



Dennistoun Community Council

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Notes of the Dennistoun Community Council Planning Meeting

held on Tuesday 9th April 2024, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Frank Plowright (FP) [*Minute taker*]; Ian Sheerer (IS) [*Chair*]; Valery Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW)

Others Present:

	ACTIoN
<p>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</p> <p>- Apologies received from Lisa Clifford (LC); Tom Dickson (TD); John Mason MSP; Cllr Anthony Carroll, - Cllr not present: Jane Marley (JM); Callum McLellan (Cmcl); Ellen McVey (EmcV) - Cllrs not present, no contact: Cllrs Alan Casey; Greg Hepburn (GH); Elaine McDougall (EmcD); Cecilia O’Lone (CO’L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR).</p>	
<p>2 Reidvale Housing</p> <p>There are now five new committee members and a new chair, and they’re releasing information via Scottish Housing Forum. -SC</p>	
<p>3 DCC Membership</p> <p>Current membership is 12 from from a possible 15, with a couple of members who’ve not been present for some while. We should recruit new members. The process may be complicated by Glasgow Council contacts Stephen Dowling and Lawrence O’Neill leaving at the end of May. Ideally any new members will be in place some time before the AGM and may on roles. IS to e-mail asking if any current members want to step down, and then notify Lawrence.</p>	IS
<p>4 SPT Consultation</p> <p>SC feels the SPT consultation regarding options for the future of buses in Strathclyde has not been widely publicised. FP noted the process of taking buses back into public control in Manchester was beset by legal action and SPT have to be very careful about procedure. FP has posted link on DCC Facebook page and will do so on Facebook Dennistoun Information page.</p>	FP
<p>5 Collegelands</p> <p>A planning application has been submitted for Collegelands for a community hub and garden. Smallish, but potentially useful, and BJ raises no concerns. Railway to build an access road down from Collegelands. Some land is to be donated to Calton CC to form an independent trust, a covenant ensuring no housing on that section. Clean-up costs are intimidating.</p>	
<p>6 Glasgow Life</p> <p>We’ve received an e-mail claiming capital expenditure is being entirely discarded by Glasgow Life. It’s suggested they will honour 2024 commitments across the GCC estate, but there will be no further capital spending for the remaining three years of the administration. This is conjecture as budget for following years must be approved. Can’t pass comment as it’s speculative.</p>	

7	Whitehill Swimming Pool	<p>We've been sent an update with regard to swimming pool that confirms where matters stand, but includes no timescale for the appointment of a surveyor to advise re costings, never mind a report. Costs will be significant. WW asked about demolition and rebuilding. SC commented that in practice money is just diverted to other projects. WW to publish the letter on the DCC page and FP to post link on Facebook.</p> <p>There was also discussion about the adjacent pink ash pitch, believed to be part of the school estate. Fences have been repaired the gates are now locked. The last known proposal was pre-covid for a wildlife park for children.</p>	WW/FP
8	Elected Members	<p>FP feels some elected officials in the area don't bother with the Community Council. There's far better engagement from elected members in other areas SC noting Calton as an example. A connected issue is DCC approaching Councillors after the frustrations of dealing with Council officials, and their not following up when supplied with the same invalid excuses supplied to us, even when these have been highlighted.</p> <p>We have had considerable correspondence about blocked drains and flooding in Dennistoun. After being postponed several times (due to poor weather!), we have been told that all 696 gullies in Dennistoun are due to be inspected by the end of May. Given that deadline, admin work should have begun and traffic regulation orders applied for. IS to write to Councillors asking them to chase up and confirm with timescales. FP to supply last correspondence on the matter from Brendan Frankgate.</p> <p>FP noted consistent lack of information from the council. We can start asking via Freedom of Information requests, but it's ridiculous that it's reached the stage where this is even contemplated.</p>	IS/FP
9	Planning	<p>Stephen Dowling has been in contact about courses to help Community Councils engage more actively with planning issues. As BJ is an expert it doesn't apply to us, but it's felt the planning process should be more transparent.</p>	
10	Election Hustings	<p>VT raised organising hustings in advance of election. It was felt we should as reinforces DCC's apolitical stance and serves the community. VT/FP happy to help out. SC/IS to help out on the night. Venue capacity important based on last meeting, and candidates should be named in strict alphabetical order. Do we accept stand-in candidates? It should be out event, but we can publicise via other community councils in the MP area.</p>	
11	Area Partnership	<p>IS to e-mail Allan Casey re timescales for provision on design costings for new crossings on Ark lane, Cumbernauld Rd and Parade to make sure it's on the next meeting agenda.</p>	IS
12	Alexandra Park events	<p>BJ notes planning application for a temporary Public Entertainment licence for Funfair and Sideshowes Alexandra Park. Friday 26th - Sunday 28th April 2024</p> <p>Alexandra Park Festival is on July 20th. SC/IS/VT/FP AP can help out.</p>	
10	Treasure Hunt 2024	<p>Frank has not yet begun working on this, but plans to start next week.</p>	FP