



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 11/10/16

- Present:** John Bones (Chair), Stephen Birrell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members)
Dennistoun residents Linda Bell, Lauren Bennie, Chris Boyce Margaret Duncan, Rafal Malic, Esther McMillan, Rob McMillan and Carole Ure, Anne McLaughlin MP, John Mason MSP, PCs Joseph Keane, Ashleigh Kinghorn
- Apologies:** Lauren Amazeen, Alison Thewlis MP, Ivan McKee MSP, Councillors Greg Hepburn and Russell Robertson

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** Crimes reported since September 1st include 4 house break-ins and 3 car thefts, none of which have been detected. 3 of 7 assaults have been detected and 6 of 26 car number plate thefts. Those responsible for a robbery and assault in Alexandra Park have been caught. Thefts from shops have increased, and shops are advised to invest in CCTV.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Lauren Bennie asked about timescales for Councillors to respond to matters raised. Baillie McDougall and Councillor Robertson haven't reported back about the delayed parking consultation, raised at August's meeting. She was advised to contact them directly. Linda Bell and Margaret Duncan were concerned about the purchase of the old Golfhill School. It is a grade two listed building, and it's been reported development would retain the South facade. Brian explained that any consultation is likely to be a couple of months away, and a pre-planning application is a 12 week procedure. Wesley noted that adjacent residents have to be notified of a planning application. Anne McLaughlin had to leave early, but addressed Duke St Post Office's planned closure. It's been confirmed that and Springburn Crown Office are planned to close, but not before alternative premises had been located, These should be accessible and nearby, possibly within an existing shop on Duke St. John Mason noted premises are open longer after a similar closure in Baillieston. **Anne will follow-up for the next meeting.**
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6/8/16 and 13/9/16:** Former approved pending two minor changes and one addition. Latter approved without change. Nominations and seconding were Ruth and Brian and Stephen and Jane respectively.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Footpath repair – Frank compiled a list of outstanding repairs submitted via RALF at the end of May. He estimated between 15 and 20 locations, but some are noted as pending. As per timescales explained by Land Services he will follow up in mid-January. Wesley noted that assessments don't guarantee a repair. b) Representing Communities – **Stephen will write to Pete Seaman and Claire McKechnie-Mason about presenting at November's meeting.** He explained the project for the benefit of attending public. Wesley noted regular enquiries about social change in Dennistoun. c) Number 8 bus no longer runs to Shettleston and Carmyle, terminating at Parkhead. **John Mason will ask First Bus for a meeting,** as the service connected to Stobhill Hospital and promises were made about continuation. John M felt First Bus should be more open about usage and supply figures. Stephen mentioned a Get Glasgow Moving meeting to be held on Thursday. John M noted London's bus service costs £100 per head of population annually. Some felt this was reasonable. d) Charette Fund application – This was submitted, and while a decision was due on Friday 14th, there has been lots of interest so it may be delayed.
- DCC MEMBERSHIP:** We have 11 of 17 places filled. Some members don't attend and don't send apologies. **John will ask them for clarification.** It was agreed to solicit new

members, but if places remain unfilled we may reduce the total. It was clarified we're now halfway through a four year term, and any new members would serve for the remainder.

6. **ACTION PLAN:** Stephen to circulate modified document after Frank supplies minuted details of amendments. Stephen explained the Action Plan to attending public.
7. **FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £1779.22. Petty cash is £82.61
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: No concerns. Maintenance to various Milnbank Housing properties, display of Illuminated signs on TSB Duke St, alterations to shop front at 619 Duke St, and application for a driveway in Broompark St. b) Licensing: None received. c) Correspondence: i) Stephen circulates notifications received via DCC e-mail, and has responded to queries about the number 8 bus route and the post office closure. ii) It was asked if we'd received any information regarding the HMO mentioned in August. We don't get this as a matter of course, but our objections to HMOs are consistent.
9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: Meetings are now quarterly, but Ruth has submitted a report on blocked drains in the area via ECAP. b) Elected Members: i) Anne McLaughlin left a lengthy report, appended to the minutes, and supplied one from Ivan McKee MSP, also appended. ii) John Mason MSP has been in touch with Scot Rail about changes to the timetable through Bellgrove. Fewer trains now stop, they don't run every quarter hour to Edinburgh, this route finishes early at night, and it's more difficult to travel between stations in East Glasgow. Scot Rail agreed that only carrying out what was required via statutory consultation was a mistake, but noted all timetables are temporary until work has been completed on the electrification of the Glasgow to Falkirk line, now likely to be the end of next year. John passed on concerns, also including poor announcements in the whole area, and the timetable will be revised again in December.
Driving around schools is an issue, and Haddington have trialled a solution of operating a 30 minute exclusion zone every morning and afternoon. This, though is an issue for Glasgow Council. Parliament and Scottish Parliament are now in recess, but everything is informed by Brexit. Budgets for both parliaments will be delayed this year. One positive outcome of Brexit is the train franchise tendering may improve. John is now on the Economy and Transport committees. The top three council tax bands are to increase, but there will be no wholesale revaluation. 14 bills are to be introduced to the next parliament, including one extending the remit of abuse and violence cases back to 1964, and accounting for psychological as well as physical abuse. Lauren Bennie asked about use of the Council Tax increase to fund the education budget increases. This will still be spent locally, and the breakdown of Council funding is 80% from government and 20% from Council Tax. Some councils fear the block grant will be adjusted to their detriment, and a lot of politics is involved. Carol Ure asked about a mechanism to check plastic bag tax was being donated to good causes. This isn't a legal obligation, so it's not monitored. Many smaller shops may not be doing so, but larger chains promote their efforts. John B noted communities can involve themselves via company websites.
10. **A.O.B:** a) It was agreed to obtain two more quotes for the reprinted Day Out in Dennistoun leaflet. Only one attending member of the public had seen it, and they work in the library. It was agreed in principle to fund this from the DCC budget, but pending if we're successful with the Charette bid, as some of that has been committed to matched funding. The distribution of the current leaflet was explained. The interactive ap will soon be available on Dennistoun Online and linked to from the DCC website, from where a PDF version can be downloaded. b) John proposed changing the agenda to move the elected member reports nearer the start on the basis that they can't always attend the entire meeting. It was agreed in principle by majority, but to be monitored to avoid the allocated time running on.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday November 8th, at Whitehill School Library. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.