



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 8th February 2022, from 7pm

at Bluevale Community Centre, 30 Abernethy Street, G31 3SX and online via Zoom.

Cllrs Present Angela Bretherton (AB); Steven Campbell (SC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Paul Lavery (PL); Frank Plowright (FP); Valery Tough (VT); Mary Wallace (MW); Wesley Wright (WW) *[Minute taker and acting chair]*

Others Present: Cllr Allan Casey; Cllr Kim Long; Paul Sweeney MSP; 1x Living Rent representative; 1x Friends of Alexandra Park representative; 2x members of the public.

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
- Apologies received from Cllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Lisa Clifford (LC); Callum McNie (CMcN). - Also from Ivan McKee MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP. - Cllrs not present: Sean Kelly (SK).	
1A Approval of Minutes and Notes	
- 11th January 2021 Ordinary Meeting minutes: Amend to include submitted note of apology from SB Proposed by FP, seconded by RJ.	
2 Matters Arising	
<u>Noticeboards</u> Currently stored at the sports hub. >>> PL has contacted someone that might be able to take on installation. Milnbank have been in touch to confirm storage. Legs are still required.	PL/AB
<u>Community Facilities and Closures</u> Letter proposal being discussed by Glasgow Against Closures. >>> Copy to be circulated to Cllrs.	AB
<u>Alexandra Parade primary school playground improvements</u> Response to head regarding enquiry noting funding allocated to Parents' Association by Area Partnership. >>> AB has contacted.	
<u>Introduction Document</u> RJ has developed a draft document and shared via Slack. >>> To be reviewed by Cllrs.	DCC Cllrs
<u>Police invitation</u> Police to be invited to future meeting. >>> CMcN to issue invite.	CMcN
<u>Changes to Flight Paths</u> Consultation >>> FP has reviewed, shared info via Slack, and signed up for future updates.	
3 Current Consultations	
- Liveable Neighbourhood. >>> See above. No end date confirmed. Rescheduled consultation date for Dennistoun on Fri 25 th Feb, 1-5pm at Reidvale Centre.	DCC Cllrs
Comment about this timing being inaccessible for many due to being during weekday working hours. Dennistoun one has the most responses, showing a promising level of engagement. Reports for two other LNs have been published, via the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (1 Feb 2022 documents via this link – also includes reports on Glasgow Transport Strategy; Clyde Metro; Active Travel Strategy; Circular Economy Update; Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30; Food Growing Strategy Annual Update including Annual Allotments Report; Glasgow as a National Park City).	DCC Cllrs
- Changes to Flight Paths. >>> As above.	
- Multiple others. >>> See dennistouncc.org.uk/2022/02/02/consultations-roundup-early-2022	

4 Current Local Issues

Wise Women Project

AB looking to get posters up around the area to publicise. Further info at womenssafety.scot AB

Scotland 2045 National Planning Framework

AB has reviewed this and can comment on aspects by request.

Dennistoun Area Partnership papers

Meeting on 9 Feb 2022, per documents circulated by RJ. Available [via this link](#).

5 Public Input

- Representative from Dennistoun branch of Living Rent spoke. GHA Wellpark Community hall has not re-opened since closing for Covid. Residents are concerned about being overlooked due to a focus on the new Meatmarket development (which is to contain a community hub).

Seeking support from DCC on this issue. Other issues noted to exist: communication, rent rises, maintenance, etc. Cllr Casey noted social distancing and ventilation issues associated with the small hall, and that a community liaison officer role is being instigated by GHA.

- Public enquiry about noticeboard locations (Wellpark and Haghill); maintenance and location choice of public recycling points queried; sympathy for operatives noted; lack of resources is a key issue; focus on statutory requirement to clear general waste has contributed. Request for a review of locations met with an invite from Cllrs Casey and Long to get in touch to arrange.

6 Elected Member Updates

Cllr Casey

- Gully cleaning on Duke Street has been followed up with Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Charlie Keane and relevant department. Weather permitting, south side programmed for Thursday, and north side the week after.

- Commercial use of public bins and recycling acknowledged, resulting in problems arising due to amended bin provision intended to deal with this (e.g. Fir Park).

- Whitehill Pool working group relaunch meeting due to take place in approximately two weeks time. Recruitment is an issue hampering progress.

Cllr Long

- Parks improvement and corner sites still in progress.

- Cumbernauld Road resurfacing between Aitken and Aberdour carried out (but without adequate notice), which has been chased up. Road safety around Alexandra Parade Primary School.

- Enquiry about involvement with Calton DAP has been confirmed as acknowledged.

- This will be Cllr Long's last attendance at a DCC meeting in the capacity of Cllr.

Paul Sweeney MSP

- Former Haghill School building roof collapsed in summer 2021. Walter Street frontage will be saved. Archways and decorative stonework saved for on-site use in future development.

Controlled demolition and flat storage deemed to be more appropriate than ongoing support by a frame. Hopefully this can be done with similar properties in the future. CCllr concerns raised about stripping of ironwork and other assets on this and other buildings by the owner.

- Discussion underway about ScotRail service level provision after trains come back under public control.

- Licensed overdose prevention centres being discussed in parliament.

- Transport Projects Review (including potential Glasgow Metro).

- Noise pollution from motorway and other sources is under review to assess mitigation measures.

- Golfhill School site owners hoping to commence construction within weeks.

- TSB property potentially returning to a proposal for a food premises.

- Discussions with Friends of Alexandra Park about fountain repair maintenance.

- Some snagging issues noted with initial applications for free transport for young people.

Looking into extending this provision to include asylum seekers. Would be approx 5000 people, approx £300k annual, approx 0.1% of budget, so a minimal cost for a significant help to vulnerable persons.

- Noted measures to address the tenement repair backlog.

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- Whitehill Pool - £900k total funding in place for upcoming planned works, but contractor and supply backlog means delivery not earlier than Q3 2022. Options paper from GCC NRS notes a £5m cost for further required repairs; £17m for full repair with a 2 year closure.
 - Shadow Finance – £371m funding deficit identified; £121m made up to to LAs by ScotGov; £250m resultant shortfall. Between £22m and £33.9m shortfall for Glasgow CC.
 - Responding to a question about playpark upgrade delivery, PS will submit a written enquiry to ScotGov.
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7 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- Question about area partnership citizens panels and the interplay with CC.
- External enquiry asking if we want to buy a ‘veterans’ plaque’.
- Multiple invites received for courses from commercial providers.
- New Slack channel required for circulating aforementioned type of info/enquiry with CCllrs. WW
- Cllr candidate hustings? Two wards, and other difficulties, suggests no. Proposal to do an online Q&A.

b. Treasurer

Bank balance: £2561.28 (no change since last update).

c. Secretary

Nothing.

d. Planning and Licensing

- 22/00070/FUL - 37 Birkenshaw Street: 36 flats. Resubmission. No DCC objections to development in principle, but some disappointment at it apparently being another development limited to just 1 and 2 bed properties.

e. Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

Next meeting is on 9th February. Query about next meeting after that to be raised at meeting.

8 AOB

- Mic/speaker to facilitate better audio for hybrid meetings to be investigated. WW
 - Where are the new electric buses that were around during COP 26? Potentially paraded and dispersed. Paul Sweeney offered to enquire as to the whereabouts. PS
 - Reopening of Maryhill and Whiteinch libraries welcomed.
 - Concern noted about future of Peoples’ Palace, with dismay about the Winter Gardens status.
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9 Date of Next Meeting

Ordinary Meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 8th March 2021, at venue TBC, and 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.
