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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

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

CCLrs Present CCLrs Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT) [*Acting chair*]; Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*]

Others Present: Cllr Allan Casey. Police x2. Public x7. Assoc Member Emma Jones (EJ).

	ACTION
<p>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies received from Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Callum McNie (CMcN); Paul Lavery (PL); Frank Plowright (FP). - Also from Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar); John Mason MSP; Anas Sarwar MSP. - CCllrs not present: Sean Kelly (SK); Mary Wallace (MW); Assoc Member Verity Hocking (VH). - Cllrs not present, no contact: Elaine McDougal (EMcD); Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR). 	
<p>2 Approval of Minutes and Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th July 2022 Ordinary meeting minutes: proposed by SC, seconded by RJ. - 9th August 2022 Planning meeting notes: approved by acclaim. 	
<p>3 Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Noticeboards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently stored at Milnbank Community flat. VT is arranging details for installation. <p><u>Playpark Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Casey has site visits planned. <p><u>Haghill Primary School Kit Sponsorship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p><u>Liveable Neighbourhood [Link]</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dennistoun to Cranhill LN 'Stage 1' report now available via 21 Sep 2022 Dennistoun Area Partnership meeting [Link]. Projects to be taken forward to undergo preliminary design and be presented at further engagement sessions to collaborate between community, stakeholders, and the council are: Dennistoun Railway Bridges, street, and accessibility improvements on existing bridge approaches; Riddrie Town Centre; Carntyne Square; Hogarth Park Improvements; Cranhill M8 bridge lighting. The committee workplan identifies that the Stage 2 reports are to be presented at the 22 November 2022 meeting. <p><u>Spaces For People 'LTN' / 'People Friendly Streets' / 'Neighbourhood Interventions'</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing other than the proposal of a Traffic Regulation Order to make the existing layout permanent? E.g. no 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. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator. 	<p>VT</p> <p>CMcN</p>

Inner East Strategic Development Framework (SDF) [[DCC Link](#)] [[DCC submission](#)]

- Report due. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.

All three of the above

- SDF and LN teams are communicating through the SDF steering group. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.

Glasgow City Centre Strategy - Learning Quarter [[Link](#)] and Merchant City [[Link](#)]

- District Regeneration Frameworks (DRFs) expected to go to City Administration Committee very soon. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.

Road markings

- Duke Street/McIntosh Street/Hillfoot Street/Alexandra Parade expected to be complete by end of August 2022. Only partially complete at time of meeting. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.

EV charger installed alongside existing cycle parking at library

- Cycle rack to be moved by 05 Aug 2022. Not done at time of meeting. See appendix below for response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.

Options for Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23

- Further details for proposed projects and costing breakdown promised by GCC; no decisions to be made without consultation to be run from September 2022; public meetings and engagement planned; suggestions invited by GCC.

- Verbal report from GCC NRS director on agenda of next AP meeting, see item 4e below.

4 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- Submitted a DCC response to the Short Term Lets consultation. Queried planning permission details and option to suspend minimum standards during 'events'.

- Update on maintenance and cleansing issues received from Charlie Keane, GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-Ordinator For Dennistoun ward: see appendix below.

b. Treasurer

- Latest RBS statement balance is £3174.52 as of 1 Sep 2022 (after cashed £70 cheque is payment to Reidvale for the July venue hire), with a cheque for £50 not cashed by the end of Aug (reissued on 12 Jul to Everlasting Arms for hall hire, to replace the one issued in Mar), giving a provisional balance of £3124.52.

c. Secretary

- No pruning or any similar cut backs to take place until until October. Only mowing in the meantime.

d. Planning and Licensing

Planning

- Site of Whiteval Park at Bluevale St. Formation of roof canopy and refurbishment of sports court.

- 6 Westercraigs. Installation of solar panels to roof of dwellinghouse and garage.

- 5 Clayton Terrace. External alterations including installation of rooflights and installation of enlarged window.

- Site opposite 447 Alexandra Parade Installation of 20m monopole.

- EV charging station going in next to BP filling station.

Licensing

- Application for variation of premises licence for outdoor seating application at La Cala, 230-232 Meadowpark Street. Minor changes to sale of alcohol. Application to create two external drinking areas for 57 people is believed to be a follow-up to a prior planning application which DCC objected to. BJ lodged an objection to the licensing application accordingly.

- Flat 1/1 44 Roslea Drive. Application for existing license for house in multiple occupation.

- Flats at 290 Duke Street. Application for existing license for house in multiple occupation.

e. Area Partnerships

Calton AP [[Link](#)]

- Minutes for meeting date 7 Sep 2022 available [[Link](#)].

- Next meeting date 16 Nov 2022 (agenda and reports published one week prior).

Dennistoun AP [[Link](#)]

- Next date 21 Sep 2022 agenda and reports available [[Link](#)].

5 Police

- Parking is an acknowledged issue but with no short term solution. Cllr Casey notes an enquiry to officers to look into a build-out that would narrow the Duke Street Whitehill Street junction mouth.
 - Vandalism at the Necropolis noted by RJ.
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6 Current Consultations

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

- Short Term Lets: see Chair's update item 4a.
- Reflecting on 10 years of Transformational Regeneration Areas. Closes 19 Sep 2022.
- Housing Contribution Statement (Draft). Closes 30 Nov 2022.
- Glasgow City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP) 12 Sep 2022.

Scottish Government (via consult.gov.scot)

- Currently includes: Fiscal framework review; Restricting promotions on food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt; Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation; Planning with People: Community engagement and participation; Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-25; School uniforms in Scotland. Closing dates range from 19 Sep to 14 Oct 2022.

Liveable Neighbourhoods

- See item 3 above.

CaltonCC

- Reciprocal dialogue via Associate Membership, to be pursued for an option following on from the AGM.
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7 Current Local Issues

Whitehill Pool

- Bill Stark updating that a there was 2 Aug 2022 deadline for business case to be submitted but it's believed that this has been extended. Difficult to secure information from Glasgow Life as to what was required. Status Report attached as appendix item.
 - Cllr Casey reporting that difficult to secure budget commitments without a business case. Final business case pending, expected soon.
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8 Public Input

- Enquiry about the planter replacement process and skipped disposal of old plants. Concern that temporary implementation was not efficient.
 - Who is carrying out the work on various projects. Cllr Casey confirmed it as a combination of GCC internal and commercial external consultants. Follow up enquiry about where funding will come from for progressing projects. Cllr Casey pointed to the Levelling Up fund.
 - Uncertainty about who is responsible for the LN longlist items being progressed, if anyone.
 - Cllr Casey suggested that an officer is made available to explain how the many and varied local projects come together to realise the vision.
 - Noted that Area Partnerships are not fully accountable when verbal reports are made. RJ confirmed that this is something that has been raised as a concern in feedback to AP.
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9 Elected Member Updates

Paul Sweeney

- Rent freeze. Effective from last week until the end of the financial year with a view to a longer term programme of rent controls, and this will require an analysis to ensure plans are sustainable.
 - Energy prices. On track for three-quarters of Scottish households to be in fuel poverty by the end of the year. Energy price cap should remove three-quarters of the anticipated price rise. Planning to push for more measures.
 - Play parks Funding question was asked in parliament earlier in the year. £60m total from ScotGov. £525k for Glasgow. 22/23 figure is £514k. Total being £1.3m provided for play park upgrades in Glasgow.
 - Whitehill Pool updates. Various costed options have been produced. Some more credible than
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others.

- Gasometers. Has discussed these with SGN. Is looking into various options that might be a better option than demolition and which SGN can get on board with.
- Reidvale HA. Concerns about plans from the Scottish Housing Regulator pushing for RHA to merge with another HA on the basis of governance concerns and financial robustness. And for Glasgow HAs to merge more generally.

Cllr Casey

- HAs. Has met with many HA chief execs with concerns about potential interventions into HA governance.
 - Cost of Living. Various measures in place, e.g. fuel top-up cards, gift cards issued to stimulate the local economy.
 - Cleansing strike. Further strikes not expected, pending acceptance of deal offered.
 - Whitehill Pool. Site visit by architects and Council corporate team recently. Various additional costs arose as a result of this (e.g. air filtration system). These will inform decisions as to what the most appropriate business case is.
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10 AOB

- Upcoming CC election plans discussed. Seeking improved geographical and social coverage. Posters will go up ASAP. Local promotion encouraged.
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11 Date of Next Meeting

- AGM and Ordinary meeting on 11 Oct 2022, 7pm at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.
 - Agenda to 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.
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APPENDIX ITEMS ATTACHED

- NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR (WARD 22 DENNISTOUN) UPDATE 29TH JULY 2022
- NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR (WARD 22 DENNISTOUN) UPDATE 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022 (FOLLOWED BY CONTACTS/PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTLY REPORTING VARIOUS STREETSCAPE ISSUES)
- SAVE WHITEHILL POOL CAMPAIGN STATUS REPORT 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Re: Liveable Neighbourhood

The Dennistoun to Cranhill LN RIBA Stage 1 report will now go to committee in the first cycle after the summer recess – mid August. It was delayed due to falling into the pre-election period. Unfortunately, the delayed publication could not halt the project from progressing, so a selection of projects was undertaken based on the community engagement, discussions with local Cllrs and relevant GCC staff. The timeline has now extended and the work will be ongoing into the Autumn, so there will be time to further engage with the Community Council.

Re: Spaces For People 'LTN' / 'People Friendly Streets' / 'Neighbourhood Interventions'

The team are working towards a permanent TRO which will make permanent the restrictions outside of schools only. We have also procured new stone planters (same as installed in the merchant city recently) to replace the timber ones outside of the schools as they are rotting from the inside out. At this time we anticipate that the planters will be installed before the schools go back and the TRO is underway with the stage 1 (technical feasibility) and will then proceed to a full public order after that.

Any further measures to look at contraflow cycling / 20mph speed limits etc would not be within the gift of this project / team.

Re: Inner East Strategic Development Framework (SDF) + What communications have the Liveable Neighbourhood, Spaces For People, and Inner East SDF projects had with each other to ensure logical and efficient planning?

In terms of working together, the SDF identifies opportunities to support Liveable Neighbourhoods, and our teams regularly communicate through, for example, the SDF Steering Group, where updates on projects are provided.

Re: Glasgow City Centre Strategy - Learning Quarter and Merchant City

The final 4 DRFs including these 2 are now being prepared for committee consideration and public consultation – with report expected to go to City Administration Committee right after recess.

Re: Road Markings (Duke Street/McIntosh Street/Hillfoot Street/Alexandra Parade)

All of these works are targeted to be completed before the end of August 2022.

Re: EV charger installed alongside existing cycle parking at library

The cycle rack will now be moved, hopefully week ending 05.08.2022.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR (WARD 22 DENNISTOUN) UPDATE 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

When I took up my current post as Neighbourhood Liaison Coordinator for Ward 22 Dennistoun, you brought to my attention the condition of the BT Kiosks and a will to see them removed which I have pursued so far with little success, below listed in Blue are the replies from BT Outreach regarding each of the BT Kiosks I raised with them.

BT Kiosks x 2 facing 324 Cumbernauld Road, Glasgow

01415543981 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

01415544911 No current plans to remove this kiosk

BT Kiosks x 2 corner of Armadale Street/Duke Street, Glasgow

01415500265 No current plans to remove this kiosk

01415500263 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Royston Rd/Castle Street, Glasgow

01415520713 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Meadowpark Street/Alexandra Parade, Glasgow

01415547204 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Marne Street/Alexandra Parade, Glasgow

01415502217 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Craigpark Drive/Whitehill St Glasgow

01415543500 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Whitehill St/Duke St, Glasgow

01415501752 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Sword St/Duke St, Glasgow

01415565231 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk corner of Whitehill St/Alexandra Parade, Glasgow

01415547204 Not being removed wanted for future technology no date for this

BT Kiosk at the corner of High Street/Cathedral Square, Townhead, Glasgow.

01415521048 hoping to remove subject to planning permissions for a new street hub 2.0

BT Kiosk 111 Roystonhill, Glasgow

01415525185 Wanted for future Electric Vehicle site no date for this to happen

I have also been looking into the removal of obsolete Royal Mail pouch cabinets (Grey Cabinet/Box mounted on a stalk), so far all have been reported to Royal Mail and they have now undertaken a project to remove them, any left still in use will be painted Red.

The process of removal has started and I will update as we go, the below listed have been removed and the ground sealed:

102 Walter Street

11 Abernethy Street

87 Craigpark Drive

Aberfoyle St

Roystonhill/Blochairn Rd

191 Corsock Street

All ad-trailers within Ward 22 have been reported but attempts to remove have had varying levels of success, so far we have had 4 removed, the others are ongoing and I will update.

Wellpark/Duke St,

Carntyne Rd/John Wheatley,

Edinburgh Rd/Todd St

Armadale Court

At the time of writing all historical graffiti has been removed from the Ward but it seems to be a never ending process, I will attach a list of contacts/procedures for reporting anything you may happen to see and wish to report yourself in the Ward (Graffiti, trailers, Next bikes, shopping trolleys, Hippo bags etc)

Where possible I report all relevant issues via the My Glasgow App, nearly all Street Litter Bins now have QR codes to simplify reporting, they need emptied/have been vandalised/tipped over etc.

Some other issues:

197 Meadowpark Street had scaffolding erected for a couple of months preventing Cleansing services entering the back court to service the bins, this has now been resolved.

The building works/new flats at Marne Street have been completed and the street has returned to normal.

Red/white striped traffic calming blocks at Marne Street have now been removed

Fly tipping in Marne Street has been removed & pursued by Public Health

The roads closures at Bengairn St & Appin Road were breached and fly tipping occurred, this has now been cleared & the concrete blocks re-aligned to block further access.

Cleansing operations will be clearing the fly tipping from Birkenshaw Street on 14th September (unless impacted by the strike catch back)

Hedges overgrowing the pavement on Alexander Park Street and creating an obstacle for pedestrians were lettered & now cut back.

I hope the above meets with your approval and please do not hesitate to contact me should any other issues arise

REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR UTILITY COMPANY CABINETS; BT KIOSKS; GRAFFITI; ROYAL MAIL APPARATUS; BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS; BILLBOARDS; RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE; NEXTBIKES; HIPPO RUBBLE BAGS; SHOPPING TROLLEYS; ABANDONED TRAILERS/CARAVANS/BIKES.

Graffiti/Fly Posting reporting contacts/procedures

(Includes: Reporting ad-trailers, removal of Royal Mail Grey cabinets)

Amey Highways: For all Motorway structures & lighting columns etc, try to give the Junction number & Motorway name (where applicable), include pics send to Brendan.OSullivan@amey.co.uk

BT Cabinets: call centre: 0800 023 2023. Press 1, then Press 1 again, They will require the Postcode & nearest address number to process, remember to request & log the job reference number as they do NOT e-mail you. (BT cabinets can be told apart from Virgin as BT are usually numbered and/or have a triangle type key locks or a central covered lock on the middle of the cabinet)



BT Kiosks: If possible send a picture of the Kiosk so you can compare if you need to call again as they are not great to deal with. Call 0800 661619 or e-mail: customer.serv.payphones@bt.com

GCC Graffiti: report graffiti/fly posting via My Glasgow app for all CCTV poles (Quote number) , Street Lighting poles (quote number of pole), Traffic & direction signs, Street litter bins, roads street lighting cabinets (see 2 examples), public Site Bins, public walls & buildings, road closure blocks, civic amenity bins, parking ticket dispensers, street signs, guard rails at traffic lights etc



Royal Mail: postbox.appearance@royalmailpfs.com they will require the plate number (If it has one) from the Post Box as well as nearest address etc, also report Grey Parcel Pouch cabinet's via this method, distinguishable as it will have a Royal Mail plate on the top and a key point central just below half way up the front door.

If you suspect the Grey Royal Mail Parcel Cabinet is no longer in use, you can send in a request form to have it removed, if RM inform you, it is still in use, you can request it is painted RED to make it look cleaner. (Contact Charlie Keane for a blank nomination form) For the coordinates requested on the form list Northing and Easting info found on www.gridreferencefinder.com



Scottish Water: They have large green cabinets dotted about Glasgow, each has a serial number/site reference code which you should quote and include a picture when reporting via help@scottishwater.co.uk



Siemens traffic lights & boxes: I have no contact info so report to GCC via myglasgow app and put it in the comments section as Siemens box , colour and location



SPN Energy: For all substations & electric cabinets customercare@spenergynetworks.com, substations have a plate with a postal address & post code mounted on them, please include close up/clear pic of the plate and of the graffiti.



Energetics/Last Mile: also have small substations/power cabinets within new private estates/schemes etc in Glasgow, again check the plate on the cabinet and it will give you a postcode & location number, just add street name, go to <https://energetics-uk.com/contact/> and you can then fill in their very quick and easy online form.

SPT Bus shelters: <https://sptdigital.typeform.com/to/oGUCNg>

Vodafone: Cornerstone.Servicedesk@mitie.com

They will require a site reference number found on a plate attached to the front of their cabinet as below and address, include pic of plate & damage.



EE masts & assets <https://ee.co.uk/contact-ee/complaint>, fill in online complaints form with all info you can glean from any details on the masts/assets, include Post code bottom right of plate (see pic) bottom right of plate (see pic) alternatively call 0808 121123



Virgin & O2 cabinets & masts: 0330 333 04444

Or <https://www.virginmedia.com/help/reportingdamage>



Quote the Plate/location reference code & give a location, leave your number, again include pic of plate & damage.

Ocean billboard/electronic Advertising Boards

E- Mail Paul Flynn Paul.Flynn@oceanoutdoor.com

Attach a picture and give an exact location, you can check the various locations that they own on www.oceanoutdoor.com

Global billboard/electronic advertising boards

E-mail: customer.support@global.com

Attach a picture and give an exact location, there is a rolling programme of adding a site-specific location number/plate to each board, please quote this number if it is evident.

Outdoor billboard/electronic advertising board

Attach a picture and give an exact location, there is a rolling programme of adding a site-specific location number/plate to each board, please quote this number if it is evident.

sales@outdooradvertisingltd.co.uk

JC Decaux advertising billboards

Fill in the online form at <https://www.jcdecaux.com/contact-us> include location/address and advertising board location number, usually located top right corner.

Network Rail Infrastructure-Bridges/Railway Station assets

Please find the link for contacting network rail below with regards to the bridge infrastructure and stations

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/contact-us/>

Bus Stops

NRS Graffiti removal do not deal with maintenance or graffiti removal from SPT bus stops, all incidences of graffiti or vandalism to bus stop Infrastructure should be logged with RALF.

BEST WAY TO REPORT HAZARDOUS / URGENT ISSUES TO SPT

You can report bus shelter damage (or other urgent issues) by phone on our **24 hour Shelter Defects Hotline on 0800 37 36 35 (365 days a year)**.

The call centre will directly contact whoever is responsible for attendance, which ensures the quickest possible appropriate response.

Alternatively.... For damage to advertising bus shelters in Glasgow only

You can call **CLEARCHANNEL 24-HOUR DAMAGE HOTLINE TEL: 0800 731 3699**

Or you can report issues to Clearchannel via the web form found here; <https://www.clearchannel.co.uk/contact>

Misc:

Sectarian/Racist/Sexual graffiti should all go via My Glasgow App so it can be prioritised, The maps sometimes on My Glasgow app can be vague if it is open/derelict land, try to give as much detail as you can in the comments section street light number, house number etc, pictures area ideal and substance used (spray paint, gloss etc)

All Street lights, CCTV, Street Bins are plotted on AtOM too if you require more info.

NEXT Bikes

Please see contact number 020 8166 9851 for Next bikes in the event of you finding an abandoned one.

Next just require the reference number located on the bike and the nearest location, they will then attend and uplift.

Hippo Rubble Bags



Hippo Skips (hippowaste.co.uk – 03339990999) will advise they cannot identify the owner of the bag for GDPR reasons, however, the call handler can confirm a request was made and it would be uplifted within 5 days.

Hippo Skips bags can be purchased by the public from any DIY store such as B&Q, Wickes, they cannot identify the owner of the bag until the customer calls up to arrange the uplift and due to GDPR won't give the name but if you know the location where you have the bag they should be able to confirm if an uplift day is booked.

Abandoned shopping Trolleys

Please click on the link below & save to your favourites/bookmarks

https://www.wanzl.com/en_GB/360-degree-service/TrolleyWise

Once the site has loaded, fill in the online form.

Reporting guidelines procedures for Trailers, Caravans & bikes

Got a complaint about an abandoned trailer or a caravan? (includes ad trailers) follow below to report.

If it is parked on the road, please first check:

If a trailer or caravan is parked on a public road, has a registration plate and is connected to a vehicle with the same registration plate and is not causing an obstruction or illegally parked etc, it cannot be moved.

If a trailer, caravan or bike is abandoned on GCC Land/Private Land/Pavement or Road it can be reported to Environmental Health online under The Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978. An Officer (from Public Health) will visit and assess the condition of the trailer. If he/she is satisfied that it appears abandoned a notice will be served on it giving 7 days for any owner to come forward taking responsibility for the trailer. If no person comes forward a contractor will be instructed to remove the trailer. (Please use the link below to report, provide exact location, length of time abandoned, a picture)

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20210>

SAVE WHITEHILL POOL CAMPAIGN STATUS REPORT 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

Background

Architect Alan Grant (a local man) visited the Whitehill Pool several times in early 2019 and carried a non-intrusive survey of the building. He was assisted by colleagues who had specialist knowledge of systems such as Air Conditioning and Pool Maintenance.

He presented the Save Whitehill Pool Campaign with a consolidated detailed Survey Report based upon their findings.

This prompted Glasgow Life to carry out their own survey during the lockdown period in 2020.

These two surveys were then used jointly to produce the Feasibility Report, summarised below.

WHITEHILL POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT CODE: GL 0157

This report is the resultant study of the issues and conditional assessments outlined within both Save Whitehill Pool report, (2019) and Glasgow Life condition report, (2020). Collectively our study provides an options appraisal which offers alternative development strategies which seek to protect and enhance the Cultural and Sporting services within the community.

Option A (Cost £4.5m): - 5 Year Life Refurbishment Strategy.

Option B (Cost £17m): - 25 Year Life Refurbishment Strategy. Building closed for two years during work.

Option C (Cost £25m): - Replacement with new building if this option was chosen then it would be CBC's intention to utilise the existing football pitch as the site compound area to establish all site accommodation/ welfare.

As noted within the report, if the full replacement option is chosen then Option A would likely require to be implemented first to keep the building operation during the new build programme.

A meeting held in April at Whitehill Pool between Glasgow Life and Save Whitehill Pool Campaign representatives agreed that Option B is the only option that is likely to be considered as a "value for money option" acceptable to Glasgow City Council.

Glasgow Life (with input from both Whitehill and Temple swim clubs) prepared a business case, to be submitted as an application for funds, under UK Levelling Up program. Locally this is recognised as the Community Regeneration (Renewal) fund.

The closing date for application was 2nd August 2022.

Successful applications are limited to one per MP constituency.

We are now awaiting the outcome of the bid process – not sure how drawn out the process is.