



Dennistoun Community Council

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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 12 January 2021

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Angela Bretherton (AB) [*Chair*]; Jonathan Deans (JD); Elaine Docherty (ED) [*Minute taker*]; Deborah Hamilton (DH); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW); Steven Campbell (SC); Sean Kelly (SK)

Others Present: Cllr Allan Casey; Kilian Riley representing Anne McLaughlin MP; 6 x members of the public

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| 1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies Welcome and thanks for attending. Apologies: Cllrs Mary Wallace (MW); David Williams (DW); Stephen Birrell (SB); Paul Lavery (PL); Cllr Kim Long; John Mason MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP; Cllr Elaine McDougall (<i>attended briefly then had internet problems</i>) | |
| 2 Minutes of 8 December 2020 planning meeting Proposed by JD; Seconded by BJ | |
| Minutes of 10 November ordinary meeting Proposed by VT; Seconded by JD | |
| 3 Matters Arising <i>Craft bags</i> >>VB thanked DCC for the £150 donation to the craft bags distributed for free to families in the East End before Christmas, by Dennistoun Makers and Glasgow Saints. <i>Potential mural on wall at Amore on Alexandra Parade</i> >>ED to follow up with Amore later in the year when Government COVID restrictions have eased. <i>Glasgow Life Venues</i> >>Pleased that Dennistoun Library is planned to open back up soon. DH to look into title deeds; there was library refurbishment of the upstairs but hasn't been made available as a community space. | DH |
| 4 Noticeboards Cllr Elaine McDougall has offered to help organise collection and will store them at the Hub in Alexandra Park until installation can be organised. AB to contact VHE to ask when they may be back working on the sites and can install. RJ noted that planning permission had been granted for 5 years. | AB |
| 5 On-street bins and Food bins DH: Recycling bins are full, can't get anything else in. Is it possible to swap a food bin for an extra recycling bin? DH to email Cllr Casey to enquire. WW: How is the success of these being measured? Cllr Casey: Has received reports of contaminated food bins and people putting their general waste in them. Suggested a meeting between DCC and Neighbourhood Liaison Officer. Feeling from WW that, re: food bins, DCC would not gain any further information additional to the response to our statement/enquiry, received from the Head of Neighbourhoods & Place (North East) via Cllr McDougall, which itself was largely just a repeat of the information on the Council website. On the On-street bins, DCC awaiting response this month from Steve McGeady, following DCC submission, as published on DCC website. | |
| 6 Low Traffic Neighbourhoods Query around the notification to emergency services; Cllr Casey stated that no response back from them on the plans is presumption of no concerns. Concerns noted by DCC around: lack of communication from the Council on updated timeline of | |

LTN/changes to roads as still not fully installed; lack of consultation with the public; feeling that the current system in place is not working and not a good representation of an LTN that can be of benefit and permanent active travel schemes are being sacrificed for temporary schemes; social media showing strength from DCC for current plans to be stronger than it is. Also, drivers are ignoring signs; will there be enforcement?

Member of the public present has sent a report to the councillors and to DCC with concerns including around the impact on traffic, other hazards for cyclists and pedestrians, and the scheme's budget and design.

Another member of the public was supportive of the LTN, though a full plan needs to be put out on what's being tried and the benefits. Not been helpful to get a plan running properly in the first place, whether for or against. People aren't being encouraged to cycle when they still have to get out of the way of drivers not following the signs.

Member of the public, Derek, stated this is not an LTN; he had submitted his own proposal to the Council and this may never happen now.

Cllr Casey: Neighbourhood & Sustainability are in charge of the timeframe. May have been hampered by poor weather. Has received no updates since before Christmas. It is a live scheme and can be adapted if improvements are suggested. Can email councillors who will raise with the Spaces for People team. Also email councillors with concerns around not following the system. If measures were to be made permanent there must be a consultation process; if there's time to consult on emergency measures it's not an emergency. Is not an LTN; a soft version was planned to see how it worked. The proposal Derek put forward would have required a full consultation. Suggested it may be possible to organise a meeting with DCC and Spaces for Distancing officers. Has been talking to Cllr Anna Richardson about the timeframe.

DCC requested more details to be published on the Council website with a timeframe of what's happening and when, to make sure the public are kept up-to-date.

7 Allotments

Member of the public, Fiona, had gotten in touch regarding allotments, and could any more vacant space in Dennistoun be used for this, as people on waitlists are having to wait more than 5 years. For Craigpark allotments, they may have one space available per year. 55 people got in touch in 2020 for a space, which now has 29 people waiting for a space.

The Glasgow Allotment Forum are involved in the 'People's Plots' campaign. Cost of purchasing land and setting up infrastructure is high. Discussion around what vacant land may be available, and agreement a community garden would be good for Dennistoun.

Cllr Casey referred to the Council's vacant and derelict land strategy, and also could link in with the Haghill Shift Project, and growing space in the back courts. Also, the Sighthill Transformation Regeneration has space for allotments, Fiona could contact them. Community councillors also suggested contacting the Royal Horticultural Society, and Allotment Angels at Reidvale.

8 GCC Consultations / Climate Emergency Consultation Plan

Live consultations reviewed. AB & ED volunteered to review the Climate Change Consultation Plan, end date 24 January. AB & ED

9 Public Input

Issues raised around public bins overflowing, council strategy and difficulty in enforcing dropping litter and dog fouling. DH

Cllr Casey suggested street cleaning cycles may have been affected by council redeployment due to COVID, and teams working to statutory obligations. Advised people to contact him to request more frequent uplifts.

DH raised the idea of the Nordic model around dog fouling, where dogs are registered with vets and dog mess matched to the dna of the dog and matched to the owner. Deborah to follow this idea up with Cllr Casey.

10 Elected Member Updates

All updates from Cllr Casey covered in above discussions.

Report from Anne McLaughlin MP circulated around community councillors and attached below.

11 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Treasurer

Bank balance is £2006.86. Petty cash £0.91. Treasurer owed £21.00 for the Zoom account. Will wait and raise a cheque at a future date.

b. Secretary

No additional updates.

c. Planning and Licensing

Nothing to note.

d. Dennistoun Area Partnerships

No update.

12 AOB

None.

13 Note of Next Meeting

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 9th February 2021, online via Zoom.

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.

Dennistoun Community Council update from Anne McLaughlin MP – January 2021

This past month, I have been continuing my campaign to raise awareness of the £11 million in unclaimed Pension Credit that many of the older members of our community may be entitled to every year. This work goes hand in hand with the work being carried out by Age Scotland.

I have continued to work closely with our local Councillors and MSPs across a vast range of issues and campaigns.

My constituency office is continuing to operate remotely, and my team and I have been very busy over the last month assisting with issues arising from the further Covid-19 restrictions and the impact of the further lockdown on Glasgow North East. I myself have been continuing to work from Glasgow, attending parliament remotely to help minimise the spread of the virus and protect our NHS.

I have been continuing my work with the Green Deal Action Group to support those who fell victim to Green Deal mis-selling.

I voted with my SNP colleagues in Westminster to reject the disastrous Hard Brexit deal. The people of Glasgow North East voted overwhelmingly against Brexit, and the deal negotiated by the Tory government fails to serve the people of Scotland and the people within this constituency.

I have been working with Excluded UK and the Excluded UK All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) which is now known as the APPG on Gaps in Support which exists to campaign for people who have fallen through the net of financial support during the pandemic. As a member of the APPG I am the representative for the Newly Self Employed. Meanwhile my constituency office have been assisting members of our community facing these issues. This is a continuation of my work on Business support, support for the self-employed and access to support for those previously excluded. This is an issue close to my heart as, had I not been elected, I would have likely been in a similar position to those excluded from government support.

Over the Christmas break I engaged with the third sector organisation, the Good Morning Service, which aims to combat loneliness in older people with daily phone calls.

I have also been involved with the Handheld Communities app through Glasgow Girls Club, providing a way for locals to connect with third sector organisations and find relevant support when they need it.

Anyone who needs the help and support of myself or my team should email me on anne.mclaughlin.mp@parliament.uk and we will be very happy to help.