

General Meeting

7pm on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at Whitehill Secondary School

Members Present: Jacqueline Munro (Chair), Paul Lafferty, Wesley Wright, Sean Kelly, Russell Snowden, John Bones, Claire Rennie, Jane Clarke, Ruth Johnston, Brian Johnston, Catherine McKenna

In Attendance: Councillors: Allan Casey
 Members of the Public: There were 16 members of the public present
 Police: 2 Officers were present
 Deborah Hamilton: Community Links Practitioner Drs. Lynas/Dunn + Alliance
 Angela Morgan: Alexandra Park Festival

Apologies: Members: Mary Wallace, Stephen Birrell, Lauren Bennie, Lauren Amazeen
 Dennistoun Diggers: Elena Trimarchi
 John Mason MSP
 Ivan McKee MSP
 Cllr Kim Long
 Paul Sweeney MP

Agenda Item	Discussion Main Points	Action & Person Responsible
1. Police Report	<p>There were 5 incidents of housebreaking; 3 were through an unlocked window and 2 forced entry. Generally, the area has a good detection rate for housebreaking.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour in Haghill/Alexandra Parade. This has improved recently; police are receiving fewer calls though would still encourage residents to phone 101.</p> <p>Bonfire Action plan went well though Aberfeldy Street was an issue.</p> <p>Police are meeting with Reidvale Tenants Association re. drugs issue in Bathgate Street.</p> <p>Police have made contact with Friends of the Necropolis and are looking at increased patrols.</p> <p>There was an issue with quad bikes on Royston Rd.</p> <p>There have been some rough sleepers in the area. Police are passing on information to Homelessness and Addiction case workers who carry out follow up visits to reported sites.</p> <p>With regard to contacting Police, the number for members of the public is 101 though there is a direct line for Community Councilors.</p>	
2. Elected Members	Cllr Casey:	

<p>Update</p>	<p>Parking walkabout took place with Parking and Traffic Sub-Committee, Cllr. Long and representatives from both City Parking and LES. Awaiting officers' report but the feeling was that officers weren't aware of the full scale of the issue in Dennistoun. Parking officer indicated that Dennistoun will be subject to an enhanced enforcement action in the coming months.</p> <p>The Chair pointed out that any future invites to walkabouts should be routed through the Secretary. Cllr Casey indicated that any other parties would be welcome to join in future walkabouts; they just need to contact him beforehand.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that an evening walkabout might be useful as some parts of the area have more issues in the evening as opposed to during the day. Cllr Casey stated that there are now more enforcement officers operating in the evening so that should have some impact on illegal parking.</p> <p>There was also a meeting arranged with Cllr Richardson who is the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction. This meeting was attended by Cllr Casey and the Parking and Traffic Sub-Committee. The Chair read out the feedback from the meeting. Dennistoun is priority 3 in terms of permit schemes and this meeting may go some way pushing it up the priority list. With a new administration in place, there may be some scope to adjust the priority status of Dennistoun.</p> <p>There was also an article in the Evening Times highlighting the issues.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Celtic Park event day parking plan is going to have a greater impact on Dennistoun.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised the need for residents to report any parking issues.</p> <p>Cllr. Casey read out some statistics from the latest Environmental Task Force Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 505 bulk uplift requests • 106 incidents of graffiti removed • 194 reports of fly-tipping <p>Cllr Casey is happy to take up any issues of street-lighting in the area.</p>	
<p>3. AGM Minutes</p>	<p>Proposed by Sean Kelly and seconded by Brian Johnson.</p>	
<p>4. Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Proposed by Russell Snowden and seconded by John Bones.</p>	
<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Dennistoun Diggers event is confirmed for the 9th December.</p> <p>We are awaiting confirmation re. the invite to LES to attend a future DCC meeting.</p>	

	<p>Jewitt and Wilkie update: they have acknowledged the issue of site security but the responsibility lies with City Properties.</p> <p>They have also received a letter from the City Council asking them to respond to 19 specific points; this includes all the points raised by DCC. All this information is available on the Council Planning Portal.</p>	
<p>6. HMOs – do we still want to automatically object to them?</p>	<p>DCC agreed in September 2011 to automatically object to new HMOs in the area. Is this still a position we wish to maintain?</p> <p>It was agreed that we would look at any relevant statistics and the criteria on which the original decision was made before making any changes.</p> <p>Brian agreed to investigate the previous criteria and see there are any useful stats available.</p> <p>Issue will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Brian to look at criteria and HMO stats).</p>
<p>7. Planning Application: 100 Finlay Drive</p>	<p>There was considerable discussion about the proposed development with significant input from the members of the public present.</p> <p>The proposal is for 31 flats over 5 storeys (though the top storey penthouse flats are over 2 levels so it is in effect a 6 storey building). There are 8 parking spaces in the proposal which may be assigned to individual flats rather than being communal (proposal was unclear on this).</p> <p>Main points raised were:</p> <p>Proposal is not in keeping with the area</p> <p>Proposal will block sunlight for existing properties</p> <p>Proposal may just be the start and there will be further expansion of this type of development</p> <p>Concern about the effect on existing tenements during the building phase: potential damage</p> <p>Concern re. safety of school children during building phase</p> <p>Concern re. proposed parking and access</p> <p>Concern re. sewage and refuse systems for the new building</p> <p>Concern re. impact on recycling provision in the area</p> <p>Concern that the Neighbour Notification was very strictly observed –it only went to those directly affected.</p> <p>Concern that 31 flats on the site is overdevelopment.</p> <p>Concern that the developers appear to be a new company with no real track record of development.</p> <p>It was noted that most people were not against the idea of a development on the site; their concerns are about the specific development proposed.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the development might be a good place to site a 3rd Co-wheels (car-sharing scheme)</p>	<p>Chair to submit objections/comment s on behalf of DCC after discussion with Brian Johnson</p>

	<p>parking spot.</p> <p>At the time of the meeting, there are 21 objections lodged so the proposal will go to review.</p> <p>The idea of a Community Council objection was put to the vote and passed unanimously (11 votes for, none against with no abstentions).</p> <p>The ground for objection are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Proposal is not in keeping with the area • Restriction of light • Over-development of the site. <p>Comments will also be made re:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling issue • Sewage system • Factoring arrangements • Health and Safety and traffic concerns during the building phase • Co-wheels space. <p>It was agreed that the Chair would submit the objections/comments after discussion with Brian</p>	
<p>8. Chair’s Reports:</p>	<p>This will come off the DCC Action Plan as it has been completed. We have a proper distribution list, an induction pack and meetings are booked right through 2018.</p>	
<p>9. Public Input</p>	<p>Glasgow App: a member of the public tried using the app to raise an issue re. lighting. Their experience was not very good. Cllr Casey is aware of the issue. It was suggested that raising a complaint through the City Council website might be the next step. Complaint section is part of the “Contact us” section on the front page of the City Council website.</p> <p>Bin shelters: a member of the public raised the issue of damaged bin shelters which meant that the bins were exposed to the elements and local wildlife. Unfortunately, the up-keep of bin shelters is the owners’ responsibility not the Council; possibly could be taken up with factors. The upcoming rollout of the new bins in Dennistoun may go some way to dealing with this issue in the long-term.</p> <p>Alexandra Park Festival: The people who currently make the festival happen are having to review their involvement and may not be able to commit the necessary time to make the Festival happen next year. Looking for support from DCC particularly around holding of funding.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that: DCC is happy to support the festival but is unable to hold</p>	<p>DCC will link into the plans for Alexandra Park Festival with some members (John Bones and possibly others) being active members of the</p>

	<p>any monies. DCC would consider being an associate member of any Festival Steering Group and some individual members of DCC are keen to be member of any Steering Group that is set up.</p> <p>Community Links Worker: Deborah Hamilton introduced herself. She is the new Community Links worker based with Drs. Lynas/Dunn in the Bridgeton Health Centre. Her role is to link the GP Practice with community activities/projects/groups that would benefit patients of the Practice.</p> <p>AirBnB: a member of the public raised the issue of AirBnB properties in the area – specifically the additional refuse associated with this and the fact that it is not disposed of correctly. This led into a general discussion about the lack of regulation around AirBnB. Cllr Casey agreed to look into current regulation and any proposals re. future regulation.</p>	<p>Steering Group</p> <p>Cllr Casey to look into AirBnB regulation</p>
10. Reports	<p>Planning: Brian updated on current planning applications:</p> <p>235 Alexandra Parade (Tartan Lodge):Erection of two storey side extension 148 Wishart Street: Erection of single storey building as Takeaway/snack bar 100 Finlay Drive: discussed above 15 Whitehill Court: Erection of single storey extension</p> <p>Dennistoun Area Partnership: Report has been circulated. Funding has been agreed for DCC subject to some conditions.</p> <p>Finance Report: £1527.30 in bank account £32.39 in petty cash. £30 donation to Salvation Army was agreed for allowing us to use their premises at short notice last meeting. We are in the process of changing banks; treasurer will liaise with other office bearers.</p> <p>Licensing: Automatic objection to proposed new HMO. No objections to 2 existing HMOs.</p>	
11. Correspondence	No correspondence was discussed at the meeting.	
12. A.O.B.	None	
13. Date of next meeting	Tuesday 12 th December 7pm. Whitehill Secondary School	