



Dennistoun Community Council

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Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

19:00 – 19:30, Tuesday 14th October 2025

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

CCLrs Present Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Callum McLellan (CM); Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*]; Stephen Campbell (SC); Valery Tough (VT) [*Minute taker*]; Wesley Wright (WW) Robert Dawson Scott (RDS); David McDonald (DMcD); Cliff Shearer (CS)

Others present: John Mason MSP (JM); Ian Elder, NRS (IE); 7 x members of the public

Apologies received from CCLrs Elaine Weir and Tom Dickson;
Cllr Anthony Carroll; Annie Wells MSP; Mauren Burke MP, Bill Stark

ITEM	ACTION
1 Welcome/introductions/attendance/apologies	

CCLrs not present: Lisa Clifford (LC); Ian Sheerer (IS)

MSP not present: Ivan McKee

- 2 Approve Minutes of October 2024 AGM**
Approval proposed by VT, seconded by WW
- 3 Approve Chairperson's Annual Report**
FP provided a written report (see Appendix A)
- 4 Approve DCC's Independently Examined Statement of Accounts**
Not available at time of AGM.
- 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 2025/26**
Audit of accounts to be carried out by Ian Reid.
- 10 Appointment of Associate Members**
Bill Stark from Whitehill Swimming Club re-appointed
- 11 Review of Inventory and Additional Resources**
See Appendix D for a record of assets as at August 31 2025.
- 12 Next DCC AGM**
Annual General Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 13th October 2026.
Check DennistounCC.org.uk/dates for full details.
Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
2025 AGM closed at 19:30, immediately followed by the scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

APPENDIX A

Chair's Annual Report – prepared by Frank Plowright

Between October 2024 and this meeting DCC held two planning meetings, nine ordinary meetings open to the public and one additional public meeting airing concerns about the future of Whitehill Pool. We welcomed three new Community Councillors and one returning Community Councillor and now have a membership of 14 plus non-voting associate member Bill Stark representing Save Whitehill Pool

As has unfortunately been the case over previous years too many major issues remain unresolved and we find officials from Glasgow Council, secretive, uncommunicative and un-cooperative. It's taken FOI requests to obtain answers to simple questions such as rumours of changes to planning meeting procedures and the insurance conditions covering Community Councils.

We have continued to press for action on many streetscape issues in the area, such as road markings, new crossings and drainage. DCC has felt a great deal of frustration at a lack of definitive answers and timescales, in spite of much correspondence to council officials and elected members, asking detailed, well-researched questions.

There has been continuing irritation at the Council refusing to cost proposals to benefit the area via the £1 million Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund. Ruth Johnston attends each Dennistoun Area Partnership meeting where such decisions are taken, and we have complained about the meeting minutes as being unfit for purpose following conflicting accounts as to what's been said.

The biggest local issue remains the closure of Whitehill Pool, and in November Tom Dixon and Val Tough made a video featuring local residents and elected officials talking about the closure and associated issues. It's available on the DCC youtube channel, as is film of the meeting we held in April attended by elected officials and representatives of Glasgow Council and Glasgow Life. Commitments publicly made as to improved communication and a range of fully costed options to be provided by August have been broken. A revived Save Whitehill Pool organisation resulted from this meeting and continues to campaign and negotiate with the council, while Bill Stark updates at most meetings. Our meetings are also regularly attended by David McCready (Dennistoun Ward Community Development Officer, Glasgow Life), and Eddie Scanlon from Neighbourhood Regeneration Services attended a meeting to address concerns about the bin hub programme in Haghill. There has been regular correspondence since, and a result has been organic recycling bins restored to Dennistoun, and extra organic and glass recycling in Reidvale.

Other unresolved issues and concerns include the closure of the Alexandra Park Sports Hub and continuing uncertainty around Reidvale Housing Authority. The Redivale Neighbourhood Centre was to re-open but was reported as vandalised in August.

When we wrote to all our elected officials last month asking for help in getting answers about Whitehill Pool from Glasgow Life, only Councillor Allan Casey responded. Relations with local elected officials are frankly poor. I would like to thank Councillor Anthony Carroll who does attend the majority of meetings (7 of nine ordinary meetings in the past year up from 5 in the previous year) and does generally follow up points made at meetings. Councillor Allan Casey attended 3 meetings each of the past two years, but has stated the Councillor's Code of Conduct prohibits him from challenging the decisions of professional council employees. Councillor Elaine McDougall attended 2 meetings of nine, up from zero. While we recognise Ivan McKee MSP and Maureen Burke MP are not always able to attend personally, they don't send representatives and there's been minimal response to the suggestion of providing a monthly written update to be appended to minutes.

The Dennistoun Treasure Hunt was not held this year, but there has been a consultation with head teachers about DCC organising a new event for Glasgow's primary school children planned for May 2026. Brian Johnston, our Planning Rep, continues to scrutinise and respond to planning applications, including objections to proposed changes to licensed premises, in line with local concerns.

A change has been made in the way DCC operates, giving Community Councillors leeway to pursue issues individually or as a group provided it's cleared with the Community Council first and we're kept updated. Matters so far investigated and reported include the council's drains maintenance programme and overgrown hedges.

As Chair, I would like to thank all Dennistoun Community Councillors for their work over the last year, and hope that over the next twelve months we can be more effective at making the voices of the local population heard.

APPENDIX B

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Independently Examined Accounts for period: 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

(See Scheme clause 8.1)

Unavailable at 03.11.2025

APPENDIX C

Office-bearer appointments for the year, up to the October 2026 AGM.

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed By</i>	<i>Seconded By</i>
Chairperson	Frank Plowright	RDS	CS
Vice-chair	David McDonald	WW	RJ
Secretary	Elaine Weir	VT	FP
Treasurer	Wesley Wright	VT	RJ
Minutes Secretary			
Planning Representative	Brian Johnston	WW	DMcD
Licensing Representative	Brian Johnston	WW	DMcD
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative	Ruth Johnston	RDS	FP
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative Substitute			

APPENDIX D

Record of Dennistoun Community Council assets as at 31st August 2025.

<i>Asset</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Deckchairs	10	FP basement, Onslow Drive.
Trestle tables	2	FP 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.
DOID maps	400(approx)	With VT.
Pens	80	With VT.