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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 14th June 2022, from 7pm, at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.

CCIIrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Paul Lavery

(PL); Callum McNie (CMcN); Frank Plowright (FP); Valery Tough (VT) [Acting chair]; Mary

Wallace (MW); Wesley Wright (WW) [Minute taker]

Others Present: 5x members of the public.

Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

- Apologies received from CCIIrs Angela Bretherton (AB). Assoc Member Emma Jones (EJ).
- Also from Clir Anthony Carroll (ACar); John Mason MSP; Paul Sweeney MSP.
- CCllrs not present: Sean Kelly (SK); Stephen Birrell (SB). Assoc Member Verity Hocking (VH).
- Cllrs not reporting and not present: Allan Casey (ACas); Elaine McDougal (EMcD); Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).

2 **Approval of Minutes and Notes**

- 10th May 2022 Ordinary meeting: proposed by LC, seconded by RJ.

3 **Matters Arising**

Noticeboards

Currently stored at the sports hub. >>> Milnbank have been in touch to confirm storage. Legs are still required. PL's contact is no longer available. VT will investigate the boards to determine requirements for legs and options for installation.

Playpark Upgrades

Per pledge prior to May 2021 election. >>> Believed that inventory already in place to enable assessment of needs and priorities in advance of confirmed funding. Suggestions are that the funding has been downscaled. Paul Sweeney MSP has responded noting that funding for 22/23 confirmed as £514,000 to GCC for renewal of play parks. Cllr Carroll will enquire.

Citizens' Panels

Partick and other CCs have expressed concern with the Citizens' Panels. The text of this has been forwarded to CCIIrs for consideration (see Appendix of these minutes for a copy). See also Jan 2022 DCC minutes item 4 for prior discussion [Link]. See also item 5 below. >>> VT to contact Partick CC to express support and enquire about any progress.

Haghill Primary School Kit Sponsorship

Provision and sponsorship of football kit at approximately £460 for full squad kit. >>> Approved in principle by CCllrs in April. Application to Area Partnership to be looked at. >> CMcN liaison ongoing.

Venue Booking

Bookings needed for Aug Planning; Sep Ordinary; and Oct AGM and Ordinary meetings. >>>

'With Kids' hall (on Annfield Place, capacity 50) proposed for Aug. Reidvale for Sep and Oct.

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Current Consultations 4

Glasgow City Council (via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations)

- Gaelic Language Plan 2023 to 2028. Closes 22 Jul 2022.

Scottish Government (via consult.gov.scot)

- Social Security data sharing; Children's care and justice bill; Health and social care strategy for older people; Single-use food containers and plastic products; Calorie labelling on menus;

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Home education; Improving the collection of education data to assess progress towards closing the poverty-related attainment gap; Mental health law review; Funding and commissioning of violence against women and girls services. Closing dates range from 17 Jun to 1 Aug 2022. Others

- Buchanan Galleries Shopping Centre (plans to replace the Glasgow shopping mall with a mixed-use urban neighbourhood with the creation of new streets). A Proposal Application Notice has been submitted to Glasgow City Council. A 20-question survey opened on 1 Jun 2022. [Link]
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Draft Strategic Plan 2022-25. Closes 10 Jul 2022. [Link]
- Glasgow Airport flight path amendments. Civil Aviation Authority still to review thoroughly, with public consultation to follow-on. FP has reviewed, mainly from a point of view of potential noise issues. Height data is not readily available. Issue of particulates and other environmental issues raised. Noisy flights overhead being evident, pre-Covid, was noted. Concern expressed about safety of approaches aligned over dense urban area vs rural land. >>> FP to review.

FP

5 Current Local Issues

Whitehill Pool

- Public query about irregular hours and pre-booking system being off-putting, leading to dwindling use being used to justify. Recruiting issues discussed at previous meetings. Whitehill understood to be one of only two teaching pools in Glasgow — a notable concern when deaths from drowning is understood to be at a high level historically. Swimming lessons are understood to have been a statutory obligation — is this still the case? VT to draft enquiry to Cllrs for approval by CCllrs before sending.

VT/Cllrs

Residential Bin Collections

- Relocation of bins from back courts to on-street locations. Letters/consultation promised where relevant, but collections have been stopped without any contact. Difficulties establishing where obligations and responsibilities lie. Cllr contact has not been fruitful. FOI enquiry has been submitted. Understood that on-street bin stores are to be built (in carriageway space), but no details about this, and concerns about various related safety issues. >>> VT will add issue to email to Cllrs on receipt of specific info emailed from public.

VT/CCIIrs

On-street Bins

- Face-to-face meeting with ClIr has established that food bins are now being used properly after initial teething problems, but apparently no plan in place for required cleaning of the bins and the areas around them.

Whitehill Summer Fete

- Saturday 18th June, 11am – 3pm. VT will lead with hosting a stall, inviting other CCllrs to be involved. Further planning discussion to take place via Slack, including info to promote what DCC does and a questionnaire, plus Day Out In Dennistoun maps.

CCIIrs

Liveable Neighbourhood [Link]

"...a Story Book which will travel between schools and libraries in the Neighbourhood [then a] Neighbourhood Consultation in late Spring". What's the latest?

Spaces For People 'LTN' / 'People Friendly Streets' / 'Neighbourhood Interventions'
Independent report approved by GCC Sep 21 [Link]: "...retained measures should be developed into formal layouts suitable for permanent inclusion ... in accordance with the relevant design standards ... along with consideration of the public feedback and ... disability groups". GCC Oct 2021 [Link]: "[Contraflow cycling] would require a more robust solution, which is something we will look at, and work with the community on when proposing permanent measures in this area." What's the latest? Will there be anything other than the proposal of a Traffic Regulation Order to make the existing layout permanent? E.g. any plans for better configuration of barriers/stepped kerbs/planters/road markings outside primary schools, enhanced safety at one-way entry/exit junctions by way of kerbed build-outs/tactile paving/raised tables, measures to safely permit contraflow cycling, or 20 mph speed limits?

Inner East Strategic Development Framework (SDF) [DCC Link] [DCC submission]
Consultation closed 3 Sep 2021. GCC Sep 2021 [Link]: "...we would hopefully be moving towards a final version of the SDF in spring 2022 ... the finalised SDF will be presented to GCC Committee for approval and then to the Scottish Government for adoption". GCC Consultation website [Link]: "Feedback due 31 Mar 2022." What's the latest?

All three of the above

What communications have the Liveable Neighbourhood, Spaces For People, and Inner East SDF projects had with each other to ensure logical and efficient planning?

Glasgow City Centre Strategy - Learning Quarter [Link] and Merchant City [Link] Ideas Workshops in Feb 2021. Proposals Workshops in Apr 2021. GCC Sep 2021 [Link]: "These documents are being considered internally at the moment, it is expected that this process will take another three weeks or so. After that they will go to Committee for permission to formally consult the public on the documents before they are considered for approval by the Committee. It is still expected that this will take place at the beginning of next year." Current comment on website: "We are currently working on this DRF and are engaging with the local community". What's the latest? Road markings

GCC Oct 2021 [Link]: "GCC can advise that Roads maintenance will inspect the road markings on Duke Street and McIntosh Street and thereafter arrange re-instatement works as required." Nov 2021 [Link]: "Arrangements are in place to refresh the existing road marking at Hillfoot Street. It must be noted however that currently there is a back log of this type of works caused by Contractors issues, weather and Covid. These works are on a list of works and will be attended to when resources are available." What's the latest? See also: bus stop markings not reinstated at resurfacing on Duke Street at Annbank Street and on Alexandra Parade outside Alexandra Parade primary school.

EV charger installed alongside existing cycle parking at library

GCC Oct 2021 [Link]: "...an officer has visited the library again and has acknowledged that the location of the charger isn't ideal so is going to liaise with active travel colleagues to see if we can move these racks slightly to improve the pavement amenity. GCC will update DCC on this situation." GCC Nov 2021 [Link]: "The cycle racks will be moved, but for the present the charging infrastructure will remain on its current site." What's the latest?

- All consecutive items above, from 'Liveable Neighbourhood' to 'EV Charger...', discussed by CCIIrs present with a resulting proposed action to contact GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Coordinator requesting updates on each.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund

- 1 Dec 2021 Dennistoun Area Partnership meeting Item 4 is believed to be the most recent official information available [Link]: £17,000 for Alexandra Park, £2,250 for 'Corner sites', £4,750 for Hogarth Park, £1000 for Necropolis, £4,059 for Firpark Street greenspace. The wildflower strips to identify unmarked graves in Necropolis have been completed. What's the latest for other sites?
- 15 Jun 2022 Calton Area Partnership meeting [Link]: notes £5,500 for Bluevale Street (to Reidvale HA for replacing planters).

Options for Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23

- Calton Area Partnership agenda Item 5 for meeting to be held on 15 Jun 2022 [Link] contains a report detailing the proposed investment options with available funding of up to the value of £1million per ward "to invest in repairs and/or improvements to existing or new neighbourhood infrastructure assets" ... "considered, consulted and informed by local communities and stakeholders".
- Options include many roads resurfacing and lighting replacement works of various costings.
- Seemingly no notable inclusion of traffic calming measures, active travel provision, streetscape improvements, or anything that's a significant *improvement* beyond fairly 'off-the-peg' general resurfacing/replacement/maintenance of carriageways/footways/lighting, or CCTV to monitor fly-tipping.
- Total value of £628k of options falling partially or wholly in the DCC area, as part of the Calton ward options, to be considered by Calton Area Partnership, without any notification offered to nor representation or input invited from DCC! Including the following:
 - Headline options are for £200k of junction works at the Duke St/Cumbernauld
 Rd/Millerston St, and £200k of junction works at the Duke St/John Knox St junction.
 - A pretty notable aspect of both of these proposals is that they're both in the DCC area, but they straddle ward boundaries.
 - Similarly, another option is a £60k proposal for Duke Street carriageway resurfacing (Bellgrove Street to Sword Street), which is fully located in the DCC area but split down the middle by the Calton/Dennistoun ward boundary.
 - Another proposal is located in the DCC area but entirely outwith Calton ward: Duke St (north side) £18k footway resurfacing proposal (Whitehill St to Armadale St +

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- Meadowpark St to Cumbernauld Rd).
- Four other schemes for the Calton ward are within the DCC area, totalling more than £150k: Duke St (Sword St to Whitevale St), Bellfield Street and Thomson St (full length, both sides); and Whitevale St (Duke St to dead end, both sides).
- The Calton options report [Link] specifically states that "Consideration of Glasgow's Liveable Neighbourhoods must be accounted for and this will enable areas to be accessible and healthy places that allow people, of all ages and abilities, out to play and socialise in their local area. Neighbourhoods should perform in such a way that maximises the social, economic and environmental benefits of the area through interventions that improve localities and place and help to reduce the city's dependency on cars by making walking, cycling and public transport first choice. Our Neighbourhood Infrastructure investment strategy will also encompass the fundamental principles of the Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods ethos."
- Aside from the standard footway maintenance resurfacing schemes, none of these aspects appear to be present in any discernible way.
- Furthermore, standard like-for-like carriageway maintenance resurfacing schemes, without any reconfiguration of space in favour of promoting active travel or public transport, runs contrary to these stated aims.
- It is noted that the DCC response in Sep 2021 to the Inner East SDF consultation [Link] identified various streetscape issues, points of concern, and opportunities identified within the DCC area. Some of which would be expected as being worthy of inclusion in the list of options for both the Calton or Dennistoun ward list of options (with scope for other Neighbourhood Improvements also). With DCC being given adequate advance notice allowing it to take an active and considered role in the process. In both wards within which the DCC area operates in.
- Discussed by CCIIrs present with a resulting proposed action to contact Partick CC per Item 3 above, to review the Calton Area Partnership agenda info, and to follow up accordingly.

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6 Public Input

- Representative of a fundraising platform 'Our Club Lotto' based around monthly prize draws, which has an option for volunteer-run organisations including Community Councils, suggesting that DCC could run one. CCllrs agreed to discuss further via Slack.

7 Elected Member Updates

Cllr Carroll

- Removal of Westercraigs post box - Royal Mail replied to say that it was on private land and was removed at the request of the landowner, which they are legally obliged to comply with, and that there was no cause to reinstate it because there are eight other boxes within 800 metres of the removal.

John Mason MSP

- Newsletter update attached.

8 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- Nothing to note.

b. Treasurer

- Bank balance: £3356.94 as of 1 Apr 2022 statement, with two cheques pending. For £43.17 (issued 8 Mar 2022 to AB for Zoom fees, reissued 19 May 2022) and £50 (to Everlasting Arms for hall hire, issued 8 Mar, delivered to Akara cafe on 10 Mar). Giving a provisional balance of £3263.77. No new statement since April, which implies those cheques are still to be deposited by payees.

c. Secretary

- Golfhill PS enquiry, which requires to be dealt with by GCC Planning.
- BT kiosks Charlie Keane (GCC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator) had asked BT for an update regarding the removal of various BT phone kiosks in the local area, as a result of damage, graffiti etc. BT responded to say that they were still awaiting the outcome of a review by OFCOM as of 26/5.

d. Planning and Licensing

- Planning: Site to the East of 2 Macintosh Court. Installation of 18m Telecommunications

monopole and ancillary works.

- Planning: 647 Alexandra Parade. Internal alterations.
- Planning: Residential development in the grounds of Golfhill School. Planning Permission Granted on 24th May. 130 flatted dwelling and 18 no. Flats as development of the existing School building.
- Licensing: St Rollox Bowling Club, Kennyhill Square. Application for Variation (extended hours) of Premises Licence (Licence no GC0607) Objection lodged for extended hours lodged on 13 Jun 2022 on same grounds as original DCC objection of 11 Sep 2019 (i.e. exacerbation of existing problems encountered).

e. Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

- Next date: 28 Jun 2022.

9 AOB

- None.

10 Date of Next Meeting

- Ordinary Meeting on 12th July, at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre.
- Agenda to be circulated with invites in advance, and published to <u>Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates</u>.
- Apologies to be submitted via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.

APPENDIX ITEMS ATTACHED

- Concerns Regarding Citizens' Panels Received From Partick Community Council Chair
- John Mason MSP Monthly Newsletter June 2022

CONCERNS REGARDING CITIZENS' PANELS RECEIVED FROM PARTICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIR

The four community councils representing Ward 23 on the city-wide Community Council Social Recovery Group (Claythorn, Downhill Hyndland and Kelvinside, Kelvindale, Partick) were recently asked for their opinion of Citizens' Panels. This is what we stated, because we're concerned about what the introduction of such panels means for community councils:

"Initial discussions within Ward 23's community councils about the Citizens' Panels scheme have found us in broad agreement: the notion does little to reassure us, as longstanding CC members, that it places value on what we currently do.

None of us speaks out of wounded pride. We're aware that the process of community representation should be more inclusive and that Glasgow's communities need fresh blood to speak on their behalf, voicing local concerns in a setting that might seem less formal and less off-putting to those who lack experience of participating in the decision-making process.

We are concerned, however, about the overall lack of detail. It's almost as though "Citizens' Panel" is a fashionable catchphrase being applied with little thought as to practical application.

This is most obvious in terms of the lack of clarity surrounding how the panel's citizens are to be selected.

In our experience, we can predict - with sadness - how the initiative's bid to "engage in non-traditional ways... with a representative sample of local people" is most likely to end up attracting special interest and single-issue groups bent on pursuing their own agenda without regard to city-wide needs along with online activists whose idea of "participatory democracy involving local people" is angry denunciations of all forms of government.

However imperfect CCs may be, at least they have some form of election and hence accountability with rules about what a CC can and cannot do; what its councillors' responsibilities are to their area's residents. It's unclear whether a CP would operate in the same way.

Indeed, it seems oddly undemocratic that CP members won't be elected but chosen by some as-yet-undefined means. What credibility would the CP have when it could easily be seen as Glasgow City Council's "preferred option"?

How will the CP interact with CCs? What's the relationship? If the CP is in favour of some new neighbourhood project whereas CCs feel it inappropriate, whose voice will be given more weight?

Furthermore, CCs are a major conduit between the public and GCC's elected members. We experience the value of this on an almost daily basis through the excellent work of the city councillors we're fortunate to have representing us in Ward 23.

We foresee grave difficulties for them in performing investigations, consulting with partner agencies and giving advice if input is reaching them from two different and possibly conflicting sources.

This brings us to what seems to be a major justification for the introduction of CPs: the city council's experience of "people telling us they haven't heard of community councils."

This lack of awareness is hardly the fault of the many folk serving on CCs, with an unspoken implication that we've somehow failed.

We'd in fact suggest that the city council has signally failed to promote CCs - particularly in those areas of the city which don't have them - and the time to do so is long overdue.

Without such promotion, there's a risk that the city council is simply paying lip service to its avowed intent of remaining respectful of CCs.

The task of promoting CCs is an educational one. Potential community councillors should be informed that the job entails learning how to participate in meetings, with more time spent listening than speaking.

It's collaborative, working with city councillors and departments rather than shouting and posturing. It's not a vehicle for complaint but an avenue for constructive engagement. It's about slow progress and small victories, not instant gratification.

You know this. We know this. But it might come as news to lots of potential CP "citizens."

Perhaps the very term "citizen" is one that needs further explanation at a time when assorted anti-vax groups can be seen running around on social media videoing themselves conducting "citizens' arrests" and "serving legal papers."

Might the city council therefore consider explore running classes in citizenship, outlining its duties and responsibilities. No one wants Citizens' Panels being equated with Vigilante Panels.

In conclusion, some people might take the view that we already have one Citizens' Panel. It's called Glasgow City Council. Community councils constitute a second Citizens' Panel.

We're sure that the creation of a third layer of democratic representation isn't intended to infer that the other two don't work."

The reply we received from Bernadette Monaghan offered assurance that GCC is being proactive in seeking feedback from all community councils.

If you share our concerns, you might therefore like to consider expressing them.



Parliamentary Patter John Mason's Monthly Newsletter

MSP for Glasgow Shettleston Constituency lune 2022

National Performance Framework

John and colleagues have been hearing evidence in the Scottish Parliament Finance committee regarding the National Performance Framework.

The framework is for all of Scotland and aims to create a more successful country, give opportunities to all people living in Scotland, increase the wellbeing of people living in Scotland, create sustainable and inclusive growth, reduce inequalities and give equal importance to economic, environmental and social progress.

John has asked questions surrounding how we can get more people interested in this as it is the direction we hope to take the country.

ScotRail

On May 23rd, ScotRail announced that they are introducing a temporary timetable due to driver shortages brought about by a pay dispute.

ScotRail have made this decision to ensure train cancellations which have plagued the service for a number of weeks do not continue.

It is of course far from ideal with this situation ongoing and everyone hopes an agreement can be reached that is fair and affordable.

ScotRail drivers are paid on average £50,000. John put forward the question, what would be a fair increase for individuals on this salary?

Long COVID

John was happy to speak in a debate in Parliament discussing our Long COVID strategy including Long COVID clinics.

John drew comparisons with ME (chronic fatigue syndrome) and the fairly slow progress since it was first discovered in 1934.

John argued what is needed is research on the condition. The UK is spending £20– 50m, while Germany €6.5m, €France 2.2m and the Scottish Government funding of £2.5 million.

John noted that there should be flexibility for health boards as what works for Glasgow might not work for Highlands. We should not be pushing for an overcentralised approach. It could be about strengthening the co-ordination of existing services or establishing dedicated services including Long COVID clinics.



John outside the Olympia, Bridgeton.

CZY JOHN MASON MOŻE CI POMÓC?

Jeśli doświadczają Państwo problemów w takich obszarach, jak sytuacja mieszkaniowa, zasiłki, oświata, służba zdrowia, podatki, zachowanie antyspołeczne lub środowisko, John Mason z chęcią Państwu pomoże.

Latest Quotes

- "To ask the Scottish Government how many Ukrainian refugees have arrived in Glasgow."
- "If there is going to be a summit on abortion healthcare, will the 24-week limit be under review? Science and medicine have moved on since 1990 and many children are surviving at 23 weeks."
- "The Dogs Trust Glasgow is located in my constituency. I make the point that, whether a fireworks display is organised or not, such displays affect dogs."
- "To ask the Scottish Government how many refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan have arrived in Scotland since the Taliban's return to power in 2021"
- "Scotland is perceived to be a leader in blue carbon. Will she say anything about the UK's position and whether there is any risk to Scotland's leadership from the UK not pulling its weight"

Latest Motions

- The International Day for Street Children
- World Fair Trade Day
- World Password Day
- Scotland's Companies
- World Theatre Day 2022



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The office is open from 9am—5pm, Given current COVID-19 restrictions, drop in constituency office surgeries are currently suspended but, please contact us as alternative meetings can be arranged.

Misinformation & Disinformation

John and colleagues on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee took evidence from a number of stakeholders regarding issues with misinformation and disinformation during the height of the COVID pandemic.

John asked questions surrounding whether COVID guidance could have been better explained to the public to reduce people having to decide themselves how to interpret the rules. Witnesses responded by saying more context should have been given to rules in certain circumstances, for instance, while working.

John also commented on messaging around vaccines. For example, vaccines had not been tested on pregnant women and therefore were not initially offered to them. John speculated that this had put a doubt in people's minds, even though we now know that the vaccines are extremely safe for almost everyone.

The committee meets on Thursday mornings and can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament TV website.