



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 11th January 2022, from 7pm

online via Zoom.

**Cllrs Present** Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Frank Plowright (FP); Mary Wallace (MW); Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker and acting chair*]

**Others Present:** Cllr Allan Casey; Cllr Kim Long; John Mason MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP.

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</b>	
- Apologies received from Cllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Callum McNie (CMcN), Valery Tough (VT). - Also from Ivan McKee MSP. - Cllrs not present: Sean Kelly (SK); Paul Lavery (PL).	
<b>2A Approval of Minutes and Notes</b>	
- 9th November 2021 Ordinary Meeting minutes: Proposed by FP, seconded by BJ. - 14th December 2021 Planning Meeting notes: SC was in attendance. Otherwise approved.	
<b>2B Matters Arising</b>	
<u>Gully Cleaning</u> Duke Street at Westercraigs and others, as noted in June and previously. >>> See Cllr Casey update below.	
<u>Noticeboards</u> Currently stored at the sports hub. >>> <b>PL may have a contact that can take on installation.</b>	PL
<u>Corner Sites/Firpark Street/Hogarth Park Improvements</u> Funding has been awarded by DAP. Cllr Long to inform of dates for walk-round visits to first three sites. >>> See Cllr Long update below.	
<u>Community Facilities and Closures</u> Letter sent. >>> <b>Copy to be circulated to Cllrs.</b>	AB
<u>Elected Member Updates</u> Absence of elected members / request for written updates to be provided. >>> <b>AB to contact.</b>	AB
<u>Alexandra Parade primary school playground improvements</u> Response to head regarding enquiry noting funding allocated to Parents' Association by Area Partnership. >>> <b>AB to contact.</b>	AB
<u>GCC Fly Tipping initiative</u> Response sent by RJ.	
<u>The Glasgow Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</u> Forwarded to Glasgow Saints for information by VT.	
<u>Liveable Neighbourhoods</u> Chris Stewart of Collective Architecture notified of this meeting by CMcN in advance of rescheduled consultation event.	
<u>Introduction Document</u> RJ has developed a draft document. >>> <b>RJ to circulate for review by Cllrs.</b>	RJ/Cllrs
<u>Police invitation</u> Police to be invited to future meeting. >>> <b>CMcN to issue invite.</b>	CMcN

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### 3 Current Consultations

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- Liveable Neighbourhood >>> See above. No end date confirmed. Rescheduled consultation now expected in February. All CCllrs
  - Changes to Flight Paths. >>> **FP to review.** FP
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### 4 Current Local Issues

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#### Revised Area Partnerships (APs)/Review of Area and Sector Partnerships.

- Revised APs to comprise elected members, local partners and community organisations, to oversee the delivery of a local action plan for the Ward, manage budgets and consider other formal business such as Local Area Action Plans (LAAPs) that will be the basis for local priorities and actions.
  - Pilot roll out of Citizens' Panels by 31st March 2022, including in Calton Ward (one of the 2018/19 Participatory Budgeting pilot areas), with members to be recruited from mid-January to mid-February 2022 through voluntary sector networks and known community groups; working with equalities organisations to ensure Panels are representative. No less than 4 and no more than 6 community residents from appropriate local Community Councils and community networks.
  - Target date of August 2022 for the rest of the Citizens' Panels and the new model of Area Partnerships.
  - This will be 'complementary to' engagement with Community Councils across the city via the involvement of the lead officer for that work.
  - WW expressed concern that revised APs would not treat community councils as an integral stakeholder by default, noting that the 2018/19 Calton pilot took place without any specific invite or input at all from DCC, despite the DCC area including the Reidvale area that lies within Calton Ward. Also, a lack of clarity on how these LAAPs will take account of other related processes that already underway, including (but not limited to) the Inner East SDF, the Liveable Neighbourhood, and the ongoing work of the Community Council.
  - Cllr Casey noted an expectation that DCC would be able to be involved.
  - Cllr Long will try to ensure an invite for DCC involvement in Calton AP. Also acknowledged the capacity issues for CCs trying to engage and follow what's happening.
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### 5 Public Input

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None in addition to matters noted elsewhere.

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### 6 Elected Member Updates

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#### Cllr Casey

- Apologised for recent absences.
- Noted difficulties across the board with continuing during omicron.
- Whitehill Pool: Opening times, planned investment works – Met with Save Whitehill Pool and Glasgow Life to try to restart the working group, will notify DCC. Hoping to have this set up by end of Jan.
- Cumbernauld Rd Footway repairs delayed due to contractor/covid issues. Temp safety repairs will be done in the meantime.
- Noted that the recently established Neighbourhood Co-ordinator role is now a primary conduit for maintenance issue reporting, but acknowledged potential frustrations arising from this being an intermediary rather than direct contact with the relevant department. Nevertheless this was noted by DCC as adding a degree of consistency and logic to communications with GCC.

#### Cllr Long

- Attended Bluevale Liveable Neighbourhood consultation event. February now expected for rearranged Dennistoun event.
  - Noted that the East End Regeneration Route is now confirmed as cancelled as a roads project and potential for an active travel route will be explored.
  - Noted glass recycling issues arising from removal of bins at old Gospel Hall (100 Finlay Drive).
  - Hogarth Park, Fir Park and corner sites – has sought an update for this, and it is still happening, but there's been slow progress. DCC will be informed.
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- Clearance and maintenance works (cut back and lift foliage; clear channels/plot edges of debris & weeds; remove historical litter & debris; remove fly tipping; scrape paths; reveal plot edges; graffiti removal; drain clearance; path lighting) complete on underpass between Infirmary and Royston, and nearby path routes. Underpass lighting ownership uncertainty still to be agreed between GCC and Transport Scotland.

John Mason MSP

- First day back. Covid remains a major issue driving decisions, but hopeful for easing of certain restrictions, although buses and trains are running on temporary timetables.  
- Advised on prioritisation when reporting maintenance issues to ensure best response/action.

Anne McLaughlin MP

- Visited Bluevale Community Club w/ N Sturgeon.  
- Noted climate change actions, cost of living support (due to removal of universal credit uplift, energy bills), effect of Covid restrictions.  
- Highlighted the work of the Scottish Pantry Network – Ruchazie and Hamiltonhill being two examples that are nearest. £2.50 for fresh food that would otherwise have gone to waste. Not just a foodbank function. They cover environmental issues as well.  
- Housing repair problems – contacting a Cllr, MSP or MP isn't a guaranteed solution but is certainly advisable as it can lend weight if having trouble resolving reported issues.  
- 60% of people entitled to pension credit are not applying for it. Efforts are in place to address this communication problem.

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**7 Officer Updates/Reports**

**a. Chair/Vice-chair**

Nothing.

**b. Treasurer**

37p interest since December notes, giving a bank balance: £2561.28. Paper statements being received and circulated via Slack. GCC have received and reviewed the 2020/21 accounts to their satisfaction for the release of the Annual Administration Allowance.

**c. Secretary**

Nothing.

**d. Planning and Licensing**

Objected to proposed Duke Street HMO as per DCC policy. No other issues to note.

**e. Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)**

Next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

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**8 AOB**

- Homes for Good are seeking to establish if there are any long term vacant properties.

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**10 Date of Next Meeting**

Ordinary Meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 8th February 2021, online via Zoom.  
Agenda will be circulated with invites in advance, and published to [Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates).  
Apologies to be submitted via [hello@dennistouncc.org.uk](mailto:hello@dennistouncc.org.uk).

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