



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 11th October 2022, from 7:20pm,
at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Tom Dickson (TD); Jane Marley (JM); Callum McLennan (CmCL); Ellen McVey (EmcV); Fiona Nixon (FN); Frank Plowright (FP); Ian Sheerer (IS); Valery Tough (VT) [Chair]; Wesley Wright (WW) [Minute taker].

Others Present: Cllr Anthony Carroll; 2x members of the public; Bill Stark [Save Whitehill Pool].

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
- Apologies received from Cllrs Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Callum McNie (CMcN). - Also from John Mason MSP and Anne McLaughlin MP. - Cllrs not present: Lewis Hughes (LH). - Cllrs not present, no contact: 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	
- 13th September 2022 Ordinary meeting minutes: proposed by LC, seconded by SC.	
3 Matters Arising	
<u>Noticeboards</u> - Currently stored at Milnbank Community flat. >> VT is arranging details for installation.	
<u>Playpark Upgrades</u> - Per pledge prior to May 2021 election. >> Cllr Casey noted at 13 Sep 2022 meeting that site visits were planned.	
<u>Haghill Primary School Kit Sponsorship</u> - Provision and sponsorship of football kit at approximately £460 for full squad kit. Approved in principle by Cllrs in April. Application to Area Partnership to be looked at. >> CMcN liaison ongoing.	
<u>Liveable Neighbourhood [Link]</u> - Architect-led drop-in event on Thu 13 Oct 2022, 10am to 4pm, at the Reidvale Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW to review projects being taken forward to Stage 2. The Dennistoun Area Partnership committee workplan identifies that the Stage 2 reports are to be presented at the 22 Nov 2022 meeting. Concerns about publicity heard. >> DCC to contact LN and NIIF personnel regarding timeframes, and securing resources for options, etc.	
<u>Road markings</u> - Duke Street/McIntosh Street/Hillfoot Street/Alexandra Parade expected to be complete by end of August 2022 (per GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator). >> Incomplete at time of meeting.	
<u>EV charger installed alongside existing cycle parking at library</u> - Cycle rack to be moved by 05 Aug 2022 (per GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator). >> Not done at time of meeting.	
<u>Options for Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23</u> - See Liveable Neighbourhood action above.	
4 Officer Updates/Reports	
a. Chair/Vice-chair - See AGM report. Keen to establish people's interests abilities and specialities at the next	

Planning Meeting.

b. Treasurer

- Latest RBS statement balance is £3125.41 as of 30 Sep 2022, with no outstanding cheques or invoices. Handover to be arranged, with signatories updated to replace the outgoing Chair with LC, and LC to receive RBS statements. VT and WW to remain as signatories.

c. Secretary

- WW will onboard new Cllrs with Slack etc. Emails were requested and provided for this purpose.

d. Planning and Licensing

Planning

- Nothing noted.

Licensing

- Nothing noted.

e. Area Partnerships

Calton AP [\[Link\]](#)

- Next meeting date 16 Nov 2022.

Dennistoun AP [\[Link\]](#)

- Next date 23 Nov 2022.

- RJ circulated notes as a supplement to the 21 Sep 2022 DAP minutes. Noted that various verbal reports were made, making it hard to properly review information .

5 Current Consultations

Glasgow City Council via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations

Scottish Government via consult.gov.scot

Flight Path Consultation: FP updated. Consultation is back online after previously being pulled.

6 Current Local Issues

Whitehill Pool

- Bill Stark updated verbally. No significant changes since last meeting. Details requested from Allan Casey regarding possible funding sources, but not yet provided. Frustrations noted regarding the business case requirements for a public amenity, which is apparently not a requirement consistent with other Glasgow Life facilities. >> **FP to draft correspondence summarising queries.**

FP

Reidvale HA

Recent AGM discussed governance concerns and many related issues were addressed.

7 Public Input

Co-op Community Champion summarised activity in the area and the organisations being chosen yearly by the community to be supported by the Co-op. There's also a new in-store champion.

8 Elected Member Updates

Poor attendance by Cllrs at CC meetings in general was discussed.

Cllr Carroll

Reopening of Wellpark Hall is a work in progress. A walk around to identify maintenance issues has been arranged. Rent increases ahead of rent freeze (backdated to 6th September) is a concern. New Short Term Let licensing requirements start on 01 Oct 2022. Planning Permission not yet a part of this (GCC would need to apply to Scot Gov for these powers by defining a 'Short Term Let Zone'). Duke Street Avenue (High Street to Bellgrove Street) funding has been confirmed. Concerns heard about various overlapping layers of consultation and strategy and the lack of communication. No further info heard from mooted community garden group(s) after contact being made.

Anne McLaughlin

Written report attached below.

9 AOB

- Concerns heard regarding difficulties in establishing better representation. WW proposed voting to amend the DCC membership to 15 to reflect the current number of CCLrs and help ensure meetings are quorate (15 requires a quorum of 5), with representation issues to be reviewed in more detail at the December 2022 DCC planning meeting. Vote held; unanimous in favour.

10 Date of Next Meeting

- Ordinary meeting on 08 Nov 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

- **UPDATE FROM ANNE MCLAUGHLIN MP – 11TH OCTOBER 2022**

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It's been a busy month since my last update; with Liz Truss and her shambolic government handing out a tax cut to the richest in our society at the expense of everyone else and tanking the pound. This has caused untold damage to the economy at a time when so many are already incredibly worried about this winter and at a time when parliament was in recess so they could not be held accountable by MPs. They may have u-turned on this despicable policy now but the damage has already been done.

Local Visits

Closer to home, I have had the opportunity to visit some local organisations in Dennistoun and beyond.

I had the wonderful opportunity to go along to a local retirement housing complex to speak to residents about my work as an MP and how my office can help them. As always I'm glad I got to speak to people as my office has been able to help with things people would not have come to me with otherwise.

I have also been along to several community events across the constituency and have held meetings with charities and organisations about the Cost of Living Crisis.

Helping people in Glasgow North East

As always, my office and I have been incredibly busy helping people out with an array of issues including:

- Helping a constituent with an enrolment issue at University, meaning they were able to start their studies as planned.
- Contacting a Housing Association about a dangerous repair issue that had been reported but not resolved. The constituent will be able to feel safe in their own home again as the Housing Association have agreed to complete the repairs as a matter of urgency.
- Speaking to Scottish Water about damages to someone's property and getting them information on how to claim compensation.
- Getting tax credits that were due to a constituent backdated by HMRC – plus £150 in compensation as an apology from HMRC.
- Helping a constituent who had applied for the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme get a positive decision.

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to things my office can and do help people with. If you have anything you think I could help you with – or even if you don't think I could help but don't know who to ask – please do get in touch

HMRC Late fee letters

A number of constituents had contacted me regarding a late fee bill received from HMRC. However, none of these constituents were self-employed. I'm so glad these constituents knew to come to me as we have been able to get all of these cases resolved, meaning they are no longer worried about huge bills they should never have received in the first place.

Representing constituents in parliament

As I have previously mentioned, in addition to my Spokesperson roles (Justice and Immigration), I am campaigning on 3 main issues at Westminster right now.

1) **Campaign to outlaw so called self-disconnection.** If I stop paying my heating bills, my supply company CAN cut me off but not for a long time. They MUST give me the opportunity to pay it up and they must go through

different processes. If someone with a prepayment meter goes 1 penny over the £10 emergency credit, they are cut off immediately. Those worst off in our society are the most likely to be on pre-payment meters and are left dangerously open to being left with no power unless they can feed the meter.

Since I raised this in my last report I have written to Jacob Rees-Mogg – the Business Secretary – to ask him to support my campaign to outlaw self-disconnection. I am yet to receive a response.

I have also taken a motion on this issue to SNP party conference and I'm glad to say that this passed and will now become party policy.

2) Campaign to extend the deadline for pensioners to receive £650 Cost of Living payment. Since my last report, I have continued to fight for pensioners eligible for pension credit, who have not yet applied to receive the £650 Cost of living payment if they apply before the end of the financial year. I had written to 2 previous chancellors and have now also written to the current chancellor, urging them to extend the deadline to 31 March.

I have since received confirmation from the DWP that those who are eligible, but have not yet applied, will qualify for the second half of the Cost of Living payment - a sum of £324 - if they apply before the 24th of December this year. While this is a step in the right direction, it is still not good enough and I will continue to fight for the deadline to be further extended and for those eligible to receive the full £650 payment.

3) As I have previously mentioned I'm very concerned about small businesses, charities and third sector organisations who were facing unimaginable increases on their energy bills. Since my last update the UK Government have reluctantly introduced a price cap for commercial energy rates, but the catch is it's only for 6 months. This leaves organisations and businesses struggling to plan for the coming year - 6 months is nowhere near long enough to make viable plans or commitments.

I have presented a petition in the House of Commons calling on the Government to extend this to the two years that domestic customers have been given and I will keep pushing them to do this.

Local Surgeries

My most recent surgery was held door-to-door in the Drygate area. It was great walking around the area and speaking to residents about the issues that affect them.

My next surgery in Dennistoun is on Saturday 19th November from 11am. Dennistounians can however, attend any of my surgeries and the list is here [Surgeries \(annemclaughlin.scot\)](https://www.annemclaughlin.scot)

Please get in touch with my office if you would like to book an appointment.

Contact me

As always, anyone who needs the help and support of myself, or my team should email me on anne.mclaughlin.mp@parliament.uk or call our office number on 0141 465 8925 and we will be very happy to help.

And if you want to read more about what I've been up to you can take a look at my website www.annemclaughlin.scot