

August 2025 Dennistoun Community Council Planning Meeting Notes

Present

Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*], Ruth Johnston (RJ), Brian Johnston (BJ), Wesley Wright (WW), Elaine Weir (EW), Steven Campbell (SC), Callum McLennan (CMcL), Robert Dawson Scott (RDS), Valery Tough (VT) [*Minute taker*]

Apologies

David McDonald (DMcD), Tom Dixon (TD)

Office Bearers

VT stated she wished to step down as Secretary at the AGM in October, as she feels the skill set required is better suited to someone else.

FP happy to continue as Chair.

BJ happy to continue as Planning/Licensing Rep

RJ happy to continue as DAP rep

WW happy to continue as VC (plus website), or as Treasurer, if required.

We have not heard from Lisa Clifford for a few months. VT and FP have tried to contact her, but haven't succeeded. VT will email her.

At the AGM, we will require a new Secretary, Minutes Secretary, DAP Substitute Rep and possibly either Vice Chair or Treasurer.

Fol requests

FP wants to use more Fol requests to attempt to get answers on various issues from GCC.

We had a fairly lengthy discussion on this, and there were mixed views. While not everyone thought Fol requests were the way to go, everyone agreed that we need more input and interaction from councillors. DCC will conduct a poll to see what people living in the area feel the main issues are, and use this to present to councillors. FP will also attempt to arrange a meeting with the three local councillors from Ward 22.

How We Operate

All agreed that we wouldn't return to the old committee system – partly because this requires a greater time commitment from CCllrs, and we are all volunteers with varying amounts of spare time.

FP suggested, and all agreed, that anyone on DCC should be able to pursue their own areas of interest in the community, subject to raising the matter at a meeting and gaining approval through a vote. To this end, VT and EW will approach Charlie Keane from NRS to arrange a meeting about hedges and other environmental issues.

All agreed that Slack was a little unwieldy for communication. EW suggested Basecamp, which is more intuitive. FP will set up a DCC Basecamp account.

Contact with other Community Councils

FP has received a response from 12 out of 65 CCs he contacted. All shared our frustration with the AP minutes and RPZ consultations.

All agreed that uniting with other CCs on issues like parking, AP minutes and insurance may give us a louder voice with GCC.

Dennistoun Community Awards

FP suggested running awards for individuals who have done good work in the community. Reservations were expressed about how this would work, and it was felt it was not something we would want to do just now. Also, the Glasgow Times runs Community Champion awards. EW suggested awards for children might be better. FP to come back with a more structured proposal.

Whitehill Pool

FP had not received a reply from Andrew Olney.

September Meeting

Will take place on Tuesday September 9. VT to invite the police along for an update on local issues.