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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 12th September 2023, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Tom Dickson (TD); Callum McLellan (CmCL); Fiona Nixon (FN); Frank Plowright (FP); Ian Sheerer (IS); Valery Tough (VT) [Chair]; Wesley Wright (WW) [Minute taker].

Others Present: Gary McKenna of Calton Community Council.
Ryan on behalf of Anne McLaughlin.

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
- Apologies received from Cllrs: Lisa Clifford (LC); Lewis Hughes (LH); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ) and Assoc Member Emma Jones. - Cllr not present: Jane Marley (JM); Ellen McVey (EMcV). - Also from Anthony Carroll (ACar); Elaine McDougall (EMcD); and Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP; Sandesh Gulhane MSP; John Mason MSP; Police; and Fire and Rescue. - Cllrs not present, no contact: Cllr Allan Casey (ACas); Cllrs Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O’Lone (CO’L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).	
2 Approval of Minutes	
- 11th July 2023 ordinary meeting minutes: proposed by FP, seconded by TD. - 8th August planning meeting notes: proposed by IS, seconded by SC.	
3 Police	
-Unable to attend due to football-related obligations. - Written report submitted. See Appendix A. - Antisocial behaviour and disturbance caused by dog in private areas, as noted in March minutes. Uncertainty as to best way to report the issue. >> Requires follow up.	FP
4 Fire and Rescue	
- Unable to attend. >> Rearrange for November, if possible.	DCC Sec
5 Matters Arising	
<u>Gable mural</u> - Enquiry about possibility of DCC being a funding application conduit for gable mural. >> Reply sent, noting accountability concerns.	
<u>Communication issues</u> - Generic responses from GCC regarding streetscape issues were followed up with a plea to Cllrs to enquire further. - Cllrs Carroll, McDougall and Redmond provided responses (see Appendix B for summaries).	
<u>Gully cleaning and drainage</u> - See Appendix B for GCC response summary. Intention to ‘target ‘all 696 road gullies in Dennistoun in May 2024, weather permitting’. - DCC will review in June 2024.	
<u>Cycle stand relocation from library</u> - See Appendix B for GCC response summary. - Not an optimal solution.	DCC
- >> Correspondence to be followed up (noting new EV chargers on Reidvale Street footway).	

Road markings/studs

- Various issues are still outstanding.

DCC

- >> **To be incorporated into follow-up regarding the above.**

6 Treasure Hunt

- All schools are onboard for the actual treasure hunt. Printing arranged for 1000 entry forms and 1000 certificates.

- The maximum grant available from the Co-Op is £150, so the first application for £175 for prizes was knocked back, but the Co-Op has confirmed approval of a £150 community grant.

- The prize voucher has been delivered to Golfhill for designer of the certificate we're using.

- 14 shops have signed up to display cards for spotting and Dennistoun Library will have three cards placed around their children's section.

>> **Video for social media being planned.**

TD/FP

7 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- None.

b. Treasurer

- Latest RBS statement balance: £3635.79 as of 01 Sep 2023. A cheque has been issued for £210 to Reidvale for previous venue hires, but this has not yet been cashed; £40 due to St Andrews East Church for hall hire.

c. Secretary

- Duke Street has been nominated for the Academy of Urbanism's Great Street Award 2023. The assessment visit for Duke Street has been arranged for 1:30pm on the 26 Sep 2023. Local residents and businesses who are keen to get involved are encouraged to express their interest via email to Laurence.Clark@glasgow.gov.uk.

- Update from Charlie Keane, GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator. See Appendix C.

- Community Council Development Session on the Delivery Framework for the Glasgow Transport Strategy, on Sat 16 Sep 09:30-12:00 in the City Chambers. Reply to Steven.Dowling@glasgow.gov.uk by Wed 13 Sep.

- Other correspondence shared internally via Slack and/or discussed under other items.

d. Planning and Licensing

Planning

- Meat Market Phase 2 - Intention to submit Proposal of Application Notice. Consultation events on Thu 14 Sep and Tue 03 Oct 2023, both at Dennistoun Library from 4pm to 7:45pm.

Online info at mastarchitects.co.uk/consultations/meat-market-phase-2-glasgow from 14 Sep.

- Telecoms Pole and cabinets in Duke Street footway opposite Melbourne Street (application by Galliford Try Telecoms). >> **Why in the footway? Disguise?**

- 7 Broompark Circus: Reinstatement of Orangery and erection of porch to side of house.

- 191 Onslow Drive: Alterations to 2 no Flatted Dwellings with works to lower front garden, erection of retaining wall and formation of windows to basement frontage.

- 138 Craigpark: Installation of French doors to window opening on Balcony.

Licensing

- 6 Hanson Park: occupancy capacity 3/no of rooms 3 – objected submitted by DCC.

- 15 Armadale Street: occupancy capacity 5/no of rooms 5 – objection submitted by DCC.

- Two Home Sharing applications: Roebank Street and Westercraigs. There was an agreement at the DCC Planning meeting in August to object to all 4 categories of the home sharing/letting. These two cases have one room involved and the owner on the premises.

- Categories of home sharing/letting requiring a license discussed. Unanimity of opinion that DCC will not object to applications for circumstances where the owner is living at the premises.

e. Area Partnerships

Calton AP [Link]

- Met 06 Sep 2023. NIIF was an agenda item. The lists of roads maintenance (resurfacing) seem to have made their way back into play (listed in Appendices 1 to 5). Although the list of public suggestions seems to have broader ambition (listed in Appendix 6). Next meeting 28 Nov 2023.

Dennistoun AP [Link]

- Next meeting 19 Sep 2023.

- Play area updates were scheduled on the workplan to appear on the June agenda but did not. Request made to ACar that this be reinstated for the September meeting, but details of the play area update programme have since been provided to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee on 22 Aug 2023.

- **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – see item 9b below.**

8 Consultations

Glasgow City Council via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations

- Duke Street and John Knox Street Avenues. Ended 13 Jul 2023. DCC submitted a response. See Appendix D.

- On-street bins event in Haghill on 05 Oct 2023.

- City Development Plan Scheme 2023 [[Link](#)] (ends Sep 27); Licensing Board Policy Statement (ends 27 Sep); - Licensing Board Overprovision (ends 27 Sep); Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (ends 25 Sep); Transport Strategy – Spatial Delivery Framework (ends 12 Oct); Allotment Rules and Regulations (ends 30 Oct).

Scottish Government via consult.gov.scot

Ending before end of Oct 2023 includes: Effective community engagement in local development planning guidance (13 Sep); Health and Care Staffing Act Guidance (19 Sep); Fairer Council Tax 20 Sep); Licensing of activities involving animals (26 Sep); A Human Rights Bill for Scotland (5 Oct); Environmental Governance (13 Oct); Accessibility of Scotland’s homes (19 Oct); Mandatory training on planning for elected members (26 Oct); Health and social care integration (27 Oct).

Scottish Parliament via yourviews.parliament.scot

- Visitor Levy Bill (ends 15 Sep); Welfare of Dogs (ends 25 Sep).

Transport Scotland via transport.gov.scot/consultations

- None.

9 Current Local Issues

a. Reidvale HA

- No new information.

- Moving from consultation stage toward a vote. Homeowners will be contacted. Scrutiny will be provided by an independent body.

b. Infrastructure

- Cllrs requested costings for NIIF projects at the last AP meeting.

- ‘Proposals for Improvements to Pedestrian Infrastructure Provision’ submitted to Martin Lundie, GCC Neighbourhoods Liaison Manager, requesting feedback. Copies sent to Cllrs. See: dennistouncc.org.uk/2023/09/08/proposals-for-improvements-to-pedestrian-infrastructure-provision.

- Response from M Lundie received on morning of this meeting noting an upcoming Community Engagement Consultation, ‘likely to be determined in late October/November’, TBC at the November Area Partnership meeting. Full response added to the above post. >> **DCC to email Cllrs requesting confirmation that roads maintenance work won’t be waved through, and that they will push for better schemes, i.e. pedestrian crossings!**

DCC/VT

- Various Traffic and Parking projects, seeking clarity on scope and timelines. Reminder request sent to Cllr Carroll via email on 5 Sep 2023. See Appendix E. >> **Cllr response awaited.**

ACar

- Step-free accessibility at Bellgrove and Alexandra Parade railway stations? Enquiry sent to ScotRail. >> **Response awaited.**

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.

- Swimming lessons for primary schools.

- Venue sales/takeovers.

- >> **Response received 21 Jul 2023, but questions unanswered. Requires follow-up.**

10 Public Input

- None.

11 Elected Member Updates

Cllr Carroll

- Written update. See Appendix F.

Anne McLaughlin MSP

- Written report submitted.

12 Any Other Business

- VT and WW do not intend to re-stand for their office-bearer roles at the AGM.

- Concern about GP availability, especially with an expected relocation of Meadowpark Surgery.

>> FP will investigate.

FP

- FP reported back from Get Glasgow Moving. SPT appear to be slowly moving toward taking more control of buses.

- Concern from tenants of WASPS about rental cost rises, plus an additional energy levy.

13 Next Meetings

- Annual General Meeting on 10 Oct 2023, followed by Ordinary meeting.

- 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.

APPENDIX ITEMS ATTACHED:

- **APPENDIX A: POLICE REPORT**
- **APPENDIX B: SUMMARIES OF GCC RESPONSES TO DCC STREETScape ENQUIRIES**
- **APPENDIX C: UPDATE FROM CHARLIE KEANE, GCC NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR**
- **APPENDIX D: DCC RESPONSE TO DUKE STREET AND JOHN KNOX STREET AVENUES CONSULTATION**
- **APPENDIX E: TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROJECTS REMINDER REQUEST SENT TO CLLR CARROLL**
- **APPENDIX F: UPDATE FROM CLLR CARROLL**

APPENDIX A: POLICE REPORT

Over the last month/6 weeks or so there has been a marked decrease in incidents of anti social nature within the Dennistoun area.

This may be due to the time frame partially being covered by the school holidays.

There have unfortunately been an increase in incidents relating to thefts, to cars in particular and from common closes.

This has been a spike of late and I am able to pass on that 2 persons have been identified as being responsible for several of these.

For much of the remainder there is positive line of enquiry also being followed.

In a similar note a positive line of enquiry has been established in relation to an incident on Monday morning [4th September] on Duke Street.

There is no wider threat to the community in respect of this as an isolated event.

The local policing teams have been carrying out proactive and enhanced operations to problem hot spots and previously highlighted areas of concern of Anti Social behaviour/Drug misuse.

This has resulted in several detections also and a marked reduction in calls relating to same.

This is ongoing and we continue to monitor this situation with the intention of carrying out similar operations in nearby areas as situations problems arise.

LPST officers have also been carrying out some traffic initiatives around school start times in particular regarding issues with speeding/parking/use of private vehicles and appeared to be a welcome advice from most drivers stopped, with Road traffic Offences also identified.

At London Road, we have had a change of staff, with Local Problem Solving Team Inspector Lesley Anne Docherty moving on to a new post and is replaced by Inspector Max Shaw who will be in charge of our Community Policing Teams and associated operations.

If any further information is required please get in touch with either myself or our Sergeants Bobby Fisher or Craig Thomson or any of our team for relevant areas.

I would also like to advise your member is they wish to contact us to report a NON urgent matter they can do so via the Contact us Link on the Police Scotland website as waiting times can be lengthy when reporting via 101.

The relevant officer for that area receives an email and we can contact the reporter when next on duty if that is suitable.

I hope one of the team can attend in person next time.

APPENDIX B: SUMMARIES OF GCC RESPONSES TO DCC STREETScape ENQUIRIES

Summary of GCC response regarding gullies and drainage

...It is our intention, at this point, to target all the 696 roadside gullies within the Dennistoun Neighbourhood in May 2024: weather permitting.

For your information, the revised gully programme will be delivered over a two/three -year rolling period on the following frequencies:

- Flood location gullies – every gully in a location previously identified as susceptible to flooding will be cleaned 3 times a year
- Arterial and city centre routes – every gully assessed as needing cleaning due to the amount of debris in the gully pot will be cleaned once per year
- RPZ and neighbourhood routes – every gully assessed as needing cleaning due to the amount of debris in the gully pot will be cleaned once every 2/3 years
- Leaf fall locations – swept weekly during autumn period

I can advise that regarding the specific locations noted at Onslow Drive I can confirm gully cleaning works were recently completed with the exception of two gullies at No. 275 due to parked vehicles despite the relevant parking restrictions being in place. Works to clean jet and test these remaining gullies are programmed to be attended to by 6th September 2023. An instruction has also been raised to have this section of Onslow Drive swept clear of carriageway channel debris.

Summary of GCC response regarding EV charger installed next to cycle stand at library

There is a works contract currently with procurement, and that the movement of the cycle stands at Dennistoun Library is included within it. Subject to a successful procurement exercise, works are due to commence in October of this year with the cycle stands being relocated from their existing location to the south-west corner of Sword St/Duke St.

APPENDIX C: UPDATE FROM CHARLIE KEANE, GCC NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR

Haghill

- On street Bin containment engagement session to be held Thursday 5th October 2023 from 15:00 – 20:00 in Bluevale Community Centre (Abernethy Street), I will arrange an invite should you wish to attend.

Dennistoun/Wellpark

- Some issues still ongoing with syringes & drugs paraphernalia at 2 points behind Annfield Place (in the lane) this has been ongoing and is being monitored by police & cleansing.
- CK delivered leaflets to all residential & business properties surrounding or having sight of the Lane, giving various contact info to report ASB to police, how to report syringes/drugs paraphernalia.
- Townmill Road overgrown foliage from M8 embankment through chain link fence has been reported to Amey, still awaiting feedback from when works will be actioned.
- Fly tipping on Firpark Street seems to be under control after Spectrum Properties erected a Heras Fence
- CK has been invited to attend bi-weekly meetings at Tartan Lodge, no issues arising.
- Connie's flatbed trailer which was parked on Sannox Gardens (The burned out one refurbished) is now on appearing periodically on Cumbernauld Rd/Edinburgh Rd/Todd St traffic island, passed to Roads.
- Swings in Alexandra Park were removed for repair quite a while ago, they will now be replaced with new ones as the old ones cannot be repaired.
- Plot at Armadale/Ingleby, grass was cut by NRS & fly tipping removed, foliage will be cut as part of winter pruning.
- Since removal of the recycling site on Cumbernauld Road (facing Duke Street Station), fly tipping has virtually stopped.
- Most of the shops along Alexandra Parade, Cumbernauld Road and Duke Street have been visited by Commercial Enforcement which hopefully will see an improvement in levels of waste on pavements.

Misc

- Graffiti : We seem to be currently on top of everywhere in the ward (if you know anywhere with historical graffiti please let me know) this will always be ongoing.
- Request sent to BT to clean graffiti & sanitise x 12 Kiosks within Ward 22
- City Fibre have cabinets all over the ward, CK has engaged with them and has a reporting process for graffiti etc (See attached updated reporting procedures/hints)
- Fly posting: Has been rigorously targeted but is always going to be an ongoing process
- Ad trailers/vehicles: those belonging to Connie's/Big Duck still remain in the ward, reported to Roads.
- Ad trailers on GCC plots at WellPark/Tennent's and Provan Rd at Alex' Park being pursued by Public Health & Planning Enforcement.

APPENDIX D: DCC RESPONSE TO DUKE STREET AND JOHN KNOX STREET AVENUES CONSULTATION

Positive feedback was submitted for the tickbox answers.

Text responses included the following:

- Dennistoun Community Council (DCC) have reviewed and discussed the plans as a group. The overall concept of the project is supported, and the proposed design options were generally well-received by CCLIs. It is acknowledged that both of the options presented have particular benefits, with neither option being a clear and obvious choice over the other.
- There was an enthusiasm for the proposed additional trees along the route, and for the enhanced quality of the route in general, from a walking and cycling perspective, that the project is promoting and prioritising.
- Some concerns were noted about the balance of accessibility and priority where active travel modes intersect - these locations will need to be dealt with very carefully to ensure optimal designs are in place at each location, with vehicular traffic not being accommodated or prioritised to the detriment of the movement of people to, from, along, and across the route.
- The proposed new controlled pedestrian points are welcomed, and the reasons for the removal of one are acknowledged.
- Both the on-street and library events were of use and presented information fairly clearly, giving a useful opportunity to discuss various elements of the proposals.
- DCC looks forward to this project being constructed and toward the extension of the Avenue project eastward along the full length of Duke Street.

APPENDIX E: TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROJECTS REMINDER REQUEST SENT TO CLLR CARROLL

...It's noted that at the June Dennistoun CC meeting we discussed various projects incorporating multiple traffic and parking aspects. These include:

- **Liveable Neighbourhood/Streets for People:** DCC was [advised in January](#) by Deborah Paton, Head of Transport Strategy that "GCC Colleagues are currently trying to procure consultants in order to recommence the proposals for parking measures with complimentary Neighbourhood Filtered Permeability interventions. It is hoped that re-engagement with the local community will commence in April 2023." DCC is not aware of any progress on this.
- **Spaces for People 'LTN'/Neighbourhood Interventions (i.e. one-ways and school planters):** DCC has heard of no update on the TRO required to make this scheme permanent.
- **Restricted Parking Zone/20mph zone:** The Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy (14/03/2023) noted a plan for 'traffic and speed surveys by end of 2023, then design work'.
- **Pavement Parking Ban:** The latest known update on this noted 'exemption assessments to be undertaken during 2023' working towards 'enforcement by end of 2023'.
- **Avenues:** Duke Street and John Knox Street section is underway, but the Liveable Neighbourhood report recommended similar treatment for the whole length of Duke Street, and on Alexandra Parade.

There is clearly a significant amount of overlap in the aims and objectives of these projects, but it seems that progress on each is being overseen by separate GCC departments. A lack of communication from GCC to the Community Council or broader public about the scope of these various projects, and the uncertainty about their timelines, mean it's far from clear that requisite measures are in place to ensure that they are being developed in a complimentary manner.

Questions about these projects, therefore, include:

- **Are the TROs for the 'RPZ and 20 mph' proposal, and the 'one ways and school planters LTN' progressing separately? Or as one 'catch-all' TRO project reflecting the changes introduced by the LTN since the RPZ was paused in early 2020? What is the timeline for progress and public consultation?**
- **Neither of those projects are understood to include a 20 mph proposal (or any other traffic or parking intervention on) Duke Street - so, presumably, such measures would require to be dealt with by a separate project? On that note, is there a known timeline for an extension of the Duke Street Avenue along the full length, or for an Alexandra Parade Avenue?**
- **What's the scope and revised timeline for the Liveable Neighbourhood/Streets for People project referred to above? It's presumed that the plans for this are separate from (and expected to be more extensive than) the 'one ways and school planters LTN' and/or the RPZ - so what measures are in place to avoid overlap or contradiction with those projects, per the LN recommendations?**
- **Can we still expect to see the enforcement of the pavement parking ban in 2023?**

Clarification regarding these various uncertainties would be very much appreciated, especially if made available for reporting at our meeting on Tuesday 12th September.

APPENDIX F: UPDATE FROM CLLR CARROLL

Haghill

- There is to be a consultation on the 5th October in the Bluevale Centre on Abernethy St from 3-8pm, about the on-street bin hub proposals, similar to those that have happened in Pollokshields. This was due to issue accessing certain streets, such as the Aber- ones', back courts. I've been raising in terms of food waste bins that there is an adequate local dispensary for people to pick up bags for that service, so that they're not stopped being used after the bags run out.
- I've also been chasing up with Milnbank & the Council around the underprovision of bins, in particular recycling bins, around Corsock St & the adjoining back courts to it, as there have been issues of frequent overflows of particularly recycling bins, as there sometimes isn't enough for the closes. I hope to see number of blue bins increased to the right amount in respect to the amount of flats, as some only had 2 240L bins.

Wellpark

- I have been talking with Wheatley about the re-opening of the Wellpark centre. After talking with the locality lead, there seemed to have been work needing down internally, which has now been completed, with Bluevale & Urban Fox agreeing its at a good standard now. Currently they're drawing up the lease for the 2 groups, so as soon as that's agreed, it'll be up and running.
- There also was issues raised about the south-side of Duke St in terms of the Meat Market Development dropping the plan for trees as part of the work being carried out. After raising this with Home group, it seems there was more cabling than they thought underneath there so is why they downgraded to planters. I've emailed the Avenues Plus team to ask if the south-side vision of the project was taken forward, that it would include the trees it planned to also, in light of this.

Dennistoun

- I have contacted the factor for the gable end of Amore, 91BC, about the flaking of the paint that people have been raising. They have said they have put a plan to tenants and awaiting the outcome of a vote still, before work goes ahead. On a similar factor-related note, you may have seen the scaffolding off at the Co-op Funeralcare. This is I believe from tenants voting to remove the factor from that area, and thus the scaffolding.
- As you would have seen from the news about the night buses, there was a situation over the summer of them being in peril of being cut. I've been meeting with First bus about reversing not just the cuts of services, but increasing them too, as the N38 (southbound from the city centre) broke even, so surely it is worth them trying an east-bound version to compliment the typical day route. So far, they've been not so keen to run the ones they do let alone new ones, but it won't stop me from pressing them on it.
- The drainage issues of Onslow & Whitehill have been a constant battle (to the point that a neighbour of mine who used to work for the council has given me very in depth information of how to rod and clear a drain!), and, using his knowledge, I've been pushing for thorough rodding to take place. So far NRS are only planning to carry out a drainage inspection so far, on top of the drainage I tend to ask for when there is overflowing. When I get further information of when these are, and what the outcomes of them are, I will pass them on.
- There is a new Inspector for the Dennistoun area, Inspector Max Shaw has took over from Inspector Lesley-Anne Docherty, and he is already engaging on local issues such as anti-social behaviour around the Tartan Lodge for example. His email is maxwell.shaw@scotland.police.uk if you wish to get in touch.
- As you'll know, there was a cyclist hit on the 4th September on Duke St, with the car who hit them being abandoned when the folk inside made a run for it. I'm chasing up with the police to establish more on what exactly happened, but in the mean time, have been contacting the Council again about their 20mph zone planning, saying we should think to prioritise Duke St. I also am raising with them about any work to make a plan on what extending active travel infrastructure to Duke St east of Bellgrove St would look like, as it feels like there needs to be a better mix-use planning for the street at that section.
- Finally, I've been informed that Whitehill Secondary has the RAAC concrete that has been in the news. This is not to say that the school is unsafe, as the education department has been carrying out surveys & wrote to parents saying that they don't believe there is a danger to the school. I am chasing up with them the remedial work they are carrying out to ensure that it is a safe building still.

Apologies again for being unable to attend, but hope the update above gives a flavour of some of the things I've been up to and that will be happening locally.