



Dennistoun Community Council

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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 11th May 2021

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Wesley Wright [*acting Chair*]; Jonathan Deans (JD); Elaine Docherty (ED) Paul Lavery (PL); Deborah Hamilton (DH) [*Minute taker*]; Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT); Mary Wallace (MW); Ezra Wilson (EZ); Stephen Birrell (SB); Steven Campbell

Others Present: Associate members: Emma Jones (Glasgow Saints) (EJ); Verity Hocking (VH); Ivan McKee (MSP); Cllr Allan Casey; 4 x members of the public.

ACTION

1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Welcome and thanks for attending.

Apologies: Cllrs Angela Bretherton (AB); Sean Kelly (SK); Associate Member Nicola Garmory (NG), Cllr Kim Long; John Mason MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP.

2 Minutes of 13 April 2021 planning meeting

Proposed by VT; Seconded by BJ

Minutes of 9 March ordinary meeting

Proposed by WW; Seconded by MW

3 Matters Arising

Notice boards – ongoing emails/letters – storage required – update due from Chair

Spaces for People – summary of concerns/complaints has been sent – action closed for now

Hustings review – next item on agenda

4 Hustings Review

Hustings event took place via Zoom and live streamed via our FB page – over 559 engagements, reach of over 2000 and 159 comments.

Noted difficulty with promotion of ‘hustings’ as perhaps seen as party political, many unaware what a hustings is/for.

Agreed longer lead in for May 2022 and possibility of a referendum hustings within next parliamentary term.

5 Local Issues

DCC response to LTN/Spaces for People posted on website

Swan attacked by local dog then sadly euthanized by Hessilhead Animal rescue. Cllr Casey noted previous meetings he had arranged following reports of dog poisoning and reminded us parks management plan in relation to dogs – link shared in chat. Question raised about whether clearer signage needed. Actions – 1. Email FOAP offering support 2. Update from police 3. Post parks guidance re: dog use to social media.

Necropolis Gate – community members have been looking into a Dennistoun entrance to the Necropolis. RJ, member of Friends of the Necropolis clarified no prior entrance from this side, other priorities for restoration and work has previously been carried out planting along fences to avoid vandalism. VH noted work being done around routes for pedestrians into the city centre (Avenues Project? Austin Smith?)

6 Place Standard Tool

Presentation and video from local resident and community volunteer with Love Dennistoun, Calum Watkins. on his proposal to use the Place Standard Tool – agreement to support his project as part of a course he is doing. Useful pilot that DCC can then later build on. Cllr Casey gave an example of the tool used In Royston. Can easily be linked to other pieces of work. Half day training available on use of the Tool. Calum has a list of engagement dates and will report back to DCC in July. SB noted DCC involvement in the tool when it was being developed. Interest expressed from Cllrs to access the training.

7 Public Input

None this evening.

8 Elected members update

Cllr Casey pleased to confirm the reopening of Whitehill Pool and Dennistoun Library. Updated on his new role as City Convener for Work Force. Shared many of DCC concerns around the LTN, particularly poor notice periods, requests for meetings etc., shared our disappointment but pleased to see calming measures around the schools retained. Agreement that full consultation required. Update given on Meat Market site with 3 separate funding applications in process. Some discussion around Wellpark Play area and election pledge – how this be rolled out/assessed via COSLA formula. Council budget – DAP able to access money for open green spaces SIMD level allocations.

Ivan McKee – congratulated on re-election. Key areas of work ongoing around local Business Forum, community Facilities pursuing additional funding, attainment fund manifesto commitment. Ivan to feedback on pavement parking issues.

Anne McLaughlin submitted an email report, attached at the end of the minutes.

9 Officer updates

- a. Treasurer cheque sent to ED for husting posters - £2,520 in bank
 - b. Secretary not too much not already covered. Communication re: Dear Green Pledge on run up to COP 26 – could possibly tie in with PST
 - c. Planning and Licensing Craigpark office turned into 3 flats, Alexandra Parade tattoo parlour, Westercraigs garage conversation to flat. Cllr SB noted his interest in 2B Craigpark planning app.
 - d. DAP info circulated by email prior to meeting
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10 AOB

Communication from AB re: motion requesting wider GL venues reopen and secure funding to remain from Cllr Maggie McTernan for Langside. DCC happy to support motion – Proposed WW, seconded DH.

13 Note of Next Meeting

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 8th June 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

These past months, I have been busy working on a number of campaigns, covering housing, asylum and immigration issues and the ongoing Covid-19 issues.

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

My constituency office continues to operate remotely, and my staff and I have been very busy over the last month picking up the extra casework that would normally be handled by MSPs while they couldn't. I myself have been continuing to work from Glasgow, still attending parliament remotely to help minimise the spread of the virus.

I recently spoke out in parliament against the horrific dawn raids carried out in our constituency which resulted in an elderly gentleman being hospitalised. We haven't had dawn raids in Glasgow for over a decade and I'm continuing to work to prevent them coming back.

I also voted with my SNP colleagues in Westminster against the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which would have serious implications on the right for people in Scotland to peacefully protest at the seat of power. Many constituents contacted me about this, and I share their concerns.

Locally I'm delighted that Whitehill Pool and Dennistoun Library have now re-opened and I know how important both are to the local community.

During my free time, I have been campaigning for the re-election of Ivan McKee MSP, getting the chance to speak to people in Dennistoun and the wider area about what matters to them. While this was part of a campaign, these chats feed back into my own work and are invaluable in making sure I'm best serving my constituents.

Anyone who needs the help and support of myself or my team should email me on anne.mclaughlin.mp@parliament.uk or call our new office number on 0141 465 8925 and we will be very happy to help.

In other news ... in case anyone missed it, there is a new restaurant opening at the Duke St end of Whitehill Street and all the profits will go to The Beatson. Nico and Valentina Simeone who are behind the 'Six by Nico' brand are doing this to thank The Beatson for treating Valentina when she was diagnosed with cancer 6 years ago.