



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Notes of the Dennistoun Community Council Planning Meeting

held on Tuesday 14th Decmber 2023, from 7:00pm,  
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

**Cllrs Present** Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Frank Plowright (FP) [*Minute taker*]; Ian Sheerer (IS) [*Chair*]; Wesley Wright (WW)

**Others Present:** Clare Darlastan

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</b> Apologies received from Tom Dickson (TD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT); Jane Malin CCllrs not present: Jane Marley (JM); Callum McLellan (CMcL); Ellen McVey (EMcV).	
<b>2 Warm Spaces</b> The day after the last ordinary meeting SC attempted to source a venue north of Duke St as per suggestion by CD. None were available. The most promising was Milnbank's Woodside Hall, but they had committed to renting out tables and chairs situated there. We were unaware that Bluevale Charity have for two years run a full Christmas dinner service, which will this year move to Reidvale Community Centre. This includes an area serving just tea and biscuits. They take referrals from foodbanks, and last year also delivered 70 meals. Us doing something similar in Duke Street would just duplicate their service. SC didn't look at private venues. CD wondered if there was a bare minimum option, but the feeling was that without even a venue organising and promoting something in 12 days wasn't an option this year. <b>Decision: Check with Milnbank for next year. Wait until summer months to book.</b>	DCC
<b>3 Planning for Communities</b> SC Attended meeting where a brochure was distributed, and community councils were given 12 days to provide a response regarding a survey of their area's needs. When it was pointed out the deadline was too short, council officials said later submissions would be accepted.  There was some frustration at there being no apparent acknowledgement that many of the key issues and priorities for the area have already been identified by the Stage 1 and 2 Liveable Neighbourhood reports recently published by the consultant planners in response to the public consultations and events carried out for that project. It was also noted that, in response to GCC requests for project ideas, DCC's suggestions for pedestrian infrastructure improvements had been submitted to the Area Partnership for consideration under the £1m per ward Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF) or other budgets/funding, but that only a non-committal holding response to this was provided by GCC.  General feeling that there have been multiple consultations recently, but a notable lack of secured funding for follow-up action. Without recognisable action, consultations can feel like a tickbox exercise <b>Decision: SC to check further regarding requirements and deadline.</b>	DCC
<b>4 Communication with Councillors</b> When approaching Councillors for help we're often given vague or non-committal responses that cause DCC to approach them in the first place, but don't pursue the matter further even	

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when this is pointed out.

It was also felt the attendance record of some elected officials at DCC meetings falls below a minimum expectation, although in some cases representatives are sent and reports are provided.

**Decision: Supply notes to Councillors in future after meetings reduced to bullet points with desired outcomes. Publish online with responses when provided.** DCC

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**5 Treasure Hunt**

FP supplied report noting successes and shortcomings, with suggestions to deal with the latter. Covering costs is grant dependent unless DCC supports shortfall. Total costs this year under £350.

**Decision: Go ahead with 2024, possibly with a theme of Dennistoun anniversary, but someone to work with Frank so that the procedures are passed on.** FP/?

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**6 Assorted**

**LC** to look into using local credit union for banking given perpetual troubles with RBS and their no longer having a presence in Dennistoun. LC

**IS** to be added to admin credentials for DCC web hosting. IS/WW

Police don't attend all meetings. Next scheduled for March and September.

**Assorted questions from Dennistoun residents via IS**

Is the pink chip football pitch on Onslow Drive being sold for redevelopment? Not as far as we know, as it's part of the school estate. Pre-covid plans for re-wilding haven't manifested.

Should Dennistoun have a regular market? This is being organised for the sheds on Bellgrove St.

How can a block change factor? Requires a vote by majority of owners. Much information found on Under One Roof website.

What to do about high level of litter? There are regular litter picks in the area, and Duke Street has a dedicated litter cleaner. IS

**Surplus Funds** - IS keen on the idea of more events to promote awareness of DCC and to bring people together. Likes the idea of The Big Lunch project, which we participated in before.

**Meetings and Members.** Should we again try holding meetings in different venues? Many used before no longer available. Requires looking into venues.  
Some DCC members not attending meetings nor offering apologies. IS to write to these members, ask if they still want to remain as community councillors and point out expectations. Account at £3567. £150 to be paid in and expenses for Treasure Hunt to be paid to FP. IS

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