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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:30 – 21:00, Tuesday 13 October 2020

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Lauren Bennie (LB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Jonathan Deans (JD); Elaine Docherty (ED); Deborah Hamilton (DH); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Valery Tough (VT); Mary Wallace (MW); David Williams (DW); Wesley Wright (WW) *[Minute taker]*

Others Present: Anne McLaughlin MP; John Mason MSP; Cllr Kim Long; Cllr Elaine McDougall; 5x members of the public; Anthony Carroll (Co-op Community rep); Lauren Gilmore (Glasgow Times).

ACTION

1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Welcome and thanks for attending.

Apologies: Cllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Paul Lavery (PL); Ivan McKee MSP; Cllr Allan Casey.

2 Approval of previous minutes and meeting notes

Minutes of 14 July 2020 ordinary meeting. Proposed by DH; Seconded by LB.

Meeting Notes of 11 August 2020 planning meeting. Add note that September meeting was not quorate. Proposed by JD; seconded by VT.

3 Matters Arising

a. Local/Current Issues

SCDC Workshops and Review of our area / [Place Standard Tool](#) >>> Not viable in current circumstances. Placed on hold.

Bank account signatory changes >>> AB to investigate an in-person resolution at an RBS branch. AB/JD

Noticeboard installation >>> Have been purchased, but LB received an email from VHE advising that they are off-site, creating difficulties with installation. VHE were also hoping for a press/photo opportunity. Storage is also a potential issue. Discussion amongst Cllrs suggested approaching Milnbank HA/other HA/Haghill School/Tennents for a potential resolution. LB

Interim election for three of five vacancies >>> On hold until circumstances permit otherwise.

Co-ordination/discussion between local groups via Zoom conference/meeting >>> On hold.

Enquiry regarding potential mural on wall at Amore on Alexandra Parade >>> Continue comms through Facebook. LB

Pesticide concerns >>> No news on this. Will be re-raised as applicable.

Booking fees paid but unused to be rolled over for future bookings >>> ED keeping track. No outstanding action.

b. Space For Distancing/Active Travel

Awaiting response to written follow-up request submitted to Cllr Casey/Cllr Long for latest info on the following (see end of minutes attachment 1 for full text): Cllr Casey /Cllr Long

- Footway/pavement parking
 - Restricted parking zone
 - Shared on-street private bins
 - On-street secure cycle parking lockers (see update from Cllr Long in item 6 below)
 - Space for distancing: encroaching vegetation
 - Space for distancing: footway widening
 - Space for distancing: cycling
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c. Streetscape Maintenance

1 Sep - Written request and follow-up submitted to all Dennistoun and Calton Ward Cllrs for info on the following (see end of minutes attachment 2 for full text):

- Flooding and standing water
- Areas around cycle racks
- Carriageway condition on duke street and adjoining roads
- Footway condition along duke street

All Ward
22 and
Ward 9
Cllrs

15 Sep - Cllr Connelly forwarded an officer response noting removal of multiple items of fly tipping from within the areas mentioned and from within the general Dennistoun area; also relocation of litter bin causing an obstruction on Duke Street at the bus stop at the top of Annbank Street; also arrangements in place to attend/investigate various blocked gullies and undertake works as required. Duke Street and the adjoining road approaches are not included within this year's carriageway surfacing programme as *"although there are sections within the carriageway surface that are showing signs of wear, tear and surface failure at the moment the surface is safe."* No plans in place to undertake footway surfacing within Duke Street this year as *"there are no immediate safety issues for users. Although the footway within Duke Street that may require attention there is other footways within the city in need of more urgent attention."*

4 Oct - DCC responded requesting more detail, and input from all Cllrs (see end of minutes attachment 2 for full text).

12 Oct - Cllr McDougall forwarded an officer response noting that *"gully cleaning at the locations listed below are on a programme showing the completion date as 23rd October 2020. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the current COVID-19 pandemic the completion date may change."* Also, info on the Roads Investment Strategy. Also *"plans relating to a proposed Low Traffic Neighbourhood for the Dennistoun area are currently being developed and will be shared once they are completed. It is our hope that these plans will be finalised within the next 2-3 weeks. With regards to a pop up cycle lane on Duke Street, I believe this proposal was raised several months ago, however, due to the number of existing businesses along Duke Street, it was decided that Duke Street would not be suitable for a pop up cycle lane and that decision remains unchanged at this time."*

Glasgow Life Venues

- AB is to attend a Save Whitehill Pool meeting on 15 Oct to find out more. AB

- Ivn McKee acknowledged issues with reopening but confirmed that dialogue is ongoing throughout Covid situation.

- Cllr Long cited a financial shortfall of ~£25m.

- Anne McLaughlin noted support for re-opening all Dennistoun venues.

- There has been a ScotGov announcement of cash, but no GCC confirmation of whether GL is covered, although the Council leader has called for no library closures.

- To be taken forward by a working group or sub-committee, pending AB update.

Coias and Parking

- Although persistent and dangerous parking is evident at the corner of Whitehill St and Duke St due to vehicles associated with Coias, the problem is more widespread, so the best course of action is to seek the enforcement that's evidently missing (and which would likely have knock-on improvements in the vicinity also).

TSB Closure

- Anne McLaughlin met with TSB to discuss the announced closure. Perception was that no change of mind is likely. Some intimation of usage of space for community purposes – proposals are invited.

5 Public Input

A proposal for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood, based on info here:
dashedlines.uk/cycling/dont-let-parking-controls-block-cycling-in-dennistoun

DCC agreed to promote the proposal by writing in support, to Cllr Richardson (City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction).

WW

Co-Op Member Pioneer for North East Glasgow spoke, offering support where possible.

Contact: anthony.carroll@coopmembers.co.uk

6 Elected Members

Ivan McKee MSP

- Offered assistance with bank account issues if required.
- First meeting to discuss possible Traders' Association was received positively and a swift follow-up has been arranged. May work towards a BID, but alternative options may be determined as preferable.

Cllr Long

- Supported the Low Traffic Neighbourhood proposal and intent to write directly to Cllr Richardson.
- In response to increased traffic to the Alexandra Park Sports Hub, improved signage was requested and has been installed.
- Community-led Social Enterprise feasibility study.
- Cycle Storage – tender went out before the March lockdown, but there were problems with all responses, but issues have been resolved and this is now confirmed as going ahead, timescale and locations TBC.
- Has been pressing for temporary cycle lanes on Duke St between High St and Bellgrove St.
- Regarding traffic at schools and associated parking problems, an LTN trial in Dennistoun has been proposed and raised with Cllr Richardson and the Head of Roads.

Cllr McDougall

- Noted gully cleaning plans (see item 3 above).
- Updated on Covid response.
- Noted Milnbank Food Pantry (pop-up) in the Alexandra Park Sports Hub.
- Update with positive news on drugs detections; curfews and patrols noted; also response to antisocial behaviour in Haghill and Park area helped in part by Milnbank HA-funded police.
- Commented on potential phone-box 'library' pop-up at the park.

Anne McLaughlin

- Has raised the issue of the potential for mobile banks in urban areas (where they are typically seen as a solution in rural areas with low provision).
- Noted an awareness campaign in response to the £7.7m in pension credit unclaimed annually.
- Pushing for cuts to Universal Credit to be abandoned.
- Noted good results with welfare and immigration cases and invited referrals for support on those issues.
- CAB funding being pursued.

7 Sub-committees

Ratifying subcommittees/Slack/potential projects and topics to add to agendas – ED provided a brief summary but time did not permit in-depth discussion of this item. To be discussed before/ at next meeting, as required. Cllrs are encouraged to be proactive.

8 Officer Updates

a. Treasurer

- Signatories: see item 3 above.
- Current account balance of £2285.24 (figure accounts for cheque for web hosting).
- Petty cash balance of £21.91 (figure accounts for Zoom payment).

b. Secretary

- Enquiry about various maintenance issues at corner of Armadale Street and Duke Street.

c. Planning and Licensing

Written summary from BJ:

August (planning): Site to the north of Melbourne Street on Duke Street - installation of a

borefield to supply thermal energy to adjacent Brewery Site
September (licensing): Renewal of late hours catering licence, restaurant, 11 Marne Street.
October (licensing): Variation of premises licence Lidl, Duke Street, to amend layout of alcohol sales area and increase off sales capacity.
HMOs: No new applications received

d. Dennistoun Area Partnerships

- Update circulated via email.

9 Any Other Business

- LB has been working in a personal capacity with Golfhill Primary Parent Council to produce graphic designs and press release for their upcoming Big Dennistoun Pumpkin Trail. They have produced an app to allow kids and adults to walk round and spot pumpkins in local area. They have asked that DCC endorse/promote this community activity.
- LB attended the Whitehill Secondary Parent Council EGM and AGM following their correspondence to DCC. I introduced DCC to the Parent Council and shared our contact details. Jane Clarke sits on the WS Parent Council and also knows when to reach out to us.
- Dennistoun Pumpkin Trail - people encouraged to decorate their windows for Hallowe'en and post pics on our Facebook page.

Comms

10 Note of Next Meeting

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 10th November 2020, online via Zoom.
Planning Meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 8th December 2020, online via Zoom.
Agenda for Ordinary meeting will be circulated, and published to Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates.
Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.

ALL

ATTACHED ON FOLLOWING PAGES:

- 1. Follow-up request to Cllr Casey/Cllr Long for update on Space for Distancing/active travel**
- 2. Enquiry to all Dennistoun and Calton Cllrs regarding streetscape maintenance**
- 3. Follow-up to all Dennistoun and Calton Cllrs regarding streetscape maintenance**

1. FOLLOW-UP REQUEST TO CLLR CASEY/CLLR LONG FOR UPDATE ON SPACE FOR DISTANCING/ACTIVE TRAVEL

FOOTWAY/PAVEMENT PARKING

Further to [the financial memorandum of the Bill, which can be seen here](#) (flagged by John Masons office), the following specific questions require an answer from GCC:

- Funding (paras 154, 181 and 183) - ***Does GCC concur that the system will be self-financing, (including signage/marketing and staff costs being met by the revenue generated through enforcement)?***
- Exemption Audit (para 161) - ***Is this information already held? If not, will there be any delay incurred whilst it is compiled? Are any exemption orders planned (in particular within the DCC area)?***
- Consultation/Public Inquiry Arising from Objections to Proposed Exemption Orders (para 170) - ***If exemption orders are planned and objected to, what is the anticipated timescale for carrying out all the necessary procedures?***

RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE

[Latest update on the GCC website is from March 2020.](#) ***When's the consultation due?***

SHARED ON-STREET PRIVATE BINS

Cllrs Casey and Long have expressed support for the proposal that, where required instead of back court wheelie bins, these should be sited on carriageways. Apparently the matter will be put to consultation at some point. ***What's the timeline?***

ON-STREET SECURE CYCLE PARKING LOCKERS

Latest update was that the tender is currently on hold due to coronavirus. ***What's the timeline for this?***

SPACE FOR DISTANCING: ENCROACHING VEGETATION

After [our initial enquiry](#), all Cllrs were provided with [a follow-up report of examples](#). Cllr Casey suggested a full review of this being undertaken by officers, with formal notices being issued where required. ***Why has there been no evident progress on this on the ground? Will there be a widespread effort to have hedges cut back to the heel of the footway to fully free up space (with resources allocated to following up and dealing with instances of non-compliance)? If not, why not?***

SPACE FOR DISTANCING: FOOTWAY WIDENING

[Duke Street has been published in phase 3 of the SfD programme.](#) ***When will it be implemented?***

SPACE FOR DISTANCING: CYCLING

We've suggested that a link down Bellgrove St and Abrcromby St to the Green/Clyde Street/Broomielaw pop-up ought to be easily achieved and would introduce a network effect. Other opportunities exist (e.g. other locations, modal filtering). Cllrs have noted that these schemes are being rolled out under delegated powers, so GCC officers have been making many of these decisions without formally engaging with Cllrs, CCs or communities. ***Is there any possibility at all of any cycling provision being implemented that would directly serve Dennistoun?*** Cllr Long has said that she strongly supports provision for cycling along Duke Street, where the Avenue has been planned between High Street and Bellgrove. ***Is Duke Street being considered for implementation of a temporary scheme?***

2. ENQUIRY TO ALL DENNISTOUN AND CALTON CLLRS REGARDING STREETScape MAINTENANCE (1 SEP)

FLOODING AND STANDING WATER

Issues persist, despite multiple carriageway and footway gully cleaning requests and reports, stretching back months, in DCC meetings and by individuals. Specific noted locations include (but are by no means limited to):

- Duke Street north footway gully, East of Armadale Street (at Mesa cafe)
- Duke Street south footway gully, west of Whitevale Street (at TSB Bank)
- Duke Street south footway gully, east of Garfield Street (at Palais Pub)
- Duke Street carriageway gullies, **at all locations in parking spaces at buildouts** between Bellgrove Street and Cumbernauld Road
- Gallowgate, gully at south side of pedestrian crossing near Sword Street
- Melbourne Street carriageway gully, at Wellpark Street
- Barrack Street carriageway gully, at Wellpark Street

When will these longstanding known issues be resolved?

AREAS AROUND CYCLE RACKS

It's good that there's been an expansion in provision recently, but they are frequently encroached upon by recycling bins, poor placement of litter bins, commercial rubbish bags, fly tipping, etc. Locations include (but are not limited to):

- Corner of Armadale Street and Duke Street (this corner area is regularly a midden)
- Duke Street at bus stop at top of Annbank Street (poor litter bin placement in relation to the cycle rack, bus stop and concrete bollards results in blocked lines of access for pedestrians)
- Alexandra Parade, outside Amore restaurant/take away (this area can be a magnet for fly-tipping also)

What will be done to prevent the recurring problems of cycle racks being crowded out by ?

CARRIAGEWAY CONDITION ON DUKE STREET AND ADJOINING ROADS

This has been mentioned in various previous meetings and via numerous online reports, going back many months. The situation continues to deteriorate noticeably as the weeks and months pass.

- Very poor carriageway condition on the junction point and approach of all residential side streets joining Duke Street between High Street and Millerston Street/Cumbernauld Road (Havannah Street, MSCP access, and recent resurfacing of Hillfoot Street excepted). The carriageway is extensively potholed in all these locations, presenting a severe hazard for pedestrians crossing, for cyclists turning, and for visibility of road markings (contributing to an increased likelihood of cars parking on double yellows, hampering visibility and creating further difficulty for pedestrians crossing).
- Very poor on almost all areas of the Duke Street carriageway between High Street and Millerston Street/Cumbernauld Road (excepting the most recently resurfaced section done in 2014, from John Knox Street to Bellgrove Street). The pedestrian crossing between Whitehill Street and Garfield Street is particularly poor, but by no means an isolated case. Cycling along Duke Street requires constant evasive action to pick a route that avoids severe ruts, potholes, and failed reinstatements. It is suggested that the whole length and width of Duke Street between Bellgrove Street/Westercraigs and Millerston Street/Cumbernauld Road requires a programme of full resurfacing, it being beyond the point where localised patching could be credibly proposed.

Has resurfacing of Duke Street and the adjoining road approaches been scheduled with an anticipated date for completion? If not, can they be confirmed as schemes requiring priority attention as soon as possible?

FOOTWAY CONDITION ALONG DUKE STREET

- The footway condition along the remaining Duke Street sections not resurfaced two or three years ago is poor. In particular the concrete surfaces between Bellgrove Street/Westercraigs and Millerston Street/Cumbernauld Road.

When was the last condition survey of these locations carried out, what was the categorisation/priority level

given to them, and what is the anticipated date for resurfacing of these remaining sections?

3. FOLLOW-UP TO ALL DENNISTOUN AND CALTON CLLRS REGARDING STREETScape MAINTENANCE (4 OCT)

Further to our email dated 1 September:-

Officer inspections and responses to the issues raised are acknowledged and appreciated. Though, where "arrangements are in place" for work to take place - in this case, gully cleaning - a date for completion ought to be provided so that progress can be monitored and follow-up correspondence issued if required.

Further, it is surely reasonable for DCC to expect Cllr advocacy where reasonable specific issues are raised directly with them. We had the option of writing directly to land@glasgow.gov.uk if we were seeking nothing more than officer comments. It's acknowledged that this is happening in some instances, but to acknowledge that, DCC needs to be made aware by way of response to correspondence or an update in advance of our meetings.

With that in mind, do you think that the Duke Street carriageway and footway are acceptable (as opposed to "safe" in the technical/legal sense - which is essentially nothing more than an officer noting that a defect does not require a temporary repair response within 24 hrs)? Are you willing to actively push for our carriageways and footways to offer something better than the absolute legal bare minimum level of provision (or already doing so)?

If the issue here is impossibly tight maintenance budgets, then can Dennistoun have some Council attention given to developing schemes which are provided for by other funding sources? E.g. the various Sustrans-administered active travel funding streams which provide for permanent streetscape and infrastructure upgrades. Not just focussing on Duke Street, either, but throughout and adjacent to the DCC area. There are numerous projects of this nature being planned and implemented throughout the city, but scant, if any, word on anything for Dennistoun. To be clear, this is about much more than a few parking bays on Duke Street being barriered off to provide temporary footway space (at some still yet to be determined date).

The next DCC meeting is on 13th October and your response regarding the above in advance of that meeting would be appreciated.