



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 11th July 2023, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Cllrs Present Lisa Clifford (LC); Tom Dickson (TD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Fiona Nixon (FN); Frank Plowright (FP); Valery Tough (VT) [*Chair*]; Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*].

Others Present: Paul Sweeney MSP. Bill Stark of Save Whitehill Pool and Dennistoun Area Community Sports Hub. 2x members of the public.

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies - Apologies received from Cllrs: Lewis Hughes (LH); Callum McLellan (CMcL); Ellen McVey (EMcV); Ian Sheerer (IS) and Assoc Member Emma Jones. - Cllr not present: Steven Campbell (SC); Jane Marley (JM). - Also from Anthony Carroll (ACar) and Annie Wells MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP. - Cllrs not present, no contact: Cllr Allan Casey (ACas); Elaine McDougall (EMcD); Cllrs Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).	
2 Approval of Minutes - 13th June 2023 ordinary meeting minutes: proposed by BJ, seconded by TD.	
3 Matters Arising <u>Road markings/studs/signage + Cycle Racks + On-street seating at cafes + Drainage</u> - GCC response lacking detail and action. >> FP circulated draft. Requires review by Cllrs. - Frustration with unsatisfactory answers given on a variety of maintenance issues. Submit a formal complaint or FOI enquiry? Invite Charlie Keane to a future meeting? - Consensus to Contact Cllrs with a redraft? <u>Fire Service</u> - Attendance arranged for September.	FP/VT
4 Treasure Hunt >> Recruit additional shops. Collect certificate design entries from four participating local primary schools entries. Winner to be decided over the summer. Distribution and collection in September. - Certificate design entries received from St Denis' and Golfhill circulated among Cllrs to choose a winner. An entry by a P5 Golfhill pupil was chosen. >> Require scanning and preperation in advance of printing. >> Create promo video for social media. - Waiting on Co-op application response.	FP RJ TD/FP
5 Officer Updates/Reports a. Chair/Vice-chair - None. b. Treasurer - Latest RBS statement balance: £3436.80 as of 30 Jun 2023. A cheque has been issued for £210 to Reidvale for previous venue hires, but this has not yet been cashed; 2x £40 due to St Andrews East Church Hall hire for this and the previous meeting. c. Secretary - Incoming correspondence shared internally via Slack, as applicable. Nothing additional.	

d. Planning and Licensing

Planning

- Alexandra Parade Primary School: external alterations to perimeter walls.
- 23 Westerbraigs: Demolition of garage and erection of extensions to sides of dwelling house.

Licensing

- None.

e. Area Partnerships

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

- Next meeting date 06 Sep 2023.

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

- Next meeting date 19 Sep 2023.
- Sighthill/Germistoun/Royston CCs >> **Investigate status of AP reviews and ensure minutes include updates.**
- Playpark updates disappeared from June meeting. It was requested that this be reinstated for the September meeting. >> **Request to ACar for it to be added to next AP agenda.**

IS

ACar

6 Consultations

Glasgow City Council via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations

- Duke Street and John Knox Street Avenues. Ends 13 Jul 2023. >> **DCC to submit a collective response.**

WW

- Your Citizen Voice — Ideas in Calton. NIIF re-launch. Ends 14 July.
- 7 Year Age Limitation Policy for Private Hire Cars. Ends 11 Aug 2023.

Scottish Government via consult.gov.scot

Ending before end of Sep 2023: Council tax on second and empty homes/ Non-domestic rates (11 Jul); Local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods (20 Jul); Disqualification criteria for councillors (09 Aug); Permitted Development Rights (23 Aug); British Sign Language National Plan (03 Sep); Effective community engagement in local development planning guidance (13 Sep); Health and Care Staffing Act Guidance (19 Sep); Environmental Governance (29 Sep).

Scottish Parliament via yourviews.parliament.scot

- Visitor Levy Bill call for views. Ends 01 Sep 2023.

Transport Scotland via transport.gov.scot/consultations

- Pavement Parking Enforcement Regulations for Local Authorities. Ends 28 Jul 2023.
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7 Current Local Issues

a. Reidvale HA

- No new information.

b. Infrastructure

- 'Proposals for Improvements to Pedestrian Infrastructure Provision' version 1 document circulated for discussion. - What next? >> **DCC Cllrs to attend and review this doc and the Avenues consultation, then then send to Cllrs for support and then to AP for comment.**

DCC/VT

- Various Traffic and Parking projects:

- Spaces for People 'LTN'/Neighbourhood Interventions (one-ways and school planters): no news on permanent TRO.
- Restricted Parking Zone/20mph zone: 'traffic and speed surveys by end of 2023, then design work'.
- Liveable Neighbourhood/Streets for People: 'procure consultants to recommence proposals for parking measures with neighbourhood filtered permeability interventions, community engagement to commence in April 2023'.
- Pavement Parking Ban: 'exemption assessments to be undertaken during 2023'/enforcement by end of 2023'.

The way these projects overlap/align/intersect is not clear. >> **Cllr Carroll will enquire to GCC.**

ACar

- Additional parallel efforts to push for step-free accessibility at Bellgrove and Alexandra Parade railway stations? >> **Enquire to relevant organisation(s).**

DCC/VT

c. Glasgow Life

- Enquiry sent by VT on 08 Jul 2023 to David McCready (Community Development Officer for Dennistoun) requesting a response to queries raised at the May and June meetings:

- The position of the White Pool Business Plan, after an unsuccessful levelling up bid.
 - The future of Alexandra Park Golf Course.
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- Swimming lessons for primary schools.
 - Venue sales/takeovers.
- Bill of Save Whitehill Pool spoke. He's had no response to enquiries submitted to David McCready shortly after the May meeting. Non confirmation on when opening hours will be extended (by employing a 'second shift') – no confirmation on when this will occur, or even a target date. No increase in time for the school holidays: the weekly opening hours are unchanged (5 days of 6 hours = 30 hours per week). However, there are "free family" sessions on offer each day, which hopefully attract more people to attend. The Teaching Pool is still unused. Some progress has been made to bring the pool back into use. A new contractor is currently working to address the pool drainage issues. Cosmetic changes in the form of a new ceiling and lighting are also planned.
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9 Public Input

Dennistoun Area Community Sports Hub

Update from Bill:

- Members who are based or have activities in the Dennistoun area, include, Whitehill and Temple Swimming Clubs, Milnbank Sports Hub, Bluevale Community Hub and Boxing Club, Glasgow Saints, Disability Badminton, Shettleston Harriers, Active Schools, Finnart Football Academy, St Andrews Orienteering Club.
 - The aim of DACSH is to increase sport and activity participation and opportunities in the area, for all ages and ability. It is strongly supported by both Glasgow Life and SportsScotland. SportsScotland have provided funds to allow two people to be employed full time, starting before end of July. One will act as activity co-ordinator (with some coach input), the other will be an activity coach. They will work within the community to increase interest in sport and activities for all ages from pre-school age to senior citizens.
 - Activities include Archery, pickleball, tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, bowling, petanque, walking, cycling and much more.
 - DACSH would like to hear from activity providers in the area and aim to boost membership.
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10 Elected Member Updates

Paul Sweeney MSP

- Wheatley Group have confirmed intention to commence work on ex-District Hospital facade retention and residential development.
- Spectrum have also been approached regarding the delays at ex-Golfhill School.
- A specialist company has been approached to establish cost of Alexandra Park Fountain repair.
- Reidvale HA: has written to Scottish Parliament Housing Committee (responsible for Scottish Housing Regulator) to express dissatisfaction about the circumstances and process related to the potential HA transfer.
- Scottish Power heritage cabinets: met with SP maintenance manager in Partick, who was sympathetic to the desire to retain them. SP have agreed to publish an annual list of cabinets identified for removal to allow review of locations and potential retention in situ or elsewhere. GCC heritage officer is also involved, as many cabinets (e.g. ex-lighting/tram-related) are Council-owned.

John Mason MSP

- Written update circulated.

Anne McLaughlin MP

- Written update circulated.
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11 Any Other Business

- Heather Morton (dennistounmuralproject), seeking support for mural at 'Lidl gable end'.
"I have been working to look into funding options for the mural and have found that most will require an organisation with a related bank account to apply for the funding. I wondered if DCC could be the organisation that could apply for this funding on behalf of the mural project? As it is just myself running the project, I don't have the means to set up an organisation and bank account myself (nor does it feel necessary for one sole project). If I could apply through DCC to secure funding that would be very much appreciated and help to kick start the project ASAP."
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- Collective agreement that it would not be appropriate to act as a body to apply for and hold funds due to concerns over accountability for a project not being run by a CCLr or Associate CCLr, and previous experience complications experienced by DCC when applying for funding for projects associated with Alexandra Park Festival. >> **Reply to Heather.**

WW

- VT and WW do not intend to re-stand for their office-bearer roles at the AGM. Planning meeting will discuss arrangements for AGM.

- FP has enquired to FirstBus about the lack of realtime information on digital displays. The bottom line on this seems to be the lack of obligation on the bus companies, and the powers for changing this are contained in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

12 Next Meetings

- Planning meeting on 08 Aug 2023.

- Ordinary meeting on 12 Sep 2023.

- 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.
