



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 9th September 2025, from 7:00pm
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

CCLrs Present Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*], David McDonald (DMcD), Ruth Johnston (RJ), , Wesley Wright (WW), Callum McLennan (CMcL); Tom Dixon (TD); Elaine Weir (EW); Steven Campbell (SC); Valery Tough (VT) [*Minute taker*]

Others Present: Councillor Anthony Carroll (ACar); Bill Stark (BS), Save Whitehill Pool (SWP); David McCready (DMcC), Glasgow Life (GL); 12 x members of the public

		ACTION
1	Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies Apologies received from CCLrs Robert Dawson Scott (RDS) and Brian Johnston (BJ); Annie Wells MSP, John Mason MSP	
2	Approval of Minutes July 2025 Ordinary Meeting minutes proposed by DMcD; seconded by RJ August 2025 Planning Meeting minutes proposed by WW; seconded by CMcL	
3	Police Update There were no officers in attendance, due to a communications mix-up on the police side, but they will be in attendance at our November meeting.	
4	Matters Arising <i>Whitehill Pool</i> Communication from Glasgow Life (GL) is still, in DCC's view, unacceptable. DCC received assurances at our April special meeting that GL would consult with DCC before any action was taken. However, Andrew Olney from Glasgow Life wants all communication to be via the Save Whitehill Pool (SWP) campaign. All though DCC has made it clear that this is unacceptable, we have had no response. The previous week, the gate on the walkway was locked, with no notice, although this was quickly rectified and had been done in error by janitors at the school. In more bad news, despite GL's commitment to providing costed alternatives for the pool by August this year, this has now been delayed until November. DMcC confirmed three options under consideration, but had no further news, in spite of pressing for updates. BS gave a report on all the hard work SWP have been doing – see Appendix 1 ACar is awaiting information on whether dry activities could be moved into the Reidvale Centre. He also pointed out that capital budget calculations start at the end of November,	

which is tight timing in regard to the finalisation of the business case.
Given the frustrations with communication with GL, FP will contact our Ward 22 councillors to see if anything can be done.

Dennistoun Area Partnership (DAP)

Ongoing issues with inadequate minutes. ACar had enquired about video recording AP meetings, but was told that is “resource intensive”. He has suggested audio recording and is awaiting a response.

Planning Committees

FP has been trying to get an answer about whether representation at planning and licensing committees carries more weight than a written objection. Licensing said it made no difference, and Planning, in response to a Freedom of Information (Fol) request, also said it made no difference.

RJ noted that some objections from DCC have additional information, and so are not “cookie-cutter” objections.

Insurance

GCC told FP that DCC could not get a copy of our insurance document. After an Fol, FP received a satisfactory response.

Bins

Confirmation that the bin hubs do not have rat traps under them, and there are no plans to fit any. EW said people in the area had been told there would be rat traps.

Still problems with organic waste bins overflowing. CMcL reported that using the QR code to report them took three days for action. VT asked how often they were collected, and FP agreed to follow up.

5 Officers Reports

a. Chair/Vice-chair

FP:

Discussed Fol requests at August Planning Meeting, and not everyone agreed about using them. Agreed that instead we should demand more of our councillors.

Also at the August meeting, it was agreed that anyone on DCC has the right to follow issues on their own, providing ideas are agreed in a DCC meeting first. VT to email Charlie Keane from NRS to arrange a meeting with her and EW re hedges.

Reminder that we will need a new DAP Sub Rep, Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer at the AGM in October.

We also agreed at the August meeting to foster stronger links with other CCs, and FP will arrange a meeting mid-October. We agreed to pay for venue hire.

FP attended Paul Sweeney MSP’s meeting re factors.

WW:

Nothing to report.

b. Secretary

Nothing to report.

c. Treasurer

VT to contact Lisa to ensure accounts are delivered in time for the AGM.

d. Planning and Licensing

RJ:

10 Annfield Place: use of Café Class 3 as dwelling house Class 9 and formation of doors from windows

38 Broompark Drive: Roof alterations retrospective

27 Westercraigs: Roof alterations retrospective

HMO 005782 – 142 Craigpark Drive – application existing licence for HMO, rooms 4 occupancy 4

HMO 11 Marne Street

e. Area Partnership

Papers received Sep 9, next meeting Sep 16

NIIF: DCC suggestions of pedestrian crossings on Alexandra Parade near Co-op/Whitehill Street and on Cumbernauld Road at Finlay Drive/Duke St Station accessible ramp have been refused; step-free access on Ark Lane will be considered further. All agreed the decision to take the crossings no further was disappointing and disheartening, and a degree of anger was expressed.

Plans to make an eastern entrance to Necropolis are to go ahead.

6 Consultations

FP will check GCC page

7 Current Local issues

a. Local Amenities/ Glasgow Life/ Whitehill Pool

A lot of public input and anger expressed re the loss of local amenities, such as Whitehill Pool and Alexandra Park Sports Hub. The library is currently the only GL service open in Dennistoun.

Whitehill Pool is covered elsewhere. DMcC reported that community groups are interested in taking over the Sports Hub, but could give no further information until the Hub is handed back. Concern was expressed again about the closure meaning no public toilets in the park. DMcC will speak to the contracts team to see if keeping them open could be written into future contracts, as suggested by FP. ACar pointed out that Milnbank HA could have kept the toilets open.

The Reidvale Centre has been taken over by the Halliday Foundation, which will be offering a range of services.

Bluevale Community Club (BCC) representatives expressed concerns over lack of facilities available in the area. DCC agreed that reopening venues and restoring services was a priority for everyone, but we are limited in what we can do, although we have been pressuring GCC and GL for many years over the lack of sports and leisure facilities.

Suggestion that GCC could rent out rooms in schools for sport activity.

Antisocial behaviour reported at Bluevale Community Hall, which is also currently closed.

DMcD reported Dennistoun Working Group had proposed a hub for all ages and had had a

small initial meeting.
BS suggested a one-stop shop or portal for what's happening in Dennistoun.

b. Homes / Housing Associations / Cleansing

Reidvale Housing Association business plan completed. AGM on September 10 (50th anniversary of RHA)

c. Transport/Roads/Parking

Parking

It looked like the consultation at end of August didn't happen
VT: I missed the consultation email, so sincere apologies for that.
Work on the consultation for the TRO continues.
DMcD has submitted an FoI request re how many permits are applied for in other RPZs – does traffic volume decrease? Has been told to expect a response by October 3.

8 Public Input

No further issues

9 Elected Member Update

ACar:

CCTV cameras have been installed on Ark Lane and have caught five fly-tippers.
Caravan and uninsured cars removed from Wellpark.
Overgrown hedge on Alexandra Parade sorted. Other vegetation cuts at common plots.
Application for housing for workers in Wishart Street.
Parking tickets issued at problem spot on Duke Street.

9 AOB

WW: Alexandra Parade Primary playground sheds have been fenced off for a month and have now been condemned. ACar will follow up.

10 Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 2025 from, 7pm-7.30pm at St Andrews East Church Hall.
Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 2025 from 7.30pm-9pm 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.

Appendix 1

Bill Stark – SWP - DCC Update 9 Sep 2025

A letter was sent out to inform the community of Campaign Working Group some activities detailing past present and future plans.

It also contained links for a Petition and a Survey

We need people to respond to these so that we can **provide evidence of the need** for Whitehill Pool

This evidence will be used to **support the business case being developed** by Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council

A meeting took place on 20th August, held to demonstrate a software tool used by Glasgow Life to record information across all its facilities. The Working Group were provided with lots of data relating to Whitehill. Relating to usage, community values etc.

It was revealed that the Business Case document under development runs to 70 pages at the time – **so there are signs that this is a Glasgow Life priority.**

A Launch Event and Fundraiser evening has been arranged for Friday 19th September at St Rollox Bowling Club. Funds are required to obtain new promotion material such as Banners, Posters and Flyers.

Also to cover Campaign costs.

I have been “door knocking” businesses on the Parade last week – seeking donations for the Prize Draw / Raffle

I will be repeating this again this week on Duke Street

Also produced a new document for businesses to display on windows and also to prompt customers to “sign up” to both Survey and Petition

Whitehill Swimming Club transport

The committee have decided that they will not accept the responsibility for managing the transport of members to and from the club.

Their responsibility starts on arrival at the club and ends on departure from the club.

NOTE: This would have involved members from two locations – Dennistoun and Springburn