



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL 10/2/15

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Ruth Jackson, Brian Johnston, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Councillor Jennifer Dunn, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament Paul Stewart, Eamonn Campbell, David Houston, Paula Morgan, Craig Young

Apologies: Jane Clarke, Ruth Johnston, Ally Meek, Michael Melvin, Angela Mills, Elena Trimarchi, Claire McKechnie, Joe Scott, MSPs John Mason, Drew Smith & Humza Yousaf, Councillors Frank Docherty and Elaine McDougall

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** No police attended. After the disappointment of our last meeting Stephen met Inspector Matt Webb. It's suggested we appoint a police liaison to also attend Crime Prevention Panel meetings as a more proactive means of dealing with the police. The meeting only just met quorum, so no appointment until next month with more members. Councillor Dunn mentioned the CPP now meets at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month at High Carntyne church, but they've also been having problems with police attendance.
- PUBLIC INPUT:**
 - Paula Morgan outlined the Washing Line Project, photographing people at washing lines in back courts. Subjects of all ages are being sought as per the leaflet she distributed. Eoin is a known photographer, subjects will be given a print of their picture, a launch event is planned, and it's hoped the exhibition will move to Edinburgh. Whitehill Laundry will now host during opening hours. Wesley will upload information to the website.
 - Craig Young requested help for his block which has roof and damp problems, but shop premises won't contribute unless the title deeds are changed. The factors appear to be doing little. Frank was confident that as issues of wind and water tightness and structural problems are involved Environmental Health can intervene to carry out repairs and pursue owners who won't pay. Councillor Dunn took notes and will investigate.
 - Eamonn Campbell works in the planning department, but spoke as a resident regarding long-standing concerns about road safety and traffic management. Councillor Docherty announced at the January meeting that studies are being carried out, but this appears an internal consultation. This could be added to the action plan incorporating parking, speeding and crossings, and Wesley mentioned the topic had been raised for four consecutive months in correspondence. Eamonn can work with DCC, noted Living Streets carry out community street audits, and Scottish Government policy documents are relevant for Dennistoun. Anyone interested in working on this should join a group that will report back to the main meeting.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13/1/15:** Pending correction of a few typos the minutes were submitted as accurate by Lauren and seconded by Brian.
- MATTERS ARISING:**
 - Next Bike: Wesley will collate and pass on any public input. The response letter gave a confusing message, as the first paragraph indicated the scheme would be delivered to Dennistoun, but the second referred to possible extension sites. An STV website story mentioned our request for the scheme to be extended to Dennistoun, and this was raised in the Scottish parliament
 - Money from St Andrews East Women's

Guild: Stephen has now returned this. c) SCDC meeting: The March meeting deals with the LEAP online toolkit system for community groups, and we will promote to other community groups. Stephen asked for suggestions for future sessions and Frank requested conflict resolution, as it was highlighted as a matter we don't address well in August, and two community council members had commented on the bad atmosphere at meetings. Stephen wants saboteurs and betrayal of trust also discussed. d) Stephen attended a Doors Open briefing session and met the co-ordinator. Only 4 buildings in East Glasgow participate, but others have dropped out over the years. Brian thought these should be contacted directly, but we could also approach them to prompt contact.

5. **DCC MEMBERSHIP**: a) There has now been an application for our vacant slot. Stephen has approached Laurence O'Neill regarding an election, but there has been no response as yet. b) There has been no approach to GHA regarding possible associate membership, but Wesley will contact them.
6. **ACTION PLAN**. a) Day Out In Dennistoun. No progress. Stephen still to supply outstanding text, and again noted he felt the text as supplied needed tweaking and that the design needs looked at. The group needs to meet. Wesley not yet liaised with Future Cities, but will do so. b) Duke Street. Stephen to meet planning officer Michael Ward regarding support with public engagement. The group to meet prior to the next meeting. Eamonn Campbell suggested an event displaying success stories elsewhere as the issues are similar, with Shawlands given as an example. c) Action Plan 2014/15. The SCDC meeting organised the action plan under umbrella categories covering arts, environment and events with a principle that any DCC member should be welcome at any group meeting. After a wide-ranging discussion DCC members present felt this an extra bureaucratic layer and people won't be interested in all projects gathered under the banner, so we'd be better organising individual projects. We need to decide on brief and remit for these. Should the groups set out their own terms of reference, should some be time-limited on a recurring annual basis (Big Lunch), should they have to ask the larger DCC meeting for funds, should they be just consultative and report back to the main meeting? Stephen felt groups should be empowered in terms of decision making, and report back to the main meeting. Groups, membership and progress should be noted and updated on our website. It's hoped the action plan can be ratified at our next meeting. David Houston enquired how it had come about and this was explained. d) Communications. The group have met and discussed a possible split of responsibility between online and print communications. The strapline of Your Toon, Our Toon, Dennistoun to be discussed. e) Billboard Project. Stephen apologised if information on this had not been communicated, after noting there are only so many times things can be repeated. The working group is himself, Lauren, Michael, Caitlin and Catherine, and have met three times. The project coincides with the 25th anniversary of the original project and originator Alan Dunn has given his blessing. Funding applications for £4500 will be made to Glasgow Life and £15,000 from Creative Scotland. This covers workshops, a website, artist fees and community engagement with the aim of installing a significant event that raises Dennistoun's profile and encourages visitors. Glasgow East Arts Company, GSA, Maket Gallery and Alan Dunn were named as partners. f) David Houston wants to organise a project, active in Dundee, where younger people visit older folk in the neighbourhood once a week and cook a meal for them. He hopes to involve Health Services, and it was noted that anything that brings people together is within our remit.
7. **FINANCE**: Jane submitted a report that our current balance is £2689.30, £1000 of which is reserved for the Day Out In Dennistoun project. Petty cash is £15.03. Only expenditure Jane is aware of is £50 for Gingerbread Hall hire, but SCDC will cover some of that. Jane reminded people that funds are available for action plan discussions, but it was agreed that

buying alcohol would be inappropriate. Jane asked if a per head limit should be applied.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Reidvale Housing have applied for change of use for some premises, and there's an application for opticians on Alexandra Parade to be converted to office space. An application for fast food premises has been made for Duke St near John Wheatley college. No update on the BP petrol station site. Wesley suggested we draw a line under monthly listings on the DCC website and refer to the minutes from this point. b) Licensing Two HMO renewals, not objected to as per policy and the Drygate wish to decrease bar space by 1 sq metre to accommodate market stalls and a changing room, and increase capacity from 400 to 675. Deadline for objections is Feb 26th. There was a query about the licence for the closed Tote premises on Duke Street would automatically passing on. David Houston asked when we object, and it was explained this is when made aware of problems by residents, but bookies don't add value to the area. Wesley reminded everyone we receive processions information, currently only circulated to Stephen and Brian, but he will include others if requested. c) Correspondence i) Applications for the Queen's summer garden party in Edinburgh need to be submitted by Friday, and forms are very specific. We're offered 12 places. ii) Louise Thompson requested a follow-up to September's discussion about nursery provision. She will be asked to contribute to the public input section next month. Frank thought Councillor Docherty had confirmed the issue dealt with and all parties satisfied. iii) Dennistoun Diggers are organising three events with guest speakers at Redmonds starting on March 9th.
9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership The report Ruth circulated wasn't available noting only grants were discussed, but Brian recalls her saying it was a short meeting. Ruth Jackson will check the funding application deadline for community noticeboard project. b) Elected Members: Paul Stewart is SYP member for a neighbouring area, and a current SYP campaign is to pressure politicians to honour their commitment to eradicate child poverty by 2020. He liked David Houston's suggestion of meals for older residents and will circulate information. Stephen asked that we're added to the circulation list.
10. **A.O.B:** a) John announced unforeseen circumstance that can't be revealed mean it's no longer possible for community groups to hire the Gingerbread Hall. b) Stephen was phoned about the Evening Times Community Champions Awards and believes it's worthwhile submitting an application. Brian felt the awards all too often reward people for doing their jobs. c) The Big Lunch have announced June 7th as their day this year, but we don't have to stick with that. We can now register for packs. d) Claire McKechnie has a storytelling event at Coia's on Feb 16th from 6.30 to 9pm. e) David Houston suggested as a hustings event provided good public engagement during the referendum campaign it may work for DCC. It was explained we're constrained by guidance and have to be politically neutral. We've been previously chastised for promoting a political event in Partick. We could link to such an event, but not actively support it.

NEXT MEETING: 7pm Tuesday March 10th at venue to be confirmed. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.