



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 13th May, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

CCLrs Present Frank Plowright (FP), Steven Campbell (SC), David McDonald (DMcD), Cliff Shearer (CS), Tom Dickson (TD), Ruth Johnston (RJ), Brian Johnston (BJ), Callum McLennan (CMcL), Robert Dawson Scott (RDS), Wesley Wright (WW), Valery Tough (VT), *[Minute taker]*

Others Present: Councillor Anthony Carroll (ACar); Bill Stark (BS); 8 x members of the public

		ACTION
1	Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies Apologies received from John Mason MSP, Annie Wells MSP, Elaine Weir (EW), David McCready (DMcC) from Glasgow Life (GL)	
2	Approval of Minutes March 2025 minutes approved by TD; seconded by RDS	
3	Update from Eddie Scanlon from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability (NRS) FP expressed disappointment that Eddie Scanlon was not present. DMcD believed that the bin hubs are allocated as one hub per 5 closes. ACar stated they were actually allocated at one hub per 3 closes.	
4	Matters Arising (including Whitehill Pool) FP: Going into Alexandra Parade tomorrow to talk about new school event with representatives from three local primary schools. Fourth can't make it but is behind the idea. We held a public meeting with council officials about the closure of Whitehill Pool, and another two weeks later to relaunch Save Whitehill Pool. Council officials agreed to update regularly, consult with the community before changing the facilities (unless needed for safety), talk with swimming clubs about providing buses to other pools, and have committed to definite timescales in future starting with a comprehensive series of options ready for August. Had to chase up about discussions re buses and nothing has been done since the April meeting, which isn't a great start. Have pointed out the disconnect between council timescales and public expectation. Asked licensing and planning department via e-mail regarding people objecting having to turn up for objection to be taken into consideration. Licensing replied immediately to deny this, but planning have ignored three e-mails, have asked David McCready to contact. No response as yet. Police responded that they'd have officers check at school opening times for dangerous driving. Asked for problems with Haghill bin hubs, will pass to Eddie Scanlon as he's not here	

BS, Whitehill Pool:

Thanked DCC for hosting the public meeting in April.

Follow-up meeting on April 29 – smaller number attended. The meeting went well – BS asked for ideas and working group members. Working group now formed (8 people) and will meet on May 18.

On May 28, the working group will meet with GL and Glasgow City Council.

Whitehill Swimming Club committee would meet to discuss the suggestion of DMCC asking GL to refund bus fares to those having to travel because the pool is closed.

BS would welcome one more working group member.

FP raised with Andrew Olney that GL are saving money by the pool being closed.

5 Officers Reports**a. Chair/Vice-chair**

In addition to activity under Matters Arising, FP had been contacted by a Gaelic journalist from Radio Scotland in connection with Whitehill Pool.

b. Secretary

Nothing to report

c. Treasurer

LC not present.

d. Planning and Licensing**BJ:**

Planning applications at 5 Annfield Place and old TSB (restaurant application)

Licensing application Londis, Whitehill Street

St Rollox Bowling Club has been granted licence on 13th May which extends its hours slightly in the building and on the bowling green. DCC ad objected to this on the basis of previous residents' objections.

New HMO licence applications at 33 Whitehill Street and 31 Whitehill Court

e. Area Partnership

Meeting took place on April 29th – minutes here.

<https://onlineservices.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewPack.asp?c=P62AFQZLDNT1ZLDXB253YXYXQAJ5I77DJ52AFQ2UT10G0GUT>

(NB shorthand notes were taken by GCC re item 8a, but are not in the official minute – RJ asked ACar if DCC could see these)

DCC also had a discussion here about the proposed parking controls/TROs – see Transport/Roads/Parking, below

6 Consultations

FP to check if there are any current consultations

7 Current Local issues**a. Closure of Alexandra Park Sports Hub**

Lengthy discussion on the closure of Alexandra Park Sports Hub. Milnbank HA (MHA) lease it from GL, but have decided to close it (lease runs until Jan 2026).

Concern was expressed at the loss of this community facility (including public toilets and boike repair hub).

SC to draft response to MHA

FP to contact GL

b. Homes / Housing Associations / Cleansing

Reidvale HA still working on business plan.

The running of Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre has been put out to tender. Should GL take it over?

c. Transport/Roads/Parking

Discussion of progress in proposed parking restrictions – Traffic Regulation Order is going ahead, which means that basically this will be presented as a done deal, with little room for community consultation.

DMcD would like to see the recent survey results.

Question was asked about the restricted parking zones around Celtic Park and Ibrox – ACar didn't know the timings of these, but they may come in after the Dennistoun scheme.

CS raised the issue of the state of the road between Hanson Street and Castle Street – ACar to ask when this resurfacing is being done

8 Public Input

Members of the public expressed concern at the state of the bin hubs in Haghill, including the smell of the bins in summer particularly affecting ground-floor flats. FP pointed out that few people responded to the survey consultation. VT to contact community council in Pollokshields to see if their residents had similar concerns (as they were part of the pilot in the city).

A member of the public raised concerns about living next to a derelict house. WW suggested she contact the Public Health Team, and SC gave the name of Anne Fay, the Empty Homes Officer.

9 Elected Member Update

ACar

Raised with DAP the issue of road safety around schools

Questioned if some funding from the Visitor Levy could be used for Whitehill Pool.

Had spoken with Maureen Burke, who thought some consequential RAAC funding might be available for Whitehill Pool.

Amey doing work on Whitehill Pool to make the roof stable.

Alexandra Parade station platform 1 to reopen on May 18.

VT thanked ACar for enlisting NRS to cut down the well overgrown hedge at Onslow Drive/Alexandra Park Street

10 AOB

FP: Phone kiosk in Whitehill Street being removed. DCC were asked if we would like to use the space for a noticeboard. After the previous shenanigans, we agreed that we wouldn't want to go down the noticeboard route again.

NRS have reported a decrease in fly-tipping in some areas.

10 Next Meeting

- Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 10th June 2025 from 7pm at St Andrews East Church Hall.

- Agenda will be circulate in advance and published to [Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates).

- Apologies to be submitted via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
