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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 13th July 2021

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Jonathan Deans (JD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Sean Kelly (SK); Paul Lavery (PL); Valery Tough (VT); Mary Wallace (MW); David Williams (DW); Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker and acting chair*].

Others Present: Harry Blackwood (GMB Union); 1 x member of the public. Associate member Emma Jones.

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
Welcome and thanks for attending.	
Apologies: Cllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Elaine Docherty (ED); Deborah Hamilton (DH). Also from John Mason MSP.	
Apologies too, from Cllr Ezra Wilson and associate member Nicola Garmory - both are moving out of the DCC area and are therefore standing down from their positions with immediate effect. ED has forwarded this info to GCC for their records.	
2 Minutes of 8th June 2021 Ordinary Meeting	
Proposed RJ, seconded BJ.	
3 Matters Arising	
<u>DCC Supporting Venue Closure Motion</u>	
Further to concern raised by Cllr Casey last month that DCC had backed a “party political motion” at full council regarding venue closures, DCC can confirm that no communication has been received from GCC on the matter. >>> No further action.	
<u>Duke Street Road Markings</u>	
Especially the stop line road markings at pedestrian crossing near Whitehill Street.	
>>> Markings still missing.	Cllr AC
<u>Gully Cleaning</u>	
Duke Street at Westercraigs noted last month. >>> Awaiting action.	Cllr AC
<u>Cycle Lockers</u>	
- Four not seen of the six aren't there (yet), per a survey of locations carried out on the day prior to this meeting: 47 Aberfeldy Street (East carriageway); 6 Circus Drive (Within hammerhead next to school); 9 Marwick Street (East carriageway between residence windows); 248 Meadow Park Street (On carriageway).	
- Two have been installed, in amended locations: 105 Whitehill Street (On carriageway) has been installed on the footway (and since graffiti'd); 81 Armadale Street (Between drain and end of double yellows) has been installed nearby, on Garthland Drive, under a tree (potential issues about leaf fall/cleaning in the long term?).	
- Aitken Street (on carriageway) not seen in person by anyone present, but commented on via facebook – a possible relocation for one of the above? [Link]	
- 30th April 2019 Environment, Sustainability & Carbon Reduction Committee Report noted “Tenement flat type residences. Where facilities would be placed on street, replacing vehicle parking where necessary.”	
- Documents from the 2nd February 2021 Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction committee meeting listed locations and noted that all the Dennistoun cycle lockers would be located on the carriageway.	

<p>- From an Area Partnership meeting a few weeks back, regarding the one at the top of Meadowpark Street, at Roebank Street: "3. (a) (v) '...concerns in relation to on-street bike sheds, in particular, at 248 Meadowbank Street that was a busy junction with a blind spot...'".</p> <p>>>> Awaiting installation/clarification.</p> <p><u>Contraflow cycle lanes</u></p>	Cllr AC/KL
<p>Are the only notable SfP LTN item with clarification still outstanding. >>> Enquiry required.</p>	DCC
<p>4 Community Council Social Recovery Group</p>	
<p>Deadline for applications is Friday 30 July.</p> <p>Invitation is to explore the potential appetite for such a group(s) to be formed and function for as long as may be required as part of the recovery journey from lockdown for Community Councils (CCs).</p> <p>The CCSRG will be required to meet remotely in the first instance with members engaging electronically and/or by phone with their Ward CCs and/or wider community. As such, the candidates' nomination form aka testimony should include confirmation that candidates would be content to meet this criterion to ensure that prospective members' participation and representation is as meaningful and transparent as possible.</p>	
<p>5 Venue Closures</p>	
<p>Harry Blackwood (GMB Union) spoke, making the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 90 venues confirmed for opening. NE Glasgow particularly affected. - A "Save Our Venues" online petition is being run via 38 Degrees. - Venues are being transferred out of Council responsibilities. - A meeting has been set up with GCC, but there are communication issues, despite stated intentions of community empowerment. - GCC has written to ScotGov requesting further funding, per motion passed in May, but it was rejected. - "New operating models" is the stated GCC approach. - Funding figures stated as follows: £100m re-opening package over five years on top of the £73m pa block grant leaving £117m pa needed to re-open all venues. - Glasgow Life is the last ALEO, and was due to be bought back in-house, but that process seems to have faltered for various operational reasons. - Concerns raised about 500 redundancies required. - A £443m reserve fund exists as of 2020-2021. <p>>>> Action approved by acclaim: Draft a statement/question summarising concerns.</p> <p>Approach other Glasgow CCs to jointly sign. Send to Glasgow MSPs.</p>	
<p>RJ & EJ</p>	
<p>6 Community Council Membership and Vacancies</p>	
<p>- Resignations recently confirmed or intimated would result in a membership of 10 at the AGM (including the loss of the currently serving secretary and treasure). Succession planning/handovers required for new Secretary (including email and associated procedures), Treasurer (bank account, Slack admin, Zoom admin and payment).</p> <p>- DCC voted to extend membership to 20 in March 2020 but it is understood that GCC admin still has us constituted on 17.</p> <p>- Guidance note: "The following quorums will apply to membership; (i) 10, 11 or 12 requires a quorum of 4 (ii) 13, 14 or 15 requires a quorum of 5 (iii) 16, 17 or 18 requires a quorum of 6 (iv) 19 or 20 requires a quorum of 7."</p> <p>- ED has noted prior to the meeting that GCC previously confirmed no CClr elections to take place until a GCC officer can attend in person and have given guidance to CCs they can meet again in person. Two-thirds of CCllrs required to vote for change in number of CCllrs in the constitution.</p> <p>>>> Discussion on membership resulted in intention, approved by acclaim, to contact GCC with the intention of seeking new CCllrs with the hope that this process can be completed in advance of the October AGM to create a full membership for DCC thereafter.</p>	
<p>ED/JD</p>	
<p>WW</p>	

7 Consultations

See glasgow.gov.uk/consultations for full details.

- Strategic Development Framework (SDF) – Inner East (ending 03 Sep 2021).
- Glasgow Low Emission Zone Consultation (ending 02 Sep 2021).
- Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy (ending 18 Oct 2021).

>>> **August planning meeting to have agenda item for discussion of these.**

ED

8 Other Current Local Issues

East End Regeneration Route

Is seemingly a live potential proposal that has not been ruled out.

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/19382527.bid-drop-east-end-road-project-due-climate-emergency-concerns-fails/>

No Cllrs present to comment on this. >>> **Include in future DCC discussions on SDF, liveable neighbourhoods, etc. Cllrs to comment at future meeting.**

DCC/Cllrs

Electric Vehicle charging points

- These are being installed in the footway, rather than the carriageway; an actively hostile design and installation choice that prioritises vehicles to the detriment of active travel, despite plentiful carriageway space being available.

- Reduced available footway widths on Craigpark at library (down to 1.5 m at best, less when a bike is locked on the adjacent stand) and on Alexandra Park Street near Craigpark Drive (down to 1.7 m). Less than the 'desirable/acceptable minimum' of 2 m cited by Transport Scotland *Cycling by Design* and Sustrans guidance (albeit compliant with the 1.5 m 'absolute minimum for short lengths').

- Directly alongside cycle racks at Library, which are aligned in a way which acknowledges that there isn't much footway width to spare to start with. Bollards added to protect the charging point at library, even though there's a big new cabinet right next to it. A protruding base plinth, with edging kerbs. Signage on a dedicated pole, which is set back and further narrows the available footway width. Temporary barriers wedged behind the cycle racks rather than removed from site, or placed elsewhere.

- If such a reduced footway width is acceptable, why were the bike stands installed parallel to the wall with such a measly gap behind, if the newly reduced usable width of less than 1.5 m is acceptable to facilitate EV infrastructure?

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Parking enforcement

Still deficient due to reduced provision as a result of Covid. Uncertainty over when when full service will be resumed.

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Hedges

- Enquiry made regarding progress. Cllr Casey noted at June 2021 meeting that there is to be no area-wide action. Individual locations require to be identified to Cllrs/GCC.

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St Mungos Museum closure

This has resulted in a shortage of publicly available toilets. An issue noted as being applicable to Alexandra Park and across the area in general, regardless of closures.

9 Place Standard Tool update

- No update further to last month.

- Discussion to determine possibility of using the August planning meeting for an outdoor meet and trial of a question or 2 to inform future planning, or to wait until after AGM/new intake.

- Bearing in mind capacity, Cllr changes, and current/future GCC area-wide consultations this is now on hold until after the AGM.

10 Public Input

None.

11 Elected Member Updates

None.

12 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Treasurer

Bank: £2552.16 and petty cash: £0.91. JD owed £119 for Zoom.

b. Secretary

Liveable Neighbourhood Plan - Email from Pollokshields CC:

- *"Delighted to hear Dennistoun will be developing a Liveable Neighbourhood Plan in the near future. Shortly we expect an announcement that Pollokshields will join the list in 2022. Do you have details of how community participation and resources will be organised and supported?"*

Glasgow Tenant Led Housing Commission (Private Rented Sector) - Email from the Tenants

"Information Service (<http://tis.org.uk/tis-gcc-tenant-led-housing-commission-glasgow/>):

- *TIS has recently partnered Glasgow City Council to trail-blaze a first-of-its-kind Tenant Led Housing Commission for the private rented sector in Glasgow.*

With this in mind, I am reaching out to you today to ask if you would be willing to identify individuals, through your network, who you think this position would be of interest to.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 1st August 2021."

Correspondence received from resident on the Necropolis:

- Enquiry about possibility of (or previous existence of) east entry to Necropolis from Firpark Street. It was confirmed by RJ and BJ that there has never been an eastern entry to the Necropolis and that the likelihood of one being installed is close to nil for a number of reasons, not least that it is a working cemetery. Per previous DCC meetings, various options exist to improve access to green space and active travel into the city centre, via the routes around the north and south of the Necropolis.

c. Planning and Licensing

- 20 and 22 Circus Drive - Planning Application – 4 dwellinghouses (2x semi-detached). Not contentious generally, but some issues about retaining features and ground conditions to be raised as per DCS objections. >>> **Object with those concerns**

WW

- 631 Duke Street (Duke Bar) – beer garden/external space on Meadowpark Street (42 person).

- 1x HMO renewal.

- 424 Duke Street (ex-TSB) – change of use to restaurant refused ('too many similar facilities in the area' cited).

d. Dennistoun Area Partnership

- The next meeting is on 1st September.

13 AOB

- Noticeboards – 2x with the sports hub. >>> **AB speaking to Milnbank about installation.**

AB

- Advertising trailer parked on greenspace at Wellpark – Aabsolute have been contacted, but action has not forthcoming, so this may require to be dealt with by relevant department within GCC. >>> **Request removal via GCC.**

DCC/Cllrs

14 Dates of Next Meeting

Planning meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 10th August 2021.

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 14th September 2021, online via Zoom.

Agenda for Ordinary meeting will be circulated, and published to Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates.

Apologies to be submitted to Secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
