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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 14th September 2021

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB) [Chair]; Steven Campbell (SC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT) [Minute taker].

Others Present: 4 x members of the public, John Mason MSP, Cllr Kim Long

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
Welcome and thanks for attending.	
Apologies: Cllrs Wesley Wright (WW), Elaine Docherty (ED); Paul Lavery (PL); Mary Wallace (MW);	
Apologies also, from: Associate member Emma Jones (EJ), Pam Duncan Glancy MSP, Anne McLaughlin MP	
2 Minutes of 13th July Ordinary Meeting and Notes of 10th August Planning Meeting	
July – Proposed by VT, seconded by RJ, with the date typo to be corrected.	
August – Proposed by BJ, seconded by RJ.	
3 Matters Arising	
<u>Duke Street Road Markings</u>	
The pedestrian crossing on Duke St at Whitehill St is bagged off and out of use on 26th August. The lack of studs/stop line markings was raised as a matter of urgency at our June meeting. Query formalised in writing via Area Partnership. >>> Markings still missing at time of meeting, though it's understood they will be installed imminently.	DAP/Cllrs
<u>Gully Cleaning</u>	
Duke Street at Westercraigs, as noted in June. >>> No update yet. Carried over.	Cllr Casey
<u>Cycle Lockers</u>	
Some have been installed in alternative locations, i.e. not in the on-carriageway locations proposed. Query formalised in writing via Area Partnership. >>> Awaiting response. Carried over.	DAP/Cllrs
<u>Contraflow cycle lanes</u>	
Query formalised in writing via Area Partnership. >>> Awaiting response. Carried over.	DAP/Cllrs
<u>Secretary Handover</u>	
Email and associated procedures. >>> Carried over.	ED
<u>Treasurer Handover</u>	
Bank account; Slack admin; Zoom admin and payment. >>> JD passed accounts summary and chequebook to WW, who is in contact with Alistair Cameron (Gartcraig CC) regarding auditing our accounts again. WW is seeking a statement from RBS. JD ended Zoom subscription. Slack account now has WW as 'Primary Owner' and AB as 'Workspace Owner'. >>> Carried over.	JD/WW
<u>Interim Election</u>	
7 new Cllrs required for a full membership of 17 beyond AGM. Closing date for nominations is 1st October. If fewer than 7 valid candidates, they will be elected unopposed and validated at the Ordinary meeting following the AGM. If more than 7 valid candidates, a candidate list will be advertised 10 days before to a contested election by secret ballot between 17:30 and 20:30 on the day of the AGM and Ordinary meeting, with the results confirmed at the November Ordinary meeting.	

	<u>Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy Consultation</u> To be discussed at September meeting. >>> Carried over.	
	<u>East End Regeneration Route</u> Status TBC. Query included in response to Inner East SDF. >>> Awaiting response. Carried over.	DAP/Cllrs
	<u>Electric Vehicle charging points</u> Installed in the pavement, rather than carriageway, contrary to numerous policies, objectives, plans, strategies and guides. Especially bad outside library. >>> Query formalised in writing via Area Partnership. >>> Awaiting response. Carried over.	DAP/Cllrs
	<u>Parking restrictions are, without question, not being effectively enforced in Dennistoun – why is that?</u> GCC (8th June): “...due to the current public health restrictions in place, our enforcement capabilities have been reduced, however I can confirm that our enforcement team shall attend this area as soon as possible and if any vehicles are seen to be parking in contravention of the restrictions they will carry out enforcement.” >>> If the team has attended it has not had any discernible effect. When will parking be effectively enforced in Dennistoun?	Cllrs
	<u>Noticeboards</u> AB has discussed with Milnbank HA regarding installation. Currently stored at the sports hub. WW has provided planning info and details to AB. >>> Enquiries ongoing.	AB
	<u>Planning</u> Application at 20-22 Circus Drive (4 dwellinghouses: 2x semi-detached) not contentious generally, but DCS has commented about features to be retained and ground condition concerns. >>> WW lodged apologies for missing the deadline for submission.	
	<u>Advertising trailers</u> Parked on greenspace maintained by GCC, at Wellpark and Kelvin College. Query formalised in writing via Area Partnership. >>> Awaiting response. Carried over.	DAP/Cllrs
4	Community facilities and closures Draft letter/statement to Glasgow CCs to jointly sign and send to Glasgow MSPs. >>> Carried over.	AB
5	Consultations / Strategic Development Framework / Low Emission Zones Responses have been submitted (see Appendix). AB thanked WW for his work on putting together the SDF response.	
6	Other current local issues - AB mentioned pockets of COP26 funding which might be available, perhaps for environmental projects in Alexandra Park. AB to liaise with Friends of Alexandra Park and the Reidvale Community Allotments to explore this further. - RJ and Cllr Long reported that the DAP had awarded funds to the following sites: Corner Sites (Drives), Firpark Street and Hogarth Park (Dennistoun side) for environmental improvements. The Necropolis has also been awarded funds. Cllr Long will be organising walk-rounds and site visits for the first three sites, with residents, Milnbank Housing Association, etc. She has invited representatives of DCC to join these and will inform us of dates.	AB Cllr Long
7	AGM planning - Sequencing note: DCC may wish to refrain from selecting office bearers at the AGM, to allow new Cllrs an opportunity to stand after formally validating them at the Ordinary meeting that immediately follows. - AGM will take place on Tuesday October 12 at 7pm at the Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre and via Zoom. Cllrs can choose whether to attend in person or via Zoom. RJ and BJ indicated they would attend via Zoom. - AB is in the process of setting up a new Zoom account. - Posters to be distributed.	AB ww/Cllrs

8 Public Input

- Representative from Living Rent asked if DCC had had any correspondence re bulk uplift, fly-tipping, pest control, etc. DCC has not received any correspondence on the matter. Living Rent are looking to link with residents and homeowners to address the issues
 - AB mentioned an overflowing bottle bank issue.
 - VT mentioned the amount of rubbish in the area to the front of Whitehill Pool, in spite of the fact that the many nearby bins were practically empty and asked whether any more litter-picks were being planned by Whitehill School. RJ explained that the problem may lie with the difficulty of getting insurance for such activities.
 - Email received from a member of the public unable to join the second part of the meeting offering comments summarised as follows: *Inappropriate for DCC to make suggestions for Alexandra Park when there's a Friends of Alexandra Park group. // Street maintenance and cleansing issues including potholes and poor surface condition in general, blocked drainage and mud slime/detritus have been raised via Cllrs and DCC but are not being attended to, with a consequent major negative impact on walking and cycling. // 'LTN' notices were put up on poles and posts last year by GCC but have not been taken down. // Unrepaired collapsed planters. // Unswept footways. // Overflowing litter and recycling bins. // Basic and everyday maintenance problems are going unresolved while proposals for new projects and schemes are made.*
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9 Elected Member Updates

Cllr Kim Long

Unfortunately, IT/connection problems meant Cllr Long was unable to attend the second half of the meeting. A two-part written update was provided in lieu shortly after the meeting, as follows:

- I have chased the crossing markings on Duke St and an update on bike storage lockers and I'll share them with DCC when I get them. // I'm awaiting a briefing on Spaces for People news for Dennistoun specifically, as I understand it the expanded pavement space around the primary schools will be made permanent which is excellent. // I'll be in touch re: site visits for the free space funding ASAP. // Anything else please let me know.

- Here for info is what I submitted to the SDF consultation: I am overall unimpressed at the lack of specific engagement or proposals in it for Dennistoun and Haghill, and on that basis I am not minded to approve it when it comes to committee unless it is substantially improved. I am also concerned that the East End Regen Route phase 3 is left in limbo (there is planning permission from phase 1 and 2 still so it is effectively already approved, but it's not likely to be selected for funding bids, so it's just stuck) and therefore we can't realistically develop proposals for these areas without knowing if the road is going to go ahead. I will be campaigning on this over the next few months, I think phase 3 needs to be cancelled. All of this is for info; questions or comments from CCs always welcome.

The full SDF consultation response by Cllr Long is attached to end of these minutes.

John Mason MSP

In response to the litter issue, Mr Mason pointed out that some of the local businesses in his constituency, eg, Calton, had been causing litter – many have private contracts rather than with the council. // Re venue closures, Mr Mason referred to the lack of money all round, from council to Scottish Government level. // RJ asked when pavement parking legislation will be implemented. This should be in 2023, as decisions have to be made about which roads to allow parking on and which not.

Anne McLaughlin MP

Written report attached at end of these minutes.

10 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Treasurer

Bank: £3029.78 and petty cash: £0.00.

JD paid the £161.00 Zoom subscription. He has retained the small amount of petty cash, and a cheque for £153.09 has been issued to him as expenses settlement, resulting in the petty cash balance of £0.00. The bank balance figure above does not account for the cheque, therefore total available funds are £2,876.69, pending audit as noted above.

b. Secretary

- Correspondence from Living Rent: *"The Dennistoun Living Rent branch are in the process of formulating local demands around cleansing services to feed into the citywide cleansing campaign with GMB the union in the build up to COP26. So particular interest in any issues around cleansing that may be discussed!"*
- Emailed request for any pictures or information available from the 1920s (their dad was born in Innes Street in 1920 and in the Boys Brigade 177).

c. Planning and Licensing

Written report from BJ:

- 1 Annfield Place: Demolition of outbuildings and internal/external alterations associated with changes to form 2 no. flatted dwellings.
- 949 Duke Street: Use of Retail Unit as hot food takeaway.
- Site at 148-160 Wishart Street: Erection of flatted residential block 78 units
- 432 Alexandra Parade: Installation of 8 no. electrical vehicle charging point bays and 4 no. Jet wash bays adjacent to existing garage.
- 424 Duke Street: Use of former TSB bank as adult gaming centre. This application has attracted a substantial number of objections from all over Dennistoun. DCC has submitted an objection, as follows:

The Dennistoun Community Council wishes to object to this application on a number of grounds.

There are already 4 forms of betting in Duke Street close to this address. Another is certainly not needed and would be overprovision.

On 25th June Planning permission was refused for a restaurant/takeaway on this side due to overprovision – this would indeed be ironic.

Duke Street over the last few years has developed very well with a number of interesting shops and cafes, creating a busy and thriving street and making it a safe and enjoyable place for local residents. It certainly does not need an establishment of this kind.

d. Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

Draft minutes for the 1st September meeting are available via

<https://glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/agenda.asp?meetingid=17633>

For the DCC submission to the meeting, see Appendix.

The next meeting is on 1st December.

11 AOB

None noted.

12 Date of Next Meeting

AGM and Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 12th October 2021, at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW, and online via Zoom.

Agendas will be circulated with invites in advance, and published to Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates.

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

APPENDIX

DCC Response to Low Emission Zone Consultation

<http://dennistouncc.org.uk/2021/09/02/response-to-low-emission-zone-consultation/>

DCC Response to Inner East Strategic Development Framework Consultation

<http://dennistouncc.org.uk/2021/09/02/response-to-inner-east-strategic-development-framework-consultation/>

DCC Submission to Dennistoun Area Partnership: September 2021

<http://dennistouncc.org.uk/2021/09/04/submission-to-dennistoun-area-partnership-september-2021/>

Anne McLaughlin MP written update

Attached

Cllr Long response to Inner East Strategic Development Framework Consultation

Attached

Update from Anne McLaughlin MP

My office and I have been very busy over the past few months helping constituents across a wide range of issues. From housing to immigration, covid complications to welfare rights, our casework is as diverse as ever but my team and I are always happy to do everything we can to assist with any issue that comes our way.

My constituency office continues to operate remotely; however, we are now looking at the possibility of getting back into the office soon. We are also looking at ways in which we can start to hold in-person surgeries once again in a safe way. Since the Summer Recess I am attending parliament in person once again, traveling down to London to stand up for my constituents and the issues that matter to them.

In light of the recent crisis in Afghanistan, my team have been working hard to ensure that family members of our friends and neighbours here in Glasgow were supported during the evacuation of the country. I have spoken in Parliament regarding the double standard presented by the Home Office in regard to refugees arriving here through different routes.

I have spoken out against the UK Government's cut to the £20 uplift in Universal Credit. This callous cut will affect around 54% of families in Glasgow North East as a whole. My colleagues and I will continue to fight this at every turn and my office will continue to work round the clock to provide support to those affected where we can.

I have also continued my work supporting the Scottish Pantry Network in their mission to promote a sustainable, dignified approach to tackling food insecurity in our communities.

As always, anyone who needs the help and support from 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.