most CCLrs would feel able to be active within a sub-committee in this format, though it is acknowledged that this wouldn't be a requirement, as we all have our own personal competing demands and priorities. Other short-term committees may be necessary, but this can be reviewed as circumstances dictate.

It was agreed that Slack may prove to be a useful tool for bringing together and organising much of this ongoing activity in one location, rather than have it lost amongst email inboxes. JD will work on setting this up.

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## **2 Note of Next Meeting**

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 8th September 2020, online via Zoom. *[Note: this meeting did not take place as a quorum was not available. The next quorate ordinary meeting took place in October.]*  
Agenda for Ordinary meeting will be circulated, and published to [Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates).  
Apologies to be submitted to secretary via [hello@dennistouncc.org.uk](mailto:hello@dennistouncc.org.uk).

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