



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 09 January 2024, from 7:00pm,  
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

**Cllrs Present** Steven Campbell (SC); Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Ian Sheerer (IS) [Chair] [Minute taker]; Wesley Wright (WW)

**Others Present:** Cllr Alan Casey (ACas)

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Apologies received from Cllr Callum McLellan (CMcL); Cllr Frank Plowright (FP); John Mason MSP (JM); Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar); Jane Marley (JM); Tom Dickson (TD).</li><li>- Cllr not present: Ellen McVey (EmcV).</li><li>- Cllrs not present: Greg Hepburn (GH); Elaine McDougall (EMcD); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).</li><li>- Gary McKenna is no longer part of the Calton CC, so no longer attending on behalf.</li></ul>	
<b>2 Approval of Minutes</b>	
<b>2.1</b> 14 November 2023 ordinary meeting minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Correction: VT apologies provided and received before meeting.</li><li>- Accepted w/ correction: proposed by WW, seconded by IS.</li></ul>	
<b>2.2</b> 12 December 2023 planning meeting notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Correction: Date incorrect in notes, change from 14 Nov to 12 Dec.</li><li>- Accepted w/ correction: proposed by WW, seconded by LC.</li></ul>	
<b>3 Matters Arising</b>	
<b>3.1</b> SC reports on Planning for Communities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2 week window for feedback.</li><li>- Potentially more information to follow.</li><li>- Programme may not cover DCC catchment.</li><li>- Significant overlap with previous local place plans.</li></ul>	
<b>3.2</b> Ownership of 61/67 Garthland Dr per mail incoming	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SC Suggests that this was transferred from GCC to GHA at a past point.</li><li>- ACas has also looked into this in the past. Office might be able to say more.</li><li>- SC thinks City Property or Graham-Sibbald may currently hold, uncertain.</li><li>- <b>Action 1:</b> WW to respond to incoming mail suggesting that they contact ACas office. <span style="float: right;"><b>WW</b></span></li></ul>	
<b>3.3</b> Siting and scheduling of further DCC meetings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bluevale and Reidvale both suggested as possible venues</li><li>- SC has enquired re: availability. Uncertain as yet if the space is available to rent</li></ul>	
<b>4 Officer Updates/Reports</b>	
<b>4.1</b> Chair report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Have tentatively resolved access problems for now and future. May need to reimburse funds for tech expenses (email).</li><li>- Have no followed up on email actions per previous meeting. TBC</li></ul>	
<b>4.2</b> Secretary report	
<b>4.3</b> Treasurer report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 3312.76 GBP balance.</li><li>- 338 GBP going out to FP for expenses relating to the treasure hunt.</li></ul>	

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- No funds deposited from GCC yet.

#### 4.4 Planning and Licensing report

- Broompark short term let application protested. See appendix A.

#### 4.5 Area Partnership report

- No AP meetings yet this year. Next is upcoming in Feb.  
- RJ raises that she is still listed as Sector Partnership rep.

### 5 Consultations

Notable: City Development Fund, closing 21 Jan.

- IS asks for details, WW summarises and ACas elaborates on changes from previous.

### 6 Current Local Issues

#### 6.1 Housing Associations

- SC provides update on Reidvale HA:  
- Residents voted in favor of transfer.  
- Shareholders vote on 15 Jan req. 66% supermajority to proceed  
- SC sceptical about Reidvale's long-term financial viability if vote fails due to difficulties raising finance as an independent entity.  
- VT/IS ask why Reidvale unable to leverage existing equity.  
- SC explains the difference in perceived risk from lending bodies that an independent Reidvale presents as opposed to a larger HA such as Places for People.  
- SC thinks this is a better option, and that an independent Reidvale will eventually need to be rescued or end up absorbed into a larger org like Wheatley.  
- ACas raises that local orgs lack managerial capacity to take over RHA.  
- SC hopes that with the existing agreement RHA's beneficial aspects can be preserved through elements such as the promised community forum.  
- IS thinks there is a disconnect between the apparent inviability of RHA and subsequent inability to secure financing and the case for merger into PfP where it is apparently profitable for PfP to invest in that selfsame housing stock.  
- ACas raises concern over loss of locally managed and representative institutions.

#### 6.2 Infrastructure

- WW raises several outstanding issues:  
- WW: Cycle stand installation, initially at the library, then down to Duke street.  
- WW: Continued installation of EV chargers in contravention of guidance and at cost of pavement space.  
- RJ wishes to know what the planning process is for EV chargers.  
- IS wants to know how installations get signed off on.  
- SC raises the adaptation of old elec boxes into EV points in Brighton as an alternative.  
- IS raises that several issues are outstanding and awaiting response from Cllrs.  
- WW: Markings and studs not properly installed at handful of sites after resurfacing  
- ACas asks for (and receives per WW) a representative example.  
- Issues with correspondence with perceived fob-offs from GCC to questions forwarded between DCC and Cllrs discussed with ACas. IS asks where the chain of responsibility ends when an issue is unaddressed.  
- ACas volunteers to follow-up with outstanding issues:  
- WW Inquires about status of TROs/pavement parking reform, and RPZ  
- ACas: Based on correspondence, Dennistoun and Royston will be covered in the second review tranche which is to be undertaken for Summer 2024, potentially with consultation in March and implementation from December dates tenuous/aspirational)  
- IS asks why we are doing further consultation.  
- ACas: consultation is a statutory requirement in this case.  
- RJ asks if Ibrox and Celtic stadium are tranche 1 and why given problems presented by implementing there first and past promises made not to do that.  
- ACas clarifies that they are being planned in tranche 1, but that this is not with intention to implement new rules in these areas first.  
**Action 2:** IS to contact EMcD re: past correspondence on EV chargers & bike stands. IS  
**Action 3:** IS to contact ACar re: correspondence on traffic, parking, and liveable IS  
neighbourhood.

#### 6.3 Glasgow Life

- RAAC in GL Whitehill Pool?

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- ACas: Yes. Present and currently being inspected. Report due by end of February.
  - Notable concern due to moisture inherent in use as pool.
  - WW/IS: Is it reaching the point where it would be cheaper to rebuild entirely?
  - Dennistoun After School Sports Club is briefly discussed around Haghill.
  - RJ asks about scaffolding and work on the library.

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**Action 5:** IS to email David MacReady re: Library and Pools.

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## **8 Elected Member Updates**

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### **8.1 ACas Update - Haghill Bin Pilot (HHBP):**

- AC: HHBP proceeding apace. Metrics are reported to be quite positive. Recycling is up significantly
  - LC, who resides in Haghill, raises serious issues with access, service, and mess.
  - 14 Nov meeting quote: HHBP is a 1m GBP pilot scheme and not going to fail.
  - ACas expresses surprise at LC's report, given data received from official correspondence and lack of complaints to his office.
  - LC explains complaints are made to official HHBP contact points, but that there aren't appropriate response options to the issues residents encounter.
  - IS raises that data collection and conveyance may be inadequate and presenting an inaccurate picture to Cllrs.
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### **8.2 ACas Update (remainder)**

- Alexandra Parade road reconditioning and resurfacing.
  - Office has been working on constituent workplace issues.
  - Drugs and alcohol use discussed, Safe Injection Site outreach. IS/WW may contact to source and distribute posters?
  - Increasingly homelessness acknowledged. Hotels still in use as GCC is having difficulty finding adequate housing. Problem is being seriously worked on per ACas.
  - SC asks about using GCC sites such as the former Gorbals scheme.
  - ACas specifies that, unfortunately, demolition already underway at that site.
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## **9 Any Other Business**

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- Statement read from FP acknowledging the recent revelations about the Post Office accounting scandal and spate of false accusations of fraud levied at postal staff with reference to Andy, who used to run the Alexandra Parade post office.
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## **10 Next Meeting**

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- Date: 13 Feb 2024.
  - 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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### **APPENDIX ITEMS ATTACHED:**

- **APPENDIX A: Objection to STL Application ST8461-5986-9935-9656**

## Appendix A

Mairi Millar LLB (Hons)  
Head of Licensing and Democratic Services  
Glasgow City Council  
City Chambers  
George Square  
Glasgow G2 1DU  
January 9, 2024

Dear Ms Millar,

Application for new Licence for Short Term Let ST8461-5986-9935-9656  
41 Broompark Drive, Glasgow G31 2JB - rooms 5, occupant capacity 10.

I write on behalf of Dennistoun Community Council (DCC) in reference to the above application for a new licence for a Short Term Let submitted by Laaiba Khan.

It is a DCC policy that it shall object to all new Short Term Lets licence applications where the owner is not based onsite. This property is within the Dennistoun Community Council boundary and I therefore wish to note an objection to this application on behalf of DCC on the following grounds:

This specific property has previously been used as an Airbnb causing major issues to adjoining residents. Experiences reported by DCC residents of these problems include public order issues.

- The precedent of multiple occupancy properties in this area is inhibiting the development of a sense of community within particular areas where Multiple lets make up a significant proportion of the available housing.
- Experiences reported by DCC area residents of problems related to HMOs and Short Term Lets including public order and building maintenance issues.

Yours Sincerely,  
Brian Johnston  
Planning & Licensing Convener,  
Dennistoun Community Council