



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 12th July 2022, from 7pm,
at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.

Cllrs Present Steven Campbell (SC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Callum McNie (CMcN); Valery Tough (VT) *[Acting chair]*; Wesley Wright (WW) *[Minute taker]*

Others Present: Assoc Member Emma Jones (EJ).
3x members of the public.

	ACTION
<p>1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies received from Cllrs Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Lisa Clifford (LC); Paul Lavery (PL); Frank Plowright (FP). - Also from Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar); Cllr Allan Casey (ACas); Ivan McKee MSP; John Mason MSP. - Cllrs not present: Sean Kelly (SK); Mary Wallace (MW), Assoc Member Verity Hocking (VH). - Cllrs not present, no contact: Elaine McDougal (EMcD); Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O’Lone (CO’L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR). 	
<p>2 Approval of Minutes and Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14th June 2022 Ordinary meeting: proposed by CMcN, seconded by RJ. 	
<p>3 Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Noticeboards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently stored at Milnbank Community flat. VT is arranging details for installation. <p><u>Playpark Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per pledge prior to May 2021 election. >>> Believed that inventory already in place to enable assessment of needs and priorities in advance of confirmed funding. Suggestions are that the funding has been downscaled. Paul Sweeney MSP has responded noting that funding for 22/23 confirmed as £514,000 to GCC for renewal of play parks. Cllr Carroll will enquire. <p><u>Citizens’ Panels</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VT contacted Partick CC to express support regarding concerns with the Citizens’ Panels and to enquire about any progress. Response received, noting continued concerns. <p><u>Haghill Primary School Kit Sponsorship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision and sponsorship of football kit at approximately £460 for full squad kit. Approved in principle by Cllrs in April. Application to Area Partnership to be looked at. >> CMcN liaison ongoing. <p><u>Venue Booking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘With Kids’ hall on Annfield Place booked for Aug. Reidvale booked for Sep and Oct. <p><u>Residential Bin Collections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCC have responded to say bins are proposed to be located on on-carriageway sheds, with further consultation planned. Concern raised regarding two large metal residential bins placed on the Aberfoyle Street footway, with only 60 cm clear access width - GCC have not responded to this concern with any explanation. <p><u>Whitehill Summer Fete</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Succssesfully promoted what DCC does and a questionnaire, plus Day Out In Dennistoun maps. <p><u>Liveable Neighbourhood [Link]</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dennistoun to Cranhill LN is one of five areas in the initial tranche. Langside to Toryglen LN & 	<p>VT</p> <p>Cllr ACar</p> <p>CMcN</p>

Ruchill to Cowlares LN 'Stage 1' reports were published to GCC Committee in February 2022 [Link]. So there are two key queries: When can we expect publication of the Dennistoun to Cranhill LN 'Stage 1' report? Is it still the intention to then develop a "collaboratively selected local projects taken to concept design" for the 'Stage 2' report by September 2022? >>	
Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>Spaces For People 'LTN' / 'People Friendly Streets' / 'Neighbourhood Interventions'</u>	
- Will there be anything other than the proposal of a Traffic Regulation Order to make the existing layout permanent? E.g. any plans for better configuration of barriers/stepped kerbs/planters/road markings outside primary schools, enhanced safety at one-way entry/exit junctions by way of kerbed build-outs/tactile paving/raised tables, measures to safely permit contraflow cycling, or 20 mph speed limits? >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>Inner East Strategic Development Framework (SDF) [DCC Link] [DCC submission]</u>	
- Report due. >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>All three of the above</u>	
- What communications have the Liveable Neighbourhood, Spaces For People, and Inner East SDF projects had with each other to ensure logical and efficient planning? >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>Glasgow City Centre Strategy - Learning Quarter [Link] and Merchant City [Link]</u>	
- No updates for months. >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>Road markings</u>	
- Various reinstatements outstanding after resurfacing. Update at Area Partnership suggested plans to complete these on 28 Jun 2022, but this did not happen. >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>EV charger installed alongside existing cycle parking at library</u>	
- No update on remedial work. >> Awaiting response from GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator.	GCC
<u>Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund</u>	
- Cllr Casey reported at the Area Partnership that the all the items on the original report were still in place. Taken to mean that Firpark, Corner Sites and Hogarth Park, with the ones in the most recent report being in addition, but unconfirmed.	
- Further engagement with stakeholders to scope out options, according to feedback from the Area Partnership. Further details hard to come by.	
<u>Options for Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23</u>	
- Approved up to £10,000 of funding for 2 redeployable CCTVs to help prevent fly tipping.	
- Area Partnership update: Further details for proposed projects and costing breakdown promised by GCC; no decisions to be made without consultation to be run from September 2022; public meetings and engagement planned; suggestions invited by GCC.	
- Questions raised regarding the apparent lack of communication with the Liveable Neighbourhood project, and use of the findings thereof. >> Contact consultancy to request preliminary findings, with a view to refocussing the priorities being considered under the NIIF.	CMcN

4 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- GCC CC development session on Citizen's Panels on 20 Aug 2022 – VT will attend. Liz Allan, local resident with related experience, expressed enthusiasm to attend. VT proposed Assoc Membership, SC seconded, approved unanimously. >> **VT to forward details to LA.**

- Update on maintenance and cleansing issues received from Charlie Keane, GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Co-Ordinator For Dennistoun ward: see appendix below.

b. Treasurer

- Bank balance: £3314.52 as of 1 Jul 2022 statement. Cheque pending, for £50, to Everlasting Arms, for hall hire, issued 8 Mar 2022, delivered to Akara cafe on 10 Mar 2022 – EJ enquired, cheque lost, replacement reissued. >> **To be delivered by VT.** Cheque for £70 issued for Reidvale Centre venue hire. Giving a provisional balance of £3194.52.

c. Secretary

- Public contact to GCC CC'd to DCC, noting the Firpark pruning is not sufficient. Similar issues noted for Necropolis and Wellpark. >> **RJ will contact.**

RJ

d. Planning and Licensing

- Planning: Nothing to note.

- Licensing: application for variation of premises licence for outdoor seating application at La Cala, 230-232 Meadowpark Street. Minor changes to sale of alcohol. Application to create two external drinking areas for 57 people is believed to be a follow-up to a prior planning application which DCC objected to. >> **BJ will check status of planning and submit an objection to the licensing application accordingly.**

BJ

e. Area Partnerships

Calton AP [[Link](#)]

- Next meeting date 07 Sep 2022 (agenda published one week prior).

Dennistoun AP [[Link](#)]

- Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund: £60,100 budget, update in section 3 above.

- Road Markings: response in section 3 above.

- Road defects: Footway repairs at Alexandra Parade school planned for 28 Jun 2022.

Carriageways and footway defect reports for inspection invited by GCC.

- Street Lighting: Noted that new lighting is appearing intermittently in odd places. Reply given that there is a programme for replacement but if any are reported as being structurally unsafe they will be looked at to be dealt with urgently.

- Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund: update in section 3 above.

- Next date 14 Sep 2022 (agenda published one week prior).

5 Current Consultations

Glasgow City Council (via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations)

- Gaelic Language Plan 2023 to 2028. Closes 22 Jul 2022.

- Short Term Lets. Closes 25 Aug 2022. A noted issue, especially in the conservation area. >>

Further discussion to take place between CCLIs via Slack.

CCLIs

- Glasgow Bus Partnership – Improving Bus Travel. Closes 31 Aug 2022.

- Citizens' Panels – CC Development Session on 20th Aug 2022. See vice chair update in section 4 above.

Scottish Government (via consult.gov.scot)

- Bovine Tuberculosis; Onshore conventional oil and gas; Coal extraction; Permitted development rights; Victims' experiences of the justice system; Data strategy for health and social care; Police complaints, investigations and misconduct; Environmental Standards Scotland draft strategic plan; Circular Economy Bill; Inclusion of Scottish public bodies in Transparency in Supply Chains (TISC) reporting; Home education guidance; Mental health and wellbeing; Biodiversity; Restricting promotions on food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt; Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-25; Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation. Closing dates range from 1 Aug to 25 Sep 2022.

Others

- Glasgow Airport flight path amendments: Glasgow airport proposals didn't meet the Civil Aviation Authority's requirements and will have to be resubmitted. FP research indicates that revised flight paths would be high enough over Dennistoun that there shouldn't be much noise.

- Meat Market Regeneration Action Plan: WW attended consultation session.

Hosted by PAS (Planning Aid for Scotland) with/on behalf of Milnbank HA. Project heading of 'Sustaining Choices' [[Link](#)]. Funding from Paths For All's 'Smarter Choices Smarter Places' (SCSP) scheme [[Link](#)]. Area covered is Dennistoun, Haghill, Calton, Bridgeton, Carntyne, Riddrie, Dalmarnock and Parkhead. About a dozen attendees, including Bluevale Community Club rep, Living Rent rep, and a handful of residents (incl. Dennistoun Information Page admin). Largely positive discussion, structured around the Place Standard themes, covering local amenity provision, quality of spaces, and transport options. Support for keeping Whitehill Pool is a priority. At the meat market sheds, there was a stated intention to promote active play options for kids. Support for a suggestion on training people with e-bike maintenance skills, to provide a service for a growing demand not widely available. Future plans: July/August - sessions to increase involvement; August/September - Analysis of results and creation of a draft Active Travel Action Plan identifying short, medium and long term actions. Initial conversations with delivery partners; September/October - Further feedback event to review draft Action Plan.

- Buchanan Galleries Shopping Centre. A 20-question survey opened on 1 Jun 2022 and closes on 31 Jul 2022. 'Out in the Open Event' 11am-3pm on 30 Jul 2022. 'Meet The Design Team' 6:30-8:30pm on 04 Aug 2022. 'Visions and Principles Workshops' 5-7pm on 03 Aug 2022 and 10am-12pm on 04 Aug 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

6 Current Local Issues

Whitehill Pool

- VT requested update from Cllrs. No reply. VT/Cllrs
- Bill Stark spoke to update on Whitehill Pool working group.
- Timeline and briefing: see appendix below.
- Minutes of Whitehill Pool working group meeting of 21 June 2022: see appendix below.
- 3 financial plans have been developed £5m minimal 'firefighting' option; £17m for full refurbishment option; £25m option for new construction on adjacent football pitch. Met with Glasgow Life, and other stakeholders to review. Refurbishment option selected as preferred. Business case required, planned for delivery by end of Jul 2022. Levelling up funding identified as a potential source of funding.
- Request for local health and wellbeing groups to be identified to feed into the business case to improve representation.
- >>> **DCC to add this to enquiry to LN enquiry, seeking info on potential support for funding applications from LN team, on the basis of how integral the asset is to the neighbourhood.** CMcN

Alexandra Park Festival

- No Cllrs available to lead on this, but possibility of having information on a Save Whitehill Pool stall.
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7 Public Input

- Covered under other items.
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8 Elected Member Updates

- No councillors present. No written reports.
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9 AOB

- Glasgow Life facilities – library, pool, etc, still not fully operational, and concerns exist about long term future.
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10 Date of Next Meeting

- Planning meeting on 09 Aug 2022.
 - Ordinary meeting on 13 Sep 2022, 7pm at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, G31 1QW.
 - Agenda to be circulated with invites in advance, and published to Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates.
 - Apologies to be submitted via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
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APPENDIX ITEMS ATTACHED

- **UPDATE FROM CHARLIE KEANE, GCC NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR FOR WARD 22 DENNISTOUN**
- **TIMELINE AND BRIEFING TO DCC FROM WHITEHILL POOL WORKING GROUP**
- **MINUTES OF WHITEHILL POOL WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 21 JUNE 2022**

UPDATE FROM CHARLIE KEANE, GCC NEIGHBOURHOOD LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR FOR WARD 22 DENNISTOUN

BT Kiosks, BT inform me a survey/audit was carried out April/May this year to revisit where they have kiosks and the need for them etc, my last update was they are being audited by Ofcom and until complete no decisions or movement can be made on assets/kiosks etc, I will keep onto them and see where we end up.

Royal Mail Grey Parcel Cabinets, all in the ward have now been reported/requested to be removed (all seem to be obsolete) Royal Mail have agreed to this and passed them onto their contractors, at this time they cannot give a timetable for the removal schedule, a few that are still in use will also be painted Red (To make them look fresher and high light to visually impaired etc).

Ad-trailers/caravan's, so far we have had 3 removed (Duke St/Wellpark, Duke St/John Wheatley college, Edinburgh Rd/Todd St/Ledaig section), we have others dotted about which I am pursuing (Those attached to vehicles which are fully taxed etc at this point cannot be touched which is frustrating)

Graffiti, I have tried to be vigorous in this campaign to 'wipe' it out by reporting to the furniture owners (BT, SPN, Vodaphone, EE, Amey, Scottish Water, Outdoor, Global and many others, not to mention quite a lot to GCC), I report all of the GCC graffiti via My Glasgow as well as Fly Posting, all other graffiti goes directly to the owners, I have put together a 2 page reporting procedures paper to assist myself, RSLs and other colleagues, if you feel it would be of benefit to DCC to have a copy please just ask.

Are you aware that all GCC Street Litter Bins within Ward 22 now have QR codes to make them much easier to report as full or vandalised etc? As long as your phone has a QR scanner (free downloads online) just point it at the code and it will direct you to the GCC website to report, My Glasgow App is currently being updated too.

Golfhill Primary & wider campus, a combined PTA are having dialogue with GCC regarding traffic issues surrounding the schools, this site with Roads and is ongoing.

Hedges, quite a few overgrown hedges have now been inspected and the owners lettered to take action, in some cases GCC have carried out the works and billed the owners, in a few other cases RSLs & Land Lords have helped out too (With a little gentle persuasion)

Fly tipping/litter, over the last few weeks Community Enforcement Officers, Commercial Enforcement and Dog Wardens have carried uniform/non uniform visits along Duke Street, Alexandra Parade and the streets in between, this has led to 3 Fix Penalty Notices for Fly Tipping/littering and visits to speak to various commercial outlets to advise that they must have a commercial waste contract in place.

There are another few fly tipping sites, notably one on Marne Street which is currently with Public Health to ascertain any evidence that may be gleamed, then will be cleaned/removed.

Looks like the builders have completed their works at Marne Street, so hopefully this will calm down & become much quieter (parking/traffic) and cleaner.

Birkenshaw Street, Public Health are trying to ascertain and engage with the owners of the vacant land at this location in an effort to have measures put in place to stop the fly tipping, within the next 2 weeks NRS are looking to clear this site (again) and continue to monitor.

Any other questions please just get in touch.

TIMELINE AND BRIEFING TO DCC FROM WHITEHILL POOL WORKING GROUP

Nov 2018 – GCC announced to plan to close a number of venues operating by Glasgow Life across the city including Whitehill Pool, Golf Course and Haghill Gym

Meeting arranged by DCC in December 2018 at Dennistoun Library to address the closures

Alan Casey revealed that Whitehill had a backlog of £4.5m worth of essential maintenance

February 2019 – GCC/GL announced the venues will remain open – but require investment - £4.5m to remain open

April 2019 – Alan Grant (local born architect) produced a Survey Report on behalf of the campaign group. He estimated around £4m as the cost of repairs / upgrade

Jan 2020 – A budget was set aside to carry out to investigate and repair the drainage damage to the Learners pool at Whitehill

March 2020 – Covid

October 2020 – GL conducted a detail survey of the building

3 costed options –

1. £4m of repairs to keep building running – until a major repair was required
Really just kicking the can down the road – buying time
Not value for money
2. £17m Major Refurb – with 2 year closure
Value for money
3. £25m for a new pool to be built

April 2022 – Meeting with GL to agree way forward – Prepare a Business Case

At present working on gathering information to support the business case

Suggested that we need to include information on the Social Needs of the community relating to Health and Wellbeing

I have submitted information based upon my club

I am working with Temple Swim club to prepare similar

Application for funding to the UK “Levelling Up” fund

MINUTES OF WHITEHILL POOL WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 21 JUNE 2022

Attendance: Alan Benson; Gail Sherriff (Milnbank); Alan Grant (Architect); Bill Stark; June Lawrie (Whitehill); Irene (Temple); Emma Jones (Glasgow Saints Community Hub)

Meeting Notes

We need to activate the campaign again to ensure we get full attention of GL/GCC in the preparation of the Business Case. Need to agitate.

Restricted opening hours continue to cause major problem to clubs limited access to pools. Temple Club has experienced major restriction both in pool use and parking problems at Tollcross. Glasgow Life continues to hide behind staff shortage causing the restrictions.

Let GL/GCC know that the Campaign will be actively engaging with the local community to obtain information with regard to Physical and Mental Well-being needs of the area

Request sight of the Business Plan developed so far – including technical details and costs

Also necessary remind the local community that the threat of closure is still very real.

We agreed on a number of steps needed to achieve these aims:

Make an approach to Dennistoun Community Council – who provided the platform for the campaign to become established.

This would take two forms:

- Attendance at the next meeting – Tuesday 12 July (Reidvale Centre, Whitevale St)
- Request a public meeting to be arranged to discuss Whitehill Pool
- Expect “Elected members” will attend both of above

Alexandra Park Family Day

Book a table at the event (Bill to arrange)

Produce leaflets to hand out (maybe Mick will design?) Milnbank HA will provide admin resource to help with this.

Swim club Members turn up in club gear for photo opportunity – local press

Small Meeting

- a. Campaign Representatives
- b. Elected Members
- c. Request GL attend (maybe Willie Dunne; Alan Milner; Jason Bell?)

Publish on Dennistoun-online

Produce an Article giving details of our plans and request information, comments, feedback.

Emma – Survey

Emma to send details and access of a survey relating to local facilities (completed).

Detailed Summary of Users

Clubs restricted hours and waiting lists; Whitehill users and Classes; Schools; GL swim teaching classes

The numbers through the door, numbers projected build up pre-covid?

The site is designated for use for recreation purposes only - by Lord Dennistoun (now Trust).

Social Needs of Area

It is recognised nationally that large numbers of young people have no swimming skills or access to swim teaching.

There is no mandatory requirement for swimming lessons to be part of the current, Scottish School curriculum, and it is thought this is why the number of children leaving primary school unable to swim is one of the reasons for the increase in non-swimmers. **See Post Meeting Info below.**

General lack of fitness and obesity issues are major problems across the city

Draw up a list of Organisations, Charities, Groups and Individuals who deliver a service to address local social needs.

Need to “knock on doors” and obtain details of what they do and how much.

Ideally if they could be represented at our meetings – that would be good.

List to start with:-

<u>Zennistoun Hub – Community Health Club</u>	Where is it?
<u>Annfield Medical Centre</u>	16 Annfield Place
<u>Mens Health Forum</u>	Wellpark-Kirk Haven 120 Sydney Street
<u>Headtorch</u>	Mens Mental Health Service 120 Sydney Street
<u>Time & Space</u>	Mental Health 25 Gateside St (off Duke St)
<u>Glasgow Saints</u>	Community Hub (Emma)

Linda Thomson has provided further suggestions:-

<u>With Kids</u>	Armadale Street. Holly does “family work” and has good local knowledge.
<u>New Yoga Studio</u> (off Parade) – very popular with a whole group of people we may not have engaged with	
<u>Arts Club</u>	Meet in TAPA on Tuesday nights

Linda also suggests contact with Parent Councils of the 5 local schools to gauge kids Health and Well- being.

Post meeting info

BBC News:- Scotland has the highest rate of accidental drowning of all the UK nations - despite a strategy to cut water deaths in half, figures show.

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-61803635

The plan to halve accidental drownings by 2026 [was announced four years ago](#), but deaths last year rose to their highest level since 2015.

The Scottish government published a water safety action plan in March.

A spokesman said [the plan was designed to support the 2018 drowning prevention strategy](#) and included extra funding, updated signs and lesson plans for pupils.

Glasgow Times (25 June): - Glasgow Life spokesperson:-

www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/20235173.swimming-coach-shortage-means-glasgow-kids-missing-learn-swim-sessions/

March 2020 GL had 70 Swim Teachers delivering 1000 classes per week

June 2022 GL has less than 35 Swim Teachers delivering 350 classes per week. Currently only 5 of the 12 pools in the city (Tollcross; Maryhill; Gorbals; Scotstoun; Springburn) provide swimming lessons.

1000 previous customers have requested places in swim classes when programme is able to expand.