



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 11th November 2022, from 7:00pm,  
at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.

**Cllrs Present** Steven Campbell (SC); Tom Dickson (TD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Fiona Nixon (FN); Frank Plowright (FP); Ian Sheerer (IS); Lewis Hughes (LH); Valery Tough (VT) [Chair]; Wesley Wright (WW) [Minute taker].

**Others Present:** Cllrs Anthony Carroll (ACar); Allan Casey (ACas). 1 member of the public. Bill Stark [Save Whitehill Pool].

		ACTION
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</b>	
	- Apologies received from Cllrs Lisa Clifford (LC); Jane Marley (JM); Callum McLellan (CMcL); Callum McNie (CMcN). - Also from Anne McLaughlin MP (caseworker Niamh McGeechan present); Assoc Member Emma Jones (EJ). - Cllrs not present: Ellen McVey (EmcV). - Cllrs not present, no contact: Elaine McDougal (EMcD); Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
	- 11th October 2022 AGM meeting minutes: provisional draft proposed by FP, seconded by IS. - 11th October 2022 Ordinary meeting minutes: proposed by FP, seconded by IS.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<u>Noticeboards</u> - Currently stored at Milnbank Community flat. >> <b>VT is continuing to arrange details for installation.</b>	VT
	<u>Playpark Upgrades</u> - Per pledge prior to May 2021 election. >> <b>Cllr Casey noted at 13 Sep 2022 meeting that site visits were planned.</b> - Cllr Casey: Bluevale Community Centre visited. A trip to be arranged for young people who use it to visit other locations to see what the best upgrades would be. Citywide rollout procedure unconfirmed.	ACas
	<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. >> <b>CMcN liaison handed over to LC.</b>	LC
	<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). >> <b>Incomplete at time of meeting. GCC to be prompted.</b>	WW/VT
	<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). >> <b>Not done at time of meeting. GCC to be prompted.</b>	WW/VT
<b>4</b>	<b>Officer Updates/Reports</b>	
	<b>a. Chair/Vice-chair</b> - Keen to establish people's interests abilities and specialities at the next Planning Meeting.	

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### **b. Treasurer**

- Latest RBS statement balance is £3125.41 as of 30 Sep 2022, with no outstanding cheques or invoices. WW has handed over to LC. **Signatories to be updated to replace the outgoing Chair with LC, and LC to receive RBS statements.** VT and WW to remain as signatories. Accounts for 2021/22 have been preliminarily audited. **To be forwarded to GCC on approval.**

LC  
WW

### **c. Secretary**

- No additional updates.

### **d. Planning and Licensing**

#### Planning

- Shop signage in context of Dennistoun as a conservation area was discussed. Internally illuminated signage usually requires planning permission, but enforcement on that and other similar issues is not usually forthcoming from the Planning enforcement team. Suggestion made that there could be a co-ordinated plan for improved business signage/frontages. Ivan McKee MSP initiated a business forum a few months back, which ACas has suggested could be resurrected. Business Improvement District option would require sufficient local business buy-in. Saracen Street cited as an example to look at.

- Issue of Clarks mural on gable next to Lidl noted. Understood that Clarks will be appealing the removal. Arrangements for an alternative non-commercial mural believed to be underway.

#### Licensing

- New HMO application for Flat 2/1 31 Coventry Drive objected to per DCC policy.

### **e. Area Partnerships**

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

- Next meeting date 16 Nov 2022.

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

- Next meeting date 23 Nov 2022 in the City Chambers.

- Representative (and substitute required). VT circulated info on role. RJ gave verbal advice also.

- New appointments: WW proposed IS as AP Representative, and FP as Substitute, VT

seconded. Elected unopposed. >>> **WW to notify ACas and Clerk of AP.**

WW

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## **5 Consultations**

### Glasgow City Council via [glasgow.gov.uk/consultations](https://glasgow.gov.uk/consultations)

- Housing Contribution Statement (HCS) – meeting housing needs in the context of Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) priorities. Closes 30 Nov 2022.

- Glasgow Life Libraries

- Boundaries Commission

### Scottish Government via [consult.gov.scot](https://consult.gov.scot)

- Closing dates up to 14 Jan 2023 includes: Gaelic and Scots and Scottish Languages Bill; Proposals for a new Agriculture Bill; Reviews of cancer care quality; NHS Work-Life Balance; The future of National Parks; New Dementia Strategy; Wildlife management; Cycling framework for active travel; Social Care Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation; Small Landholdings Modernisation.

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## **6 Current Local Issues**

### Whitehill Pool

- Correspondence was sent to ACas summarising queries about the sourcing of funding.

- ACas addressed issues enquired about in said correspondence. Basing a funding search on a business case was derived from the strength of public support for the venue. Council application for Levelling Up funding was submitted before development of the business case was underway. 2 Qs from Bill Stark – Q1) Where are we with the business case? Q2) Where do we go next? A1) Glasgow Life are compiling the business case. A2) The business case will be used to support funding applications. ACas confirmed that service usage for any business case cannot be based on post-Covid usage. Concerns raised about the shortened opening hours and problems with recruitment. Problems also noted with anti-social behaviour having risen in line with longer periods of closure. The importance of being adept at submitting funding applications was noted, and it was asked as to whether there are any successful precedents to look at where pools have been kept open.

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### Reidvale HA

- Proposal understood to be in development for Reidvale HA to be taken over/merged into a larger HA organisation. Details are scant, as stakeholders within Reidvale HA are apparently unable to discuss details.

### Liveable Neighbourhood / Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund

- Architect-led drop-in event took place 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 23 Nov 2022 meeting. Concerns about publicity heard. DCC have contacted George Gillespie regarding timeframes, funding, resources, etc. **Response awaited.**

GCC

- Eastern Entrance to the Necropolis discussed, considering various pros and cons. RJ circulated a document of the position taken by the Friends of the Necropolis.

- ACas suggested an in-person meeting with an officer, e.g. Derek Dunsire, might be of benefit in due course to gain insight into LN arrangements.

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## **7 Public Input**

- Onslow Drive drainage issues mean regular flooding during heavy rainfall. Similar issues on Armadale Street, Whitehill Street and Meadowpark Street. Request for full area inspection.

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## **8 Elected Member Updates**

### Cllr Carroll

- When asked *"Is parking enforcement acceptable in Dennistoun?"*, responded to say *"Parking enforcement could be improved"*.

- Had a walk around whilst GCC Cleansing attended to carry out the 'deep clean' operation .

- Claire from Co-op Sword Street noted a stolen phone being an example of a key local safety concern.

- Additional new bike storage lockers are to be installed. Details TBC.

### Cllr Casey

- When asked *"Is parking enforcement acceptable in Dennistoun?"*, responded to say *"Yes"*.

- Deep clean considered to be a success, suggesting the Drives and Milnbank areas for future attention.

- Improved lighting planned for M8 underpass route near hospital.

### Anne McLaughlin

- Printed written report provided, updating on various recent MP activities and casework being carried out by AMcL and her support team.

- MP surgery in Dennistoun on 19 Nov 2022. Details via [annemclaughlin.scot/surgeries](mailto:annemclaughlin.scot/surgeries).

- Alexandra Park Street carriageway resurfacing planned. Other footway defects being followed up on.

- Update on cost of living issues and the campaign to outlaw so-called self-disconnection (inequalities linked to pre-payment meters), update on campaign to extend deadline for £650 Cost of Living payment, energy price cap for commercial rates, and associated activity in the House of Commons.

- Update on pension credit uptake.

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## **9 Any Other Business**

- Problems associated with encroachment of on-street spaces associate with cafes and bars were identified. **Cllrs/GCC to be contacted.**

WW/VT

- Cllr Callum McNie contacted the Chair to submit resignation.

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## **10 Next Meeting**

- Planning meeting on 13 Dec 2022, 7pm.

- Ordinary meeting on 10 Jan 2022, 7pm at venue TBC.

- 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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