

General Meeting

7pm on Tuesday 12th June at Milnbank HA Community Flat, 1 Culloden Street, G31 3NX

Members Present: Lauren Bennie, Jane Clarke, Sean Kelly, Russell Snowdon, Wesley Wright, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Angela Bretherton, (Chair) Mary Wallace,

In Attendance: Councillors; Alan Casey, Elaine McDougall, Kim Long
 Police representatives; Officer Craig Davies and Officer Chris Smith from the Local Problem-Solving Team. Eleanor Dennistoun Diggers. 8 members of the public were present

Apologies: Steven Birrell Paul Lafferty, Clare Rennie, Ivan McKee, Paul Sweeney, Robert Connelly

| Agenda Item | Discussion Main Points | Action & Person Responsible |
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| Police Report | <p>3 violent incidents, 10 housebreaking incidents</p> <p>Police acknowledged that there had been a spike in the number of housebreaking incidents within the area. It was however highlighted that individuals were currently in custody and it was hoped this would result in a significant reduction in the number of incidents in the future.</p> <p>Bike related crime has seen a reduction in the last month. This was attributed to the good weather and the fact individuals were using their bikes more. Again, concerns mainly centre around opportunistic crime and individuals leaving bikes unattended within communal areas in closes.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the current worrying perception within the local area that crime has risen dramatically. Elected members, Community Councillors and members of the public raised this. Various specific incidents within the area were highlighted. This included a violent incident within the Meadowpark area and an incident within Armadale St.</p> <p>The Police acknowledged that there did seem to be a worrying perception that crime was rising significantly but commented that 84 crimes had been reported/recorded this month and that this was consistent with other months. It was agreed that figures would be provided regarding the last 6-12 months to ascertain if there was an increased trend or if there was a more consistent overall picture.</p> | |

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| | <p>A member of the public enquired how figures within Dennistoun compared to other areas? The Police highlighted that due to the density of housing, Dennistoun did experience a higher level of housebreakings than some other areas, but that each area had their own individual difficulties and their own crime profile.</p> | |
| <p>Elected Members Update</p> | <p>Councillor Casey Kennyhill Square; Recent meeting with the proposed developer. This was a good meeting but as yet, there does not seem to be firm plans in place. A future meeting to be arranged. Finlay Drive; A new application has been received and this will go to the Planning Committee on the 19th of June. John Knox St; Permission has been given for change of function and the public toilet is to become coffee shop/restaurant.</p> <p>Park Festival; Work is ongoing and a planning meeting is scheduled for the 14th of June. A general discussion developed re financing of the festival, content, entertainment and stalls etc. It was agreed that a further breakdown of proposed spending will be brought to a future community council meeting for approval.</p> <p>Parking Issues; This is a perennial issue and Cllr Casey highlighted that discussions were still ongoing regarding the difficulties within the local area. A meeting to discuss these issues has been scheduled and he is due to attend. He did highlight that the Transport Bill is proposing to make pavement parking illegal. It was recognised that this is no quick fix and that it will in turn create a number of other attendant difficulties.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion developed around parking and road related difficulties within the area, with Community Councillors highlighting incidents within Golfhill Drive, Armadale St and Duke St. Concerns were also raised re safety, speeding and the conditions of roads within the local area and particularly speeding issues within Armadale St and Duke St. It was agreed that the Community Council would formally request that, speeds be monitored/checked within the worst affected areas, on a weekly basis. In terms of the resurfacing of roads, a list of roads where work will commence has just been released. A number of streets these streets are within the local area.</p> <p>St Dennis' School Visit; As part of a rolling programme re raising awareness of road safety issue, both Cllr Casey and Cllr Long visited the school to lend their support.</p> | <p>Community Council to formally request speed checks to be started within the area.</p> |

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| | <p>Alexandra School visit; The school is currently involved in fundraising to provide a new pitch. Both Cllr Casey and Cllr Long visited the school to give their support</p> <p>Bins; The pilot is to last approximately 6 weeks and then it will be reviewed. It seems that public 'drop-in' events will be arranged at various locations. This includes one at the Parkhead Forge.</p> <p>Cllr Kim Long; Cllr Long concurred with Cllr Casey and was able to confirm involvement in many of the issues raised by the Cllr Casey. This includes various visits around the constituency and attendance at various events.</p> <p>Cllr Long also highlighted that she has been involved in matters regarding the proposed change to Glasgow airport's flight path. Changes have been made to regulations which now means there is more time to organise a challenge to the proposed new flight path. Cllr Long commented that she is currently awaiting further information and will keep the Community Council apprised of what is happening with this.</p> <p>Cllr Long also highlighted her involvement in two very difficult cases. One of these cases involves a constituent who is the victim of human trafficking and is currently awaiting deportation.</p> <p>Cllr Elaine McDougall; Cllr McDougall again concurred with Cllr Casey regarding the events and types of issues that she, as an elected member, had been involved in, eg parking, road safety, planning, bins etc.</p> <p>Cllr McDougall also spoke at length regarding the issue with crime in the area. Cllr McDougall highlighted frustrations with how matters are dealt with and commented that she has written to the PF raising these issues. She is currently awaiting a reply.</p> | |
| Previous Minutes | No changes noted, and minutes were proposed by Jane Clark and seconded by Angela Bretherton. Minutes subsequently approved. | |
| Matters Arising | Alexandra Park Festival; This generated a lengthy discussion re transparency and the importance of the Community Council having a more in-depth breakdown of how exactly the money, secured on the Festival's behalf, was to be spent. Given governance issues, without this breakdown, the community council will be unable to release funding. | Angela to submit relevant financial report/Funding Plan. |

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| | <p>Community Councillor Bretherton (Chair) outlined what was currently happening with the Festival and agreed to provide the Council with a fuller breakdown of the figures and who was receiving this funding, for the next meeting of the Community Council.</p> <p>DCC's input for the festival was also discussed. A vote was taken, and unanimous support was given to the proposal to secure the services of a face painter for the DCC stall. It was agreed that funding of approximately one to one hundred and fifty pounds should be made available.</p> <p>Emergency Life Line Phones; It was agreed that no decision would be made until further information received.</p> <p>Mural re Dennistoun resident Scott Hutchison; Due to the extremely busy nature of tonight's meeting there was not enough time to devote to this matter. It was agreed this would be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p>DCS feedback on the new street bins; Again, due to time constraints, it was agreed that this matter would not be discussed. Information will duly be distributed to Community Councillors for further consideration.</p> | |
| <p>Public Input</p> | <p>This meeting was particularly well attended by local residents. Issues raised mainly related to crime. One member of the public highlighted the presence of suspicious individuals within the Westercraig area. Community Councillors highlighted the importance of reporting any and all such concerns to the local police. Another member of the public commented that in relation to housebreakings, having listened to the Police, that she felt more reassured that matters were being taken seriously. She commented that the public were possibly unaware of what was happening and that as a result it was important for public awareness to be raised. Community Councillors agreed, but also highlighted the efforts that were being made to do this. This included the Public Notice Boards that were being planned for various locations throughout Dennistoun.</p> <p>A number of residents from Kennyhill Square were also in attendance. Concerns were again raised re the proposed development and the current, resulting issues within the area. Photographs highlighting current concerns were provided.</p> <p>A resident from Harcourt Drive raised concerns re a rat infestation. CC Ruth Johnstone highlighted that this was concern</p> | |

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| | <p>for the Conservation Area and commented that monitoring of this area had also shown a worrying increase in the amount of drug paraphernalia that was being discovered. Cllr Casey indicated that he would speak directly to this member of the public regarding her concerns.</p> | |
| <p>Reports: Finance/DAP/Sub-Committees</p> | <p>Finance; Petty cash £32.27, Bank Account £4436.75, £3000 of these monies relates to the funding earmarked for the forthcoming Park Festival.</p> <p>Jane confirmed that the transfer from RBS to TSB is now in hand.</p> <p>Jane also highlighted that DCC has not yet received the annual administration grant. Given this could negatively impact upon DCC's insurance etc., Jane will contact Lawrence O'Neil (Community Engagement Officer for GCC) to discuss this matter.</p> <p>Heritage; Nothing to report. No meeting as yet.</p> <p>Strategic Comms; Remit will be emailed to DCC members for approval.</p> <p>Environmental; This subcommittee is scheduled to meet in August.</p> <p>A closed meeting of DCC is due to take place in August and it is hoped that issues relating to the Duke St Project etc., will be under discussion.</p> <p>2018 Scheme of Establishment; The 2nd phase regarding the demarcation of area boundaries is due to be circulated. It is anticipated that this will result in numerous objections</p> | |
| <p>Correspondence</p> | <p>Correspondence received from a student from the Glasgow School of Art. It was agreed she would be contacted and invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>A journalist has also been in contact regarding talking to the Community Council. Currently awaiting further information before proceeding with this.</p> <p>Planning Application received for 2 industrial units. No objections raised.</p> <p>Golfhill School and Finlay Drive; Both matters still under consideration.</p> <p>Abattoir Site; Plans ongoing, an application now submitted for infrastructure development and demolition of two listed sheds. Consultation re master plan for the site</p> | |

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| | <p>formally closing on the 15th of June.</p> <p>Kennyhill Square; As previously discussed. No formal plans formally submitted, but meetings ongoing.</p> <p>Licensing; Only request received was in relation to the Alexandra Park Festival. Approval given.</p> | |
| Any Other Business | <p>Ruth highlighted that an email had been received from former DCC member John Bones. It was agreed the Chair would respond to this email.</p> <p>Given the large numbers of the public in attendance at tonight's meeting and the fact that the running order of the meeting meant their issues were not discussed until later, it was agreed running Order of the meeting should be amended. It is hoped such an amendment will better facilitate public involvement.</p> | <p>Angela to respond to email.</p> <p>This was raised by Ruth, Wesley and various other CClr's. To be reviewed at future meeting.</p> |
| Date of Next Meeting | <p>Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7pm – Milnbank HA Community Flat, 1 Culloden Street, G31 3NX</p> | |