



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 8th July, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

CCLrs Present Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*], Tom Dickson (TD), Callum McLennan (CMcL), Ian Sheerer (IS), Robert Dawson Scott (RDS), Ruth Johnston (RJ), Brian Johnston (BJ), Wesley Wright (WW), Steven Campbell (SC), Elaine Weir (EW), Valery Tough, [*Minute taker*]

Others Present: Bill Stark (BS), Save Whitehill Pool; David McCready (DMcC), Glasgow Life; Cllr Anthony Carroll; 6 x members of the public

		ACTION
1	Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies Apologies received from Annie Wells MSP, Cllr Allan Casey, David McDonald (DMcD)	
2	Approval of Minutes June 2025 minutes proposed by RJ; seconded by BJ.	
3	Matters Arising <u>Whitehill Pool</u> Meeting scheduled between Save Whitehill Pool (SWP) on July 9. Concern that Andrew Olney (AO) from Glasgow Life (GL) seemed to expect BS to communicate developments to the public, including DCC. FP to clarify with AO, and the issues is expected to be discussed at the July meeting. Bill Stark's Report SWP have made a questionnaire to be used at the Alexandra Park Gala Day. Also working on building the business case. Two more plant/equipment failures have been noted within the pool. Whitehill Swimming Club is moving the Easterhouse as Springburn Pool will be closed for a year. Options and costings for WP due in August. Maureen Burke MP has contacted Shona Robison, who is responsible for allocating RAAC repairs funds in Scotland. VT – when the Commonwealth Games are on, how many of Glasgow's pools will be open? BS: all of them, minus one (ie, Whitehill Pool) <u>Dennistoun Area Partnership</u> ACar has replied re unsatisfactory minutes. Derek Spiers, Community Lead at GCC, has stated that minutes are standard across committees. Currently looking at a transcribing process and	

asked for ideas to improve minute-taking.

SC: GCC signed up to the Open Government Policy for accurate minuting.

Audio recordings for committee meetings are made public, but AP meetings are not.

RJ suggested minutes could be a subject for a future Community Council Development Session.

FP to escalate this to Cllr Greg Hepburn.

ACar to escalate to Suzanne Miller.

Traffic Regulation Order

Still embargoed, but WW reported about a 90% crossover from the 2019 plan for an RPZ, but doesn't include Roystonhill. One-way streets are included.

2019 map is available on DCC website.

DCC is feeding into a pre-consultation. Some question about whether a public consultation will follow, or is the TRO itself the consultation?

WW – This is more than about just parking – it's road safety – and DCC has reservations about the scheme.

WW will compose a bullet-point letter re our concerns.

DMcD met the project lead and had a discussion, but needs a formal written response.

August for public consultation?

Member of the public – feels it's just a money-making scheme from GCC.

WW: As the survey results were very negative, there may be a chance the scheme doesn't go ahead.

Necropolis East Entrance funding

RJ and FP wrote to Ian Elder from the City Strategy Team asking for a breakdown of costs.

£240,000 (a quarter of the NIIF funding available for the entire ward 22) has been earmarked for paths, openings and gates. Ian Elder to get back to us by July 14. If not, FP will prompt him.

Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre

FP contacted Kenny Trainer re Bluevale Community Club, but got no response.

The Halliday Foundation was the preferred bidder to take over the centre.

Alexandra Park Sports Hub

FP had suggested to AO that GL should have a clause stating lessees must maintain public toilets. AO replied that leases are agreed on an individual basis. FP to ask him to include this in contracts.

DMcC is working with a group who are interested in taking over the Sports Hub lease.

Cleansing

EW reported that two grey and two green bins at the bin hubs have missing lids.

Member of the public had heard that some bin hubs have a "humane rat-trap" at the bottom.

FP will ask Eddie Scanlon if this is the case.

4 Officers Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

Waiting to hear back from Planning Committee re objections. FP has put in an FoI request regarding insurance. No response from GCC so far.
WW mentioned overhanging vegetation, a recurring subject. FP suggested a proper audit is performed and enforced.
Member of the public mentioned brambles at child height in Armadale Street.

b. Secretary

Nothing to report.

c. Treasurer

No word from Lisa Clifford (LC). Vt to pass on her number to Frank.

d. Planning and Licensing

BJ – Application for user of flatted dwelling as short term let at 37 Milnbank Street. No concerns noted.

e. Area Partnership

See Matters Arising. Next meeting September 16

5 Consultations

Nothing to report.
Proposal to change road markings on Alexandra Parade.

6 Current Local issues

Covered in Matters Arising.

7 Public Input

Already covered.

8 Elected Members Update

ACar:
Spoke to Diane Cunningham from GL re Sports Hub.
One of the park gates was broken – now fixed.
Electricity cabling work ongoing in Onslow Drive.
Craigpark roadworks completed.
Continuing to look in to accessibility of bin hubs.
The new Director of Home Group Scotland lives in Dennistoun. The contractor & Planning Department agreed the trees plan.
Avenues trees will be going ahead on Duke Street.
The Wellpark Centre is currently being used for storage.
There have been Scottish Fire & Rescue Service cuts, affecting Springburn fire station.

The new visitor levy can now be used for capital projects.

9 AOB

FP asked AO for GL spending figures for Dennistoun. AO replied that the figures were not broken down to that degree. FP will follow up.

10 Next Meeting

- Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 9th September 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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This is a short report of some of the key meetings/events/issues I've been involved in recently

Constituency

Liaised with the Presbytery of Glasgow and others and wrote to the UK Government on behalf of local churches experiencing challenges arising from cuts to its Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme.

I'm always keen to visit local groups and organisations to hear about what they do and offer help if I can. Please contact my office on ivan.mckee.msp@parliament.scot
I have responded to constituents who have written to me on a wide range of policy-related issues most recently including the escalating war in the Middle East and the potential for Faslane to make Scotland a target, the UK Government's disability benefit cuts, UK Supreme Court ruling on the legal meaning of sex, local government staff pay and making provision in the Housing (Scotland) Bill for pets in rented accommodation. I have begun to receive mail from different perspectives on the Prostitution (Offences and Support) Scotland Bill, a private member's Bill on decriminalising prostitution, recently introduced into Parliament. My office continues to assist constituents as we work through a high volume of casework. Recent matters we have dealt with include school placing requests, access to social security, healthcare and housing issues. I remain committed to working closely with my team to represent and advocate for those in need of support.

Parliament

It's been busy in the Chamber as Recess approached and on 18 June I closed an opposition debate on the Economy, on behalf of the Government. Despite many challenges the Scottish economy grew faster last year than the UK as a whole and continues to have lower unemployment.

The next day, 19 June, I presented and took questions on my Ministerial Statement on the next stages of the Scottish Government's Public Services Reform Strategy for Scotland. This is an integral part of the Scottish Government's response to fiscal challenges—it is about how we optimise every pound of spend to deliver the services that the people of Scotland need and deserve. I highlighted that to date we have reduced the number of public bodies in Scotland from 199 to 131, saved almost £2.5 billion in back-office costs in policing over the past 10 years and in the past two years saved £280 million through work on procurement, estates and the automation of back-office functions. Now we need to step up

the pace and go further and faster to ensure more funds are available for frontline and community services which is my priority.

The following week I delivered the Provisional Outturn Statement to Parliament showing how the Scottish Government once again balanced its budget despite current financial challenges. I also supported the Cabinet Secretary for Finance when she presented the Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Delivery Plan, laying out how we will continue to ensure sustainable finances for the next 5 years.

I've arranged for FMQ tickets for three constituency schools visiting Parliament in the coming session.

I have surgeries on the First Friday of the Month, 10am at Cranhill Development Trust and 11am at Riddrie Library. You can also book in an appointment with my constituency office at Hillfoot Street by calling 0141 556 4441.