



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Dennistoun Community Council

### Ordinary Meeting

#### MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 09 February 2021

Online, via Zoom

**Cllrs Present** Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB) [*Chair*]; Steven Campbell (SC); 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:** Cllr Kim Long; Jack Hanington and Caroline Robertson (Living Rent); 4x members of the public.

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</b> Welcome and thanks for attending. Apologies: John Mason MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP	
<b>2 Minutes of 12 January 2021 ordinary meeting</b> MSP/MP typo noted and corrected. Proposed by DH; Seconded by WW.	
<b>3 Matters Arising</b> - <i>Glasgow Life Venues</i> >>> Pleased that Dennistoun Library is planned to open back up soon. DH has enquired about deeds and has been given a drawing, but needs to investigate further. AB reported communications by unions notifying of forthcoming cuts. <span style="float: right;">DH</span> - <i>Noticeboards</i> >>> AB to contact VHE to ask when they may be back working on the sites and can install. - <i>Climate Change Consultation Plan</i> >>> AB & ED volunteered to review. <span style="float: right;">AB/ED</span> - <i>Dog fouling</i> >>> DH to contact Cllr Casey. <span style="float: right;">DH</span>	
<b>4 Community Council Membership</b> Increase from 17 to 20 members agreed at March 2020 meeting. 14 Cllrs at present. We require to minute that we do not plan to hold new elections until in-person meetings can be held – confirmed by acclaim. - Ratification of Cllrs elected in 2020 by CC – approval confirmed by acclaim. - ED to be informed of any interest from people wishing to become a Cllr, as per <a href="http://dennistouncc.org.uk/representatives">dennistouncc.org.uk/representatives</a> .	
<b>5 Living Rent and Rent Consultation</b> Jack Hanington spoke to report that local tenants have set up Glasgows newest group in response to a variety of maintenance and rent problems. Major issue is a proposed increase in rent despite a lack of provision (especially cleaning) since March 2020. Other issues persist. Seeking support from DCC. Milnbank HA have rejected a rent increase. Glasgow-wide rent consultation underway for social tenants ( <a href="http://livingrent.org/freeze_rents">livingrent.org/freeze_rents</a> ). Votes on support for Living Rent and for a rent freeze: Unanimous support from DCC on both counts. Living rent is a membership union (started out as a tenant union but is evolving into a community union, and all residents are invited to attend forthcoming meetings, fortnightly for Dennistoun members, further info via <a href="http://livingrent.org/dennistoun_rent_consultation_campaign_meeting_20210210">livingrent.org/dennistoun_rent_consultation_campaign_meeting_20210210</a> ). It	

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is able to offer help and support with specific cases of problems with properties and landlords (national support group: [facebook.com/groups/1599023146981476](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1599023146981476)). SC noted that all landlords should be registered with GCC, who should be the first port of call for complaints. DCC will promote.

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## 6 Low Traffic Neighbourhoods / Spaces for People

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- DH gighlighted that the scheme isn't an LTN.
- WW updated on progress. Scheme incomplete. Main points of note: no pedestrian barrier removal at Ally Parade PS; no planters or barrier removal at St Denis' PS; no road closure at Ark Lane; various signs and markings still missing; Armadale Street south end half finished and non-compliance is very evident (including two police vehicles going through the no entry). Public comment noted the temporary nature of the scheme, and supported the principles, but unsure about various aspects of the expectation for the scheme in the future.
- Cllr Long acknowledged and shared the frustrations, and commented that it appears to be the case that very few people seem to be satisfied with it, for a variety of reasons. Acknowledged that the introduction coincided with two other schemes related to bins and that none of these involved any form of consultation. Timescales or review point unknown. Is chasing info.
- DW acknowledged the scheme being in its early stages, and that it's not an LTN whilst north-south isn't blocked, but suggested that some improvements may be starting to show.
- VT highlighted the flak being directed at DCC about this.
- DH and MW noted that planning issues (e.g. Starbucks and Parade Cinema site) seem to be proceeding whilst others seem frozen, without explanation of priorities.
- WW noted that a variety of issues and suggestions made by DCC in recent months and years have not been properly responded to or acted on. Questioned whether this should be raised as a single point of enquiry with GCC. AB suggested that DCC puts concerns in writing. Voted on and approved by acclaim.

AB

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## 7 Update on meeting on Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee – 2 February 2021

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- A report ("*We need to talk about our transport future*"), summarising recent 'Connecting Communities' consultations found dissatisfaction with public transport, cycling provision, and pedestrian accessibility. It will be used to inform the development of new transport related plans across the city, principally a City Centre Transformation Plan, a Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan, an Active Travel Strategy and a Bus Improvement Partnership, and the development of the new Glasgow Transport Strategy.
- Cycle parking locker locations confirmed as 47 Aberfeldy Street; 6 Circus Drive; 9 Marwick Street; 105 Whitehill Street; 81 Armadale Street; 248 Meadowpark Street. All on carriageway. Delivery of the scheme programmed for March 2021 when installations would commence.

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## 8 Other current local issues

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- Cllr Long spoke about the Starbucks planning application and noted various concerns. Both she and Cllr Casey requested a site visit and a hearing before a decision is made. Was due to be decided today, but has been delayed by a neighbour notification issue. New timescale not known. Cllr Long will update us if/when new info arises.
- WW raised pavement parking. ED will contact MSPs to ask for an update.

Cllr Long  
ED

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## 9 Public Input

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- An enquiry about litter, fly tipping, and dog fouling, street cleaning/litter picking work, and liaising with schools. Cllr Long requested an email with details in order to follow up.
- DH asked if GCC support for community or individual litter picks is still available. Cllr Long to find out and confirm. RJ noted that, recently, the support team have not collected the bagged pickings. Milnbank have been picking collected rubbish up and AB can provide details if contacted.
- DH acknowledged the recent yarnbombing as a cheery addition to the area.
- Dog fouling is evident as a persistent issue especially when enforcement is not in place.

Cllr Long  
AB

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**10 Elected Member Updates**

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**Cllr Long**

- Updates covered by other agenda items here.

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**11 Officer Updates/Reports**

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**a. Treasurer**

- As last month. Bank balance is £2006.86. Petty cash £0.91. Treasurer owed £35.00 for the Zoom account. Will wait and raise a cheque at a future date.

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**b. Secretary**

- Has been contacted about the application for a beer garden at the Duke pub.

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**c. Planning and Licensing**

- 2 Applications to form Beer Gardens at local pubs. Both are owned by Hawthorn Leisure: The Duke in Duke Street and The Cala in Meadowpark Street north of Alexandra Parade.

- The on-going Application for a Drive-Thru Starbucks on Alexandra Parade was being further considered to day by GCC with the Planners recommending approval. At the meeting Cllr Long advised that this process was still ongoing and may take a considerable time.

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**d. Dennistoun Area Partnership**

- RJ will raise all relevant issues at next meeting.

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**12 AOB**

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- Shared on-street general/recycling bins – Cllr Long has requested info but is not able to provide a further update.

- Food waste bins – Cllr Long noted that requests for reinstatement of back court bins will be heard on a case by case basis.

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**13 Note of Next Meeting**

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Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 9th March 2021, online via Zoom.

Agenda for Ordinary meeting will be circulated, and published to [Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates).

Apologies to be submitted to Secretary via [hello@dennistouncc.org.uk](mailto:hello@dennistouncc.org.uk).

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