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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 21:00, Tuesday 8th June 2021

Online, via Zoom

Cllrs Present Wesley Wright (WW) [*Acting Chair*]; Deborah Hamilton (DH) [*Minute taker*]; Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Steven Campbell (SC); Ezra Wilson (EW); Steven Birrell (SB); David Williams (DW).

Others Present: Cllr Allan Casey; John Mason MSP; 1 x member of the public; Jennifer MacRitchie Police Scotland.

ACTION

1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Welcome and thanks for attending.

Apologies: Cllrs Mary Wallace (MW); Angela Bretherton (AB); Valery Tough (VT); Elaine Docherty (ED); Jonathan Deans (JD); Paul Lavery (PL) Apologies from associate members Emma and Nicola.

2 Minutes of 11th May

Proposed WW, seconded RJ

Initially began meeting without being quorate – EW then joined late and meeting continued.

3 Matters Arising

Swan update requested – next item on agenda.

PST – on agenda also

Cllr Casey – comment on prior minutes re: motion to full council re: venue closures supported by DCC. Concerned raised that DCC backed a “party political motion” at full council. Cllr Casey has raised with GCC for guidance. No communication has come to DCC mailbox as yet – may still arrive and therefore no response sought at this stage.

4 Police Update

Jennifer attended this evening covering for Stuart Ash. Cllrs keen to hear update on Swan attack. Update: officer in team still investigating. All witnesses have been traced and spoken to, CCTV footage has been seen. Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue charity attended and assessed the swan’s injuries. Police still seeking permission to release media post to help identify suspect- PF request required. Comment prior to meeting from Cllr VT – has noticed dogs on leads in park. Cllr Casey asked whether the attack seemed deliberate or an out of control dog issue – Jennifer hasn’t seen the video herself so unable to answer this enquiry. Confirmed crime took place in that dog was acting dangerously. John Mason enquired whether there is a general increase in wildlife crime – unclear if this is the case. Update given on bike thefts – slight increase across the city.

Partnership working has restarted. Police engaging with Alexandra park sports hub around a bike marking scheme coming up – looking to increase local engagement in Haghill via Milnbank additional funding Thurs/Fri/Sat evenings. School talks starting to take place again too.

New Bike Lock scheme raised – Q’s around insurance impact – team has been identified to prepare for these questions/risk assessments etc. Cllr WW asked about positioning of bike storage – Jennifer unsure who proposed these – will find out and feedback.

Passed on email from member of the public re: noise from vehicles. Police would require details of locations/number plates so checks can be made.

5 Venue Closures – GMB guest

Harry Blackwood from GMB due to attend this evening – some issues setting up zoom meeting this evening so possibly tried to attend and unable to join.

Cllr Casey requested clarity on his invite – noting venue closure title is vague with lack of balance of issues – clarified Harry made a request to attend our meeting – then up to the chair to moderate.

6 Other local issues

Response to LTN from GCC – felt to be decent in terms of answering ongoing questions we've had. General agreement there is not much to be gained by continuing to go back and forth in exchanges although some outstanding issues with signage etc. Contraflow cycle lanes are the only notable item with clarification still outstanding. Method to get this feedback not yet decided. Cllr Casey has discussed with Cllr Long and agreed to offer to broker a meeting to avoid email chains. This may be a suggestion to explore depending on future circumstances. Conversation moved on to the Living Neighbourhood Consultation with Cllr Casey advising Dennistoun is 1 of 4 neighbourhoods picked to be part of this process. Likely Dennistoun has been highlighted because of the LTN issues. Agreed it makes sense to move the DCC focus from LTN issues and on to this new process. Cllr Casey can share papers on Liveable Neighbourhood for more background on the project and highlighted the town centre status of Duke St and Alexandra Parade.

Everlasting Arms Church – Cllr Brian made us aware of Go Fund me campaign to raise funds to fix the roof of the church at the bottom of Whitehill St, approx. 20K required. Cllr Casey enquired if the building is listed and suggested they make contact. Agreed to share via social media channels to support. See note at end of minutes for details.

Email from resident – alerted to a white van seemingly assessing property on Broompark Drive. Unclear requested action. Part of conservation area.

7 PST

Update given on meetings with Callum/plans that had been drafted. DCC initially under impression Callum was undertaking this piece of work as part of a university course and therefore would be taking on the largest role with some support from DCC. Transpires this would not have been the case and rather would require greater involvement from community councillors. Suggestions had been given to Callum to allow a small scale pilot to show case how the tool could be used without risking alienating local orgs not involved at this stage etc. Suggestions not taken on board and instead a plan to upscale was presented but unachievable in the time scales set out. Possible plan to make use of August planning meeting for an outdoor meet and trial of a question or 2 to inform future planning.

8 Public input

No matters raised.

9 Elected Member updates

John Mason MSP – Represents South of Duke so will aim to attend DCC meetings twice per year. Glad to be re-elected and constituency office reopened at the Gallowgate. No drop in facility only bookable appointments for now. Raised constituent concerns in parliament today re: the fan zone at Glasgow Green. 3,000 capacity, measures include table service/no queues etc. Also responding to McVities factory closure and recognising impact given one of the biggest employers in the East end. Not optimistic about its future. Has been allowed to become run down over the years. Cross party support for the factory/a new building has been offered. Q. from Cllr WW on pavement parking response from Ivan McKee MSP. 2023 expected before secondary legislation will be in place to allow local authorities to implement. It is hoped/expected that exemption audits etc can be carried out in advance of that, though. Planning standards group have to consult with council – takes a year to do? RPZ may address many of these parking issues and is apparently working to a similar timescale so there's something of a two- horse race. Some concerns noted regarding potential contradictions with the Liveable Neighbourhoods process.

Cllr Allan Casey – update given on significant part of Duke St carriageway resurfaced, given previously poor condition. Unsure gullies were done at the same time. Noted gullies on Duke St at the bottom of Westercraigs poor and causing huge puddle/splash area across pavement. Also, lack of studs/stop line markings on pedestrian crossing near Whitehill Street raised as a

matter of urgency by WW.

Update give on backcourt bin replacement. Pause has been requested due to risk assessments required for over 100 individual properties. 59 properties still to be addressed. Incident within the workforce elsewhere in the city highlighted. Agreed that if on street bins the solution they should be on the road – council currently looking at plans although Cllr Casey stated other locations with on street bins not received much push back? Unclear if these are a temp measure on street. Hopeful a permanent solution could be looked at as part of the Liveable Neighbourhoods project. Officers will likely engage with DCC on this. CCllr WW thanks for the update and suggested stickers be added to bins to say temp measure. Cllr Casey said 3 sites have been identified in the area to be looked at – funding required. Q to Cllr Casey about hedge cutting – requested that communication be sent with specific address. CCllr EW suggested social media could be used to enquire about hedge issues. CCllr WW also raised cycle lockers in street in some locations – Cllr Casey will bring back at update re: this.

10 Officer Updates

Nothing from treasurer or secretary. No DAP update to pass on.

Planning - 424 Duke Street. Application to convert existing bank into a restaurant with a takeaway facility.

Flat 1/191 Onslow Drive. Use of a basement as a flatted property with associated remedial works and external alterations.

Licensing - nothing significant

11 AOB

Nothing to add.

12 Note of Next Meeting

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 13th July 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.

The Everlasting Arms Ministry Gofundme

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/TEAM-Church-Glasgow-roof-repair>

Craig Donaldson is organising this fundraiser.

Our TEAM Church building has recently had some major damage to its roof due to storms. The building insurance was able to repair the roof to stop water coming in but the timber is rotten and no longer able to be used. The roof therefore needs extensive repair works. The total cost for these is £18,000.

The church has a relatively small congregation and while fundraising efforts are being undertaken the cost cannot be covered by these people alone.

We are reaching out to the community for a helping hand. Please feel free to share our fundraiser with anyone who may be interested in keeping this building active for generations.

Building history

The church was built 1870. At that time it was "Dennistoun United Presbyterian Church" but from 1982 was known as Dennistoun Blackfriars. In 2000 The Everlasting Arms Ministries (TEAM) purchased the building. Inside the mostly timber building holds a unique pipe organ.

How do we help the community?

In 2014 we created The Everlasting Foodbank to help those in need. Since that time we have given over 20,000 food parcels. During the recent Covid-19 crisis the foodbank delivered food to people who were shielding and in need. Starting as a divine direction the foodbank has been a lifeline to the community of Dennistoun and beyond.

In 2017 we created The Freedom Cafe. This brought in a professional chef in order to prepare healthy, balanced and fresh food for those suffering from food poverty. The cafe users would be able to sit, have 3 courses of food and enjoy social interactions. Not only could the cafe users be fed (for free or some small donation) but they are taught how to prepare food by the chef.