

Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday 10th June, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Cllrs Present Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*], David McDonald (DMcD), Ruth Johnston (RJ), Brian Johnston (BJ), Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*]

Others Present: Councillor Allan Casey (ACas); Bill Stark (BS), Save Whitehill Pool; 3 x members of the public

	ACTION
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
Apologies received from Cllrs, Steven Campbell (SC), Lisa Clifford (LC), Tom Dickson (TD), Callum McLennan (CMcL), Ian Sheerer (IS), Robert Dawson Scott (RDS), Valery Tough (VT), Elaine Weir (EW), John Mason MSP, Paul Sweeney MSP, David McCready (Glasgow Life); Cllr Anthony Carroll (written report attached)	
2 Approval of Minutes	
May 2025 minutes proposed by RJ; seconded by DMcD.	
3 Matters Arising	
<u>Whitehill Pool</u>	
- Update provided by BS. Save Whitehill Pool (SWP) met on 28 May with Glasgow Life and got clarity on differences between school and pool RAAC.	
Options: 1) “Post-covid option” cost of £5m minimum to repair RAAC and other essential issues over 15-18 months (note: risk of displacing services, teaching pool water circulation system collapse, and other costs can be expected; 2) “Deep refit” option cost of £40-50m to strip back to bare walls and rebuild internally, timescale unconfirmed; 3) “New build” option cost of £35m at current site or new location over 20-24 months (not including planning phase); 4) “steel tank” option similar to as was at Scotstoun for Commonwealth Games. Option 1 discounted. Business cases required. SWP to become a constituted group with bank account to hold funds, will consult with community, and establish contacts with local groups to support development of a business case. ACas is keen to be a part of discussions. Next meeting for SWP is on 9 July (Glasgow Life hosting).	
<u>Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre</u>	
- Reidvale HA seeking annual rent for operating the hall. Amount unconfirmed but understood to be ‘substantial’.	
- Bluevale have serious concerns about ability to acquire necessary funding.	
- Glasgow Life approached by DCC to gauge interest. Response claims of being unable to as it’s not within their remit as a charity wholly owned by GCC.	
<u>Alexandra Park Sports Hub</u>	
- Milnbank HA have sublease until Jan 2026. Loss of toilet provision in the park is a concern (expected to be available for the Fun Day only).	
<u>Cleansing</u>	

- Eddie Scanlon provided a written response to enquiries. All bin hub lids in Haghill are due for renewal. Rollout of bin hubs is to be citywide, initially in the south of the city in Aug, none in Dennistoun this year but a scoping exercise is to be carried out.
- Recent visits by ACas and FP suggest improvements to maintenance and cleanliness around the hubs in Haghill.

4 Officers Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- After discussion with schools, a 'taskmaster style' event is to be planned for May 2026 for Year 6 pupils, intended to be repeated annually.
- Correspondence received from GCC regarding insurance, requesting that all events are to be notified to GCC, but GCC have refused, without reason, to provide documentation.
- A reminder that if DCC members want to be involved in matters that arise between meetings it's advised they log into Slack at least once per week

b. Secretary

- VT not present.

c. Treasurer

- LC not present.

d. Planning and Licensing

- Despite multiple enquiries, no response from GCC regarding an enquiry relating to whether there's an expectation of attendance at hearings.
- 19 Onslow Square – substantial demolition of an extension and construction of a new larger extension in Dennistoun Conservation Area. No concerns.
- 12 Seton Terrace – Basement flat amended with formation of window openings, enlargement of existing windows, installation of heat pump and associated external alterations.
- No new licensing applications. No concerns.

e. Area Partnership

- Notes circulated by RJ. ACas to request access to GCC notes on NIIF discussion because minutes are vague and insufficient.

5 Consultations

None noted.

6 Current Local issues

a. Closure of Alexandra Park Sports Hub

- As per item 3 above.

b. Homes / Housing Associations / Cleansing

- As per item 3 above.

c. Transport/Roads/Parking

- Proposals for a restricted parking zone (RPZ) and associated traffic safety measures have been provided to DCC by GCC, under embargo. Proposals are similar to the scheme put forward by GCC in 2019, but with the amended boundary and one way streets per GCC 2024 questionnaire [\[link\]](#), plus new car club bays, kerbed buildouts at schools and various junctions, and formalisation of disabled bays. Statutory consultation associated the Traffic Regulation which is expected to commence in August
- ACas noted parking pressures, has received a lot of correspondence on the matter of parking and traffic ('largely balanced'), will not take a fundamental yes or no stance on the proposals, notes that blue badges enable parking in any bay, unsure about the freeze on residents of new build properties being able to apply for permits.
- DCC conversation highlighted a variety of questions and concerns. DMcD to attend a meeting with GCC with a document collating CCLlr comments and queries.

DMcD

7 Public Input

BS notes that a Junior Parkrun proposed for 4-14 year olds on Sundays at 9:30am in Alexandra Park is seeking volunteers to help on a rotational basis.

8 Elected Member Update

ACas

- Had a meeting with Home Group regarding building of social housing in Haghill near college.
 - NIIF approval of ~£200k for development of Necropolis eastern entrance proposals, proposed by city centre regeneration fund (per proposals raised during consultations on the Strategic Development Framework and the Liveable Neighbourhood). DCC somewhat surprised to see this crop up, bearing in mind the record taken by RJ – and the minutes of – recent Area Partnership meetings.
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9 AOB

10 Next Meeting

- Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 8th July 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.
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Appendix – Report from Cllr Anthony Carroll

In terms of an update on the actions from last meeting:

- On the DCC minutes, the short-hand was taken by Fran Lundie, who was there to present a paper to the committee. She's not the minute-taker of the committee, as it was her own personal notes, so I cannot request her personal notes. I have raised the CC's issues on the depth of minutes, with Derek Spiers from the Council's Communities team being flagged on this, if there are ways to improve them, such as the recent use of Microsoft co-pilot in automating them, or such.

- I believe the CC will be contacted soon about meeting to discuss parking controls & road safety measures, as officers contacted us on Friday 06/06: "To finalise the scheme, officers will meet with Dennistoun Community Council to gather their feedback before proceeding with the statutory process for the Traffic Regulation Order, which is scheduled to begin in August 2025."

- On the resurfacing question raised, this is from Brendan Frankgate: "I can advise the resurfacing scheme for Alexandra Parade – Hanson Street to Wishart Street carriageway is included in the planned resurfacing schemes for 2025/26. This project has been procured through our external contractor, and we will provide further updates once a date has been scheduled."

On my update from last meeting in the minutes, just to say it's the roof of the School that Amey will be working on, and that its consequential for the School that I discussed with Maureen Burke.

Outwith this, here's some things I've been up to:

- Met with Milnbank's Paul Martin regarding housing, and local amenities. It's hoped that Haghill Primary School housing development will start in the late Autumn. I raised the closure of the Sports Hub, and the toilets being closed in the park. Unfortunately, the toilets will not be opening in the short term, even such as giving keys to local bodies like FoAP, the Food Forest, etc.

- I raised the prospect of Glasgow Life putting their "dry" Whitehill Pool activities into the Sports Hub. Here was their response: "Following the closure of Whitehill Pool in December 2023 due to RACC risk, a structured relocation plan was implemented to ensure minimal disruption for participants. Of the 22 core 'dry side' fitness classes, 13 were relocated to Glasgow Club Crownpoint, 3 to Glasgow Club Tollcross, and 2 to Glasgow Club Emirates, with only 4 classes unfortunately unable to be relocated. The majority of classes remained available at their original times with the same fitness instructors, and by concentrating the bulk of sessions at Crownpoint... We are about to launch Active Glasgow, our city Physical Activity and Sport Strategy, and in line with the principles of this strategy, Glasgow Life remains committed to supporting the development of community physical activity. Our experience in supporting organisations such as Bluevale Community Club and Dennistoun Area Community Sports Hub (DACSH) demonstrates our commitment to collaborating with local partners to develop sustainable activities designed to meet community need and we would be happy to work with other local stakeholders to grow these opportunities where any further need is identified."

- The next wave of cycle storage facilities are getting rolled out, with new ones built the past fortnight in the southside. They will be rolled out over the next few months, and I've asked for more specific information on when Dennistoun & Haghill are next, given in particular Dennistoun has quite high waiting lists, and they have said that they are "determining the locations for new shelters by using a Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis approach. This considers factors such as Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), building height, population density, proximity to active travel infrastructure, and incidences of cycle theft." The mapping can be seen updated live over here.

- The day of DCC is the Environment & Liveable Neighbourhood Committee also, where the Inner North City Network is on the agenda. One of the issues has been the move from Sustrans to Transport Scotland in funding for delivery, and it being Transport Scotland, funding is meant to be spent by the end of the financial year for allocations, rather than any strategic multi-year funding plan like Sustrans supported, so this is one of the questions I'll be raising as it makes no sense to try and rebid every year for what is a multi-year project, so needs the Scottish Government to recognise that with their new delivery model.

- At Full Council, I raised the question on if we are able to generate capital through borrowing revenue made by the Tourist Levy. I believe there's a paper on what the scheme will look like in further detail at the next City Administration Committee on the 19th June, although I'm uncertain if this will include measures to borrow for capital for public libraries & leisure centres, but will update when we know what the paper will have in it.