



Dennistoun Community Council

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Dennistoun Community Council

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 19:20, Tuesday 8th October 2024

St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN

Cllrs Present: Lisa Clifford (LC); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Callum McLellan (CM); Frank Plowright (FP) [*Minute taker*]; Ian Sheerer (IS) [*Chair*]; Valery Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW).

Others present: Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar); 5x members of the public.

ITEM	ACTION
1 Welcome/introductions/attendance/apologies	
Apologies received from Cllr Allan Casey; John Mason MSP; - Cllrs not present: Stephen Campbell (SC); Tom Dickson (TD); Jane Marley (JM); Ellen McVey (EMcV). - Cllrs not present, no contact: Elaine McDougall (EMcD); Cllrs Greg Hepburn (GH); Cecilia O'Lone (CO'L); Linda Pike (LP); George Redmond (GR). - MSP not present, no contact: Ivan McKee - MP not present, no contact: Maureen Burke	
2 Approve Minutes of October 2023 AGM	
Approval prop'd by IS; sec'd by FP.	
3 Approve Chairperson's Annual Report	
Verbally supplied by Frank Plowright. See Appendix A. As this was presented verbally without notice approval is delayed until written submission.	

4 Approve DCC's Independently Examined Statement of Accounts

Accounts prepared by Lisa Clifford and audited by Alistair Cameron (Gartcraig CC Treasurer). See Appendix B. Approval of accounts proposed by FP and seconded by VT

5 Demitting of DCC Office-bearers

All office-bearers stood down from their respective roles.

6 Call of Nominations for the Community Council

7 Election of Office-bearers

See Appendix C for the appointments made.

A list of current CCLrs and office-bearers is maintained at

DennistounCC.org.uk/representatives.

8 Note Continuation of The Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils

Continuation noted. A copy of The Scheme is available via dennistouncc.org.uk/about.

9 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2023/23

Audit of accounts to be carried out by Alistair Cameron (Gartcraig CC Treasurer).

10 Appointment of Associate Members

Postponed until next meeting of DCC.

11 Review of Inventory and Additional Resources

See Appendix D for a record of assets as at 31st August 2024.

Annual General Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 14th October 2025.

Check [DennistounCC.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates) for full details.

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

2024 AGM closed at 19:30, immediately followed by the scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

APPENDIX A

Chair's Annual Report

Verbally supplied by Frank Plowright. Issues missed during verbal presentation added and highlighted.

DCC held nine ordinary and three planning meetings over the past year. We currently have ten active Community Councillors. As in 2023, many issues dominating our agendas were frustratingly familiar.

Unresolved streetscape issues

We have continued to press for action on the many streetscape issues in the area, such as road markings and drainage. Long awaited inspection of drains took place during the summer, and DCC has been supplied with documentation noting which need follow up action. DCC has supplied a detailed presentation of suggestions about how to use an area improvement grant, yet these have been persistently ignored by the council, whose lack of transparency, delay and obfuscation is all too familiar.

Local Initiatives

DCC has promoted and engaged constructively on a wide range of initiatives such as the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), Liveable Neighbourhood (LN), Avenues Scheme and current fill in consultation. As in 2023, it's not been easy to get answers to specific queries about these various projects, including how they all join up together.

Prior to the summer Westminster election DCC hosted a hustings at which seven of the nine candidates seeking election answered questions, and it was attended by approximately 100 members of the public.

Reidvale HA

DCC continues to monitor events at Reidvale Housing Association where the proposed takeover was rejected by members.

Whitehill Pool

The future of Whitehill Pool continues to be a subject of concern. The problems in 2023 were compounded by the discovery of potentially dangerous concrete in November 2023, since when getting any information has been an exceptionally frustrating experience. Despite requests made by ourselves and councillors, there has been no progress since March when we were told City Life intends to solicit quotes for removal and repair work for their entire estate, with Whitehill Pool just one building. Bill Stark of the Save Whitehill Pool campaign regularly attends DCC meetings.

Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

Community Councillor Ian Sheerer has attended DAP meetings, and the DAP has disbursed funds to a number of local projects and organisations. There has been no progress on distribution of NIIF funds. Despite being asked to do so in March, council officials have yet to supply costings asked for specific projects submitted by DCC.

Community engagement

We maintain a DCC webpage, update regularly on Facebook, highlighting consultations and areas of local interest, and continue to promote our meetings and encourage members of the public to attend.

Treasure Hunt

The DCC Treasure Hunt again took place in September for all children attending Dennistoun's primary schools. It was possible thanks to funding from Glasgow Council and sponsorship from Forbidden Planet. It was noted the take-up this year was disappointing, and FP will provide a full report to the November 2024 meeting.

Planning

Brian Johnston, our Planning Rep, continued to scrutinise and respond to planning applications, including objections to proposed changes to licensed premises, in line with local concerns. DCC continue historic objections to new House In Multiple Occupation (HMO) licence applications, and licence applications under the new Short-Term Let scheme, where these licences apply to a whole-property let. While not wishing to penalise residents who wish to provide short-term accommodation in a spare room, we believe the rise in short-term lets, especially in tenement buildings with communal areas, weakens communities, fuels rent rises, and reduces availability of property for long-term rental. There were no other planning or licencing matters of concern.

Frank Plowright, Vice-Chair, Dennistoun Community Council

APPENDIX B

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Independently Examined Accounts for period: 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

(See Scheme clause 8.1)

ITEMISED INCOME	£
Balance carried forward from previous year	3635.79
Bank interest	52.86
Administration Allowance	755.62
Discretionary Grant	315.87
Other external funding	150.00
Other self-generated income	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	4910.14

ITEMISED EXPENDITURE	£
Insurance (<i>deducted at source</i>)	00.00
Accommodation costs	440.00
Stationary	0.00
Photocopying	0.00
Postage	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Circulation of agendas and minutes	0.00
Travel expenses	0.00
Independent Examiner's Fees	50.00
*Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; small items of equipment; activities which build Community Councils' capacity etc.	856.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1346.99

*Specifics:

- DCC Treasure Hunt - £338.00
- GCC Grant Return - £118.99
- General Election hustings venue hire - £400.00

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Independently Examined Accounts for period: 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

TOTAL INCOME	£ 2023/24	£ 2022/23
Balance carried forward from previous year	3635.79	3,174.52
Bank interest	52.86	21.63
Administration allowance	755.62	795.30
Discretionary grant	315.87	318.99
Other external funding	150.00	0.00
Other self-generated income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	4910.14	4,310.44

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
Insurance (<i>deducted at source</i>)	0.00	0.00
Accommodation costs	440.00	430.00
Independent Examiner's Fees	50.00	0.00
Stationery	0.00	244.65
Photocopying	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00
Circulation of agendas and minutes	0.00	0.00
Travel expenses	0.00	0.00

*Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; equipment etc.	856.99	0.00
TOTAL	1346.99	674.65

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BALANCE SURPLUS		
Represented by:		
Cash in bank	3613.15	3635.79
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
Creditor – External Examiner	-50.00	0.00
TOTAL	3563.15	3635.79

The above statement has been compiled from the available records, books and explanations.

Name (please print) IAN REID
 Organisation Reid, Campbell & Co Accountants
 Designation / Position Partner
 Address & Post Code Ardluing, Kilmun, Argyll PA23 8RY
 Phone or Email 07766 314028
 Signature (**Examiner**)



Date: 11th September 2024

Statement countersigned on behalf of the Community Council by;

Signature (**Treasurer**) _____ Date _____
 Signature (**Chair**) _____ Date _____

APPENDIX C

Office-bearer appointments for the year, up to the October 2025 AGM.

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed By</i>	<i>Seconded By</i>
Chairperson	Frank Plowright	VT	CM
Vice-chair	Wesley Wright	VT	LC
Secretary	Valery Tough	IS	WW
Treasurer	Lisa Clifford	WW	RJ
Minutes Secretary	Valery Tough	WW	IS
Planning Representative	Brian Johnston	IS	FP
Licensing Representative	Brian Johnston	IS	FP
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative	Ruth Johnston	IS	VT
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative Substitute	Ian Sheerer	FP	VT

APPENDIX D

Record of Dennistoun Community Council assets as at 31st August 2023.

<i>Asset</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Deckchairs	10	F basement, Onslow Drive.
Trestle tables	2	F basement, Onslow Drive.
Gazebos	1	1x with Stephen Birrell
Pop-up banners	2	With FP.
Domain name (dennistouncc.org.uk)	1	Maintained by WW.
DCC map display on coroplast board	1	With VT.
Day out in Dennistoun maps	400 approx	With VT.
Pens	80	With VT.