



Dennistoun Community Council

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Dennistoun Community Council

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 19:20, Tuesday 10th October 2023

St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Frank Plowright (FP); Ian Sheerer (IS) [*Chair, items 7-10*]; Valery Tough (VT) [*Chair, items 1-6*]; Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*].

Others present: Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar); Cllr Allan Casey (ACas); John Mason MSP; Ryan on behalf of Anne McLaughlin; Cllr Gary McKenna of Calton CC; 3x members of the public.

ITEM	ACTION
1 Welcome/introductions/attendance/apologies - Apologies received from Cllrs Tom Dickson (TD); Lewis Hughes (LH); Callum McLellan (CMcL); Fiona Nixon (FN) and Assoc Member Emma Jones. - Also from John Mason MSP and Anne McLaughlin MP. - Cllrs not present: Jane Marley (JM); Ellen McVey (EMcV). - Cllrs not present, no contact: Elaine McDougall (EMcD); Cllrs Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).	
2 Approve Minutes of October 2022 AGM Approval proposed by IS; Seconded by VT.	
3 Approve Chairperson's Annual Report Prepared by Valery Tough. See Appendix A. Approval proposed by FP; Seconded by VT.	
4 Approve DCC's Independently Examined Statement of Accounts Provisional statement provided by LC, with Alistair Cameron (Gartcraig CC treasurer) for audit approval. See Appendix B.	
5 Demitting of DCC Office-bearers All office-bearers stood down from their respective roles.	
6 Call of Nominations for the Community Council	
7 Election of Office-bearers See Appendix C for the appointments made. A list of current Cllrs and office-bearers is maintained at DennistounCC.org.uk/representatives .	
8 Note Continuation of The Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils Continuation noted. A copy of The Scheme is available via dennistouncc.org.uk/about .	
9 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2022/23 Audit of accounts to be carried out by Alistair Cameron (Gartcraig CC treasurer). Approval TBC.	
10 Appointment of Associate Members	

Associate Member Emma Jones (Glasgow Saints FC Chair) ongoing.
CCLlr Gary McKenna (Calton CC) proposed by WW, seconded by IS.

11 Review of Inventory and Additional Resources

See Appendix D for a record of assets as at 31st August 2023.

12 Next DCC AGM

Annual General Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 8th October 2023.

Check DennistounCC.org.uk/dates for full details.

Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.

2023 AGM closed at 19:20, immediately followed by the scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

APPENDIX A

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023 PREPARED BY VALERY TOUGH

DCC held nine ordinary and three planning meetings over the past year. With half of our Community Councillors joining in October 2022, we have welcomed a mix of old and new faces. However, many of the issues dominating our agendas were all too familiar.

Unresolved streetscape issues

We have continued to press for action on the many streetscape issues in the area, such as road markings and drainage. Also, pedestrian accessibility issues created by the positioning of EV chargers and in the vicinity of on-street café seating areas. It is fair to say that DCC has felt a great deal of frustration at a lack of definitive answers and timescales, in spite of much correspondence to council officials and elected members asking detailed, well-researched questions. This frustration has led to discussion at meetings of submitting Freedom of Information requests.

Local Initiatives

DCC has promoted and engaged constructively on a wide range of initiatives such as the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), Liveable Neighbourhood (LN) and Duke Street & John Knox Street Avenues Plus processes throughout their respective stages of progress, via consultations, DCC public meetings, Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP) meetings, councillor correspondence, and correspondence with Glasgow City Council (GCC) officers.

Ian Elder, GCC City Centre Regeneration Team attended our February meeting to discuss District Regeneration Framework.

Again, it has not always been easy to get answers to specific queries about these various projects, including how they all join up together.

DCC submitted proposals for pedestrian infrastructure improvements to local councillors and the Dennistoun Area Partnership as part of the "£1 Per Ward" Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF). We are concerned that only projects which introduce new and materially improved infrastructure should be approved for NIIF funding, and not proposed roads maintenance resurfacing schemes.

Reidvale HA

DCC has taken a keen interest in the proposed takeover of Reidvale Housing Association – speakers from Glasgow & West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations attended our May meeting and speakers from Reidvale Housing Association, our June meeting. As this is an emotive topic which has a direct effect on many local residents' lives, DCC believes it is vital to ensure tenants have as much information as possible.

Whitehill Pool

The future of Whitehill Pool is still not assured in the long term. A bid for levelling-up funds was unsuccessful. DCC has had regular updates at our meetings from Bill Stark of the Save Whitehill Pool campaign. David McCready (Dennistoun Ward Community Development Officer, Glasgow Life) also attended our May meeting. We are disappointed that although pool hours are to be extended within this financial year, this will not match pre-pandemic opening hours.

Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

Community Councillor Ian Sheerer is our new DAP representative. DAP has disbursed funds to a number of local projects and organisations. An interesting change is the expected consultation on and distribution of NIIF funds. DCC hasn't raised any specific issues to the AP at this time, although we have obviously provided our input on business raised by other members.

Community engagement

Representatives from DCC attended the Whitehill Christmas Fair, and Community Councillor Tom Dixon made a short video of the event. Tom also made a vox-pop video of the Duke Street & John Knox Street Avenues Plus consultation at Dennistoun Library and one to promote the Treasure Hunt. We continue to promote our meetings and encourage members of the public to attend.

Treasure Hunt

The DCC Treasure Hunt was revived this year thanks to the efforts of Vice-Chair Frank Plowright. The hunt was a great success, and we'd like to thank GCC and the Co-op's Community Fund for providing funding for printing and prize costs.

Planning

Brian Johnston, our Planning Rep, continued to scrutinise and respond to planning applications, including objections to proposed changes to licensed premises, in line with local concerns. DCC also reviewed its historic objections to new House In Multiple Occupation (HMO) licence applications, and agreed to continue with this policy. DCC also agreed to object to licence applications under the new Short-Term Let scheme, where these licences apply to a whole-property let. While not wishing to penalise residents who wish to provide short-term accommodation in a spare room, we believe the rise in short-term lets, especially in tenement buildings with communal areas, weakens communities, fuels rent rises, and reduces availability of property for long-term rental.

Community Councillors

As Chair, I would like to thank all Dennistoun Community Councillors for their work over the last year. I would particularly like to thank Wesley Wright, our Secretary and Minutes Secretary, for his support.

Valery Tough

Chair, Dennistoun Community Council

APPENDIX B

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023
(Provisional, pending audit approval).

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Independently Examined Accounts for period: 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

(See Scheme clause 8.1)

ITEMISED INCOME	£
Balance carried forward from previous year	£3,174.52
Bank interest	£21.63
Administration Allowance	£795.30
Discretionary Grant	£0.00
Other external funding	£318.99
Other self-generated income	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£4,310.44
ITEMISED EXPENDITURE	£
Insurance (<i>deducted at source</i>)	£00.00
Accommodation costs	£430.00
Stationary	£244.65
Photocopying	£00.00
Postage	£00.00
Telephone	£00.00
Circulation of agendas and minutes	£00.00
Travel expenses	£00.00
Independent Examiner's Fees	£00.00
*Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; small items of equipment; activities which build Community Councils' capacity etc.	£0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£674.65

*Specifics:

NOTE:

Accounts must be submitted to Glasgow City Council in accordance with clause 8.4 of the Scheme and clause 14j of the Constitution (also note Scheme clause 8.5).

APPENDIX B (CONTINUED)

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Independently Examined Accounts for period: 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**

TOTAL INCOME	£	£
	2022/23	2021/22
Balance carried forward from previous year	£3,174.52	£3,030.17
Bank interest	£21.63	£1.48
Administration allowance	£795.30	£795.30
Discretionary grant	£0.00	£0.00
Other external funding	£318.99	£0.00
Other self-generated income	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£4,310.44	£3,826.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
Insurance (<i>deducted at source</i>)	£00.00	£00.00
Accommodation costs	£430.00	£140.00
Independent Examiner's Fees	£244.65	£00.00
Stationery	£00.00	£00.00
Photocopying	£00.00	£00.00
Postage	£00.00	£00.00
Telephone	£00.00	£00.00
Circulation of agendas and minutes	£00.00	£00.00
Travel expenses	£00.00	£00.00
*Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; equipment etc.	£0.00	£512.43
TOTAL	£674.65	£652.43

*Specifics:

BALANCE SURPLUS		
Represented by:		
**Cash in bank	£3635.79	£3,174.52
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£3635.79	£3,174.52

**N.B. Cheque for -£210.00 (Reidvale Community Centre, 3 x venue hire) awaiting deposit in recipient's account. Will be incorporated into next year's Financial Year once cashed.

The above statement has been compiled from the available records, books and explanations.

APPENDIX C

Office-bearer appointments for the year, up to the October 2024 AGM.

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed By</i>	<i>Seconded By</i>
Chairperson	Ian Sheerer	VT	WW
Vice-chair	Frank Plowright	VT	LC
Secretary	Wesley Wright	VT	RJ
Treasurer	Lisa Clifford	VT	IS
Minutes Secretary	Frank Plowright	WW	IS
Planning Representative	Brian Johnston	VT	FP
Licensing Representative	Brian Johnston	VT	FP
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative	Ian Sheerer	VT	WW
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative Substitute	Valery Tough	FP	IS

APPENDIX D

Record of Dennistoun Community Council assets as at 31st August 2023.

<i>Asset</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Deckchairs	10	FP basement, Onslow Drive.
Trestle tables	2	FP basement, Onslow Drive.
Gazebos	2	1x with Stephen Birrell. 1x with Whitehill School.
Pop-up banners	2	With VT.
Domain name (dennistouncc.org.uk)	1	Maintained by WW.
DCC boundary map display on coroplast board	1	With VT.
Day out in Dennistoun maps	800 (approx)	~400 with VT. ~400 with Ivan McKee's Hillfoot Street office.
DCC Pens	150	With VT.