



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026, from 7:00pm  
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

**Cllrs Present** Frank Plowright (FP) [Chair]; David McDonald (DM) (minute taker); Wesley Wright (WW); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ) Robert Dawson Scott (RDS); Elaine Weir (EW), Cliff Shearer (CS)

**Others Present:** GCC Cllrs; Anthony Carroll (ACar), Elaine McDougall (EMcD). Paul Sweeney MSP (PS), Maureen Burke MP (MB). Bill Stark, Save Whitehill Pool, (BS) and 40 x members of the public.

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### 1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs; Valerie Tough (VT), Callum McLennan (CMcL), Tom Dickson (TD). And from John Mason MSP (JM), GCC Cllr Allan Casey (ACas), David McCready from Glasgow Life (DM)

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### 2 Approval of Minutes

November 2025 Ordinary Meeting minutes proposed by RJ seconded by WW.

Due to the absence of an official permanent minute secretary, it was discussed at the December planning to have one Cllr take minutes at each meeting to spread the load and avoid having to pay for additional services. All at the meeting agreed to try this approach. DMcD Volunteered for this meeting.

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### 3 Traffic Order

Traffic Order, this was moved up in the meeting due to the level attendance and interest from the community.

FP gave a brief summary of DCC inputs so far and current position in respect of notices appearing from December. See Appendix (1&2) for responses from Elected Members sent to DCC prior to the meeting.

**DCC has submitted 10-page document outlining our objections to the proposals. Copy of the document can be viewed at the following link:**

<https://dennistouncc.org.uk/2026/01/12/response-to-dennistoun-traffic-management-and-parking-proposals/>

DCC position is that we want improved traffic safety for the area but current proposals from GCC are not fit for purpose. The 10 page DCC response has been circulated to Cllrs, MPs and MSPs, and DCC want their backing and support in requesting GCC urgently withdraw the proposals until the concerns put forward in the DCC document can be properly addressed by GCC and a proper public consultation takes place with the Dennistoun Community.

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Cllr EMcD raised the point that a petition with 7000 signatures from Shawlands in response to a similar proposal was not accepted as proper objection. It was discussed that there does not seem to be any clear position from GCC on what, if any, weight is given to petitions submitted by residents.

FP outlined some of the key points already raised by DCC:

- Unacceptable timing over Festive Hols raised and advised by GCC deadline has been extended by one week.
- Minimum timeline has been met for Traffic Order, but this not acceptable given the proposed changes.
- Full response and key issues can be viewed in the DCC response document.

Confirmed by Cllr ACar that Summer 2026 implementation is the target date for GCC if they do not make any changes to the current process and timelines.

Public Questions and Comments raised:

Raised example of parking outside of church in another area that was approved based on a petition from the public. Feels like it depends on the Department and what the council wants if they accept or ignore a public petition.

No letters and GCC not letting people know about the proposals through poor communication. Cllr WW commented that some of this is about the technical difference of a TRO and broader consultation. However, this is not an excuse for poor community engagement.

Example of someone living here since 1989, has seen great changes in Duke Street used to be all to lets etc. With visitors needing to pay now they have to pay £15 to visit daughter in West End and the use of visitor permits are appalling. Friends or family won't be able to get parked and will be out of pocket and permits can't cover the full needs of people. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan timeline is piece of nonsense, and this will damage local, independent businesses. Destroying one of the last independent areas in Glasgow destroying decades of improvements.

FP provided figures from GCCs own parking survey completed in May 2025 that shows no need for parking charges based on occupancy, never more than 80%. Data is published in DCC response document.

Public input: Elderly, having family coming to stay overnight if you're unwell. Can do it, what about the rights of residents? Also, elderly neighbours living in buildings, people will not come to visit. We will be killing people through loneliness. DCC raised example of carers and concerns about the impacts. Also covered in the DCC response document.

Public input: Seems like measures specific to Dennistoun are especially harsh compared to some other areas. The hours and charges being proposed, especially for meter parking. Feels like this is just to make money. DCC: there is a response on GCC FAQs, but this is a legal one – to cover costs and surplus needs to be re-invested back into roads.

Cllr CS: Saw an article about the lanes around the area, suggesting GCC want to also take these over. Can they take over the lanes? DCC: if it is accessible to the public access then yes, the council can enforce specific rules and regulations. Gates might be the difference. Public Input: Advised by Cllr ACas at a meeting about fly-tipping on a lane and was told that it was a private lane so GCC not liable. Not happy about the response from the Cllr ACas in general.

Public Input: Proposals are underpinned by a desire to reduce traffic and vehicle use, but there is not the correct transport infrastructure in place to achieve this. Also bus lane timings

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changing. No issues with traffic flow. Cllr ACar: There was a different traffic order for this to enable better flow of traffic and reduce congestion. This was published on website and print media. Overall comment from public that print media is not acceptable in the modern world as the main means of communicating important changes.

Cllr CS: Feels like GCC do not actually know the area at all and making decisions without talking to the people who live here. DCC: flawed surveys, consultations and lack of proper discussions within the community. DCC has raised many objections and concerns over the years, e.g. asking GCC to enforce existing legislations to support improved safety. Lack of details being presented because lots of different things are being packaged up together when they should not be. See the details in DCC response.

Road safety is being lost within the proposals. The Liveable neighbourhoods consultation is a good example, one element was traffic safety and management and GCC promised that there would be an extensive consultation. Encouraged to engage with GCC which we did in good faith, but traffic, road safety and parking are all being mixed together and now we can't discuss anything effectively.

Public Input: Will it actually make any difference if we send letters or object? Cllr FP example of Golfhill School campaign that did work so it is worth submitting responses and following up.

Public Input: Permits are for vehicles, if you bring a different car home (e.g. work) you will need additional permits or charges. There are also issues of enforcement, GCC can use existing powers to cover the majority of obstructive parking issues. Glasgow highest tenement ownership in UK so there is a genuine need to reduce car ownership or vehicle usage but needs backed with proper alternatives.

Public Input: Total lack of communication from GCC and what there is either doesn't work or is difficult to interpret or view.

Public Input: Parking can be a nightmare at times, but what about metered parking bays and pay and display meters, how will these be implemented, this will cause building works and impact on pavements for pedestrians.

Public Input: Where is the data used for decision making? First Bus Company not able to recruit, seems lack of data and information. DCC, no communication and very limited information from GCC despite numerous requests.

Public Input: Will GCC Use existing CCTV for enforcement? DCC: No obligation on part of GCC to do this and we don't know any more details about enforcement.

Public Input: Are the elected people not here to represent the community. What is their input? DCC: Council has confirmed that there have been 400 responses so far. The public should be aware it is not the volume that matters so much but the substance of any objections. Repeat mentions of the same points will not be fully considered.

#### Updates from Elected Members

Maureen Burke MP: Very annoyed about this. What's happening here is atrocious. Council needs to speak to people. Joint statement from MP and Cllr Elaine McDougall about this today. Fact of doing over the Christmas period is also the wrong thing. Freedom of Information request submitted to ask why this is being done over the festive period and expectations on

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revenue raised from this, money won't just be spent on Dennistoun but go into central pot.

Councillor Elaine McDougall: Not just a councillor but also a resident and strongly objects to the proposals. Needs to be proper consultation and concerns about local and independent businesses, people working here and safety of people walking long distances late at night especially women when they cannot park near their homes or places they are going to.

Councillor Anthony Carroll: Does broadly support some of the proposals about road safety and traffic management. Does have objections to how the parking measures are being consulted on and believes this is not right and is not getting responses from the dept himself. Agrees that there needs to be a proper broad public consultation on the subject.

Paul Sweeney MSP: Written to Kevin Argue about poor consultation. Also shares concerns about businesses and impacts, e.g. delivery vans etc. Also let's understand details and have more and better engagement and actual public engagement to work together.

DCC: please add need for proper public meeting to any objections going forward.

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#### **4 Matters Arising**

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- A. Whitehill Pool update from Bill Stark. Finalise business case at end of this month. But too late for current budget meeting, next one will be in 2028/29, hoping to have some alternative funding sources ready by the time of the next budget meeting. Working group meeting tomorrow night (14th Jan). Working with local consultancy group on a plan for being more effective in the campaign.
- B. Motion proposed to remove Lisa Clifford as Community Councillor. Who has not attended any meetings in 2025. Motion agreed unanimously.
- C. FP: Space available for new Community Councillors to join. Currently 3 vacancies with another one becoming available when Lisa's name is removed. Further vote taken and agreed by all Community Councillors to start the process to recruit, and elect, new community councillors. GCC will be notified of this decision in accordance with the guidance from GCC. Current membership can be viewed here: <https://dennistouncc.org.uk/representatives/>
- D. Bins: FP read a statement from Eddie Scanlon about changes to collections over festive period. *Full response added as Appendix 3.*

Cllr DM raised point about parking spaces and bin hubs. These will take up more parking spaces but are not included in any current plans within the parking proposals. Cllr EM has raised this, and it is shocking and has asked for more to be done about fly tipping and has asked for collections to be picked asap. Collections starting tomorrow, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr ACar has heard about issues for Blue Bin collections being delayed but has been told these will be cleared by Thursday.

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#### **5 Officers Reports**

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##### Treasurer

Steps being made to make sure books are being balanced. Further updates to follow at next

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#### Planning

One Planning Application: 25/02621/FUL. 6 Clayton Terrace external alterations.  
Licensing: REF HMO 04055. 19 Onslow Drive application for existing license for HMO.

#### Area partnership

Next meeting on 17th Feb, need to find a named substitute who can attend when Community Council Officer is unable to. To be discussed at the next regular meeting.

No other officer updates given.

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### **6 Consultations**

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FP provided information on four consultations that he is currently aware of:

#### Glasgow Council

Climate Plan consultation to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Amending Short Term Lets policy for Commonwealth Games – to Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Scottish Government

Enforcement of temporary accommodation standards Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Climate Change Plan Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

Transport Noise Action Plan 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Glasgow Airport

Glasgow Airport consultation 25th

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### **7 Current Local Issues**

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Reidvale, 10-year management plan now in place to support main issues and requirements.

DCC is trying to unite other Community Councils. Had first meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 where 18 attended out of the more than 50 community councils attended. Next meeting first week of Feb. Hoping for greater attendance and create a more formal association.

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### **8 Public Input**

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Question about Bluevale and Sports Hub. Bluevale expecting to be resolved in Spring. Several parties interested in Sports Hub with process in motion and waiting on decisions from Glasgow Life on next steps.

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### **9 Elected Member Update**

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Cllr ACar: Ally Park, idea of having improved lighting. Especially on main routes. Might raise at area partnership and maybe the NIFF funding. Also, friends of the Necropolis have some good ideas to be progressed for NIFF.

Cycle storage units being added to new streets soon. DCC: Will there be more for the area.  
Response: maybe further inputs can be made online and there is large demand. Large waiting list. DCC: more expensive to park a bike than for the cheapest parking permit to be noted.  
Public: Little or no notice of Bike Hubs appearing on pavements. DCC: we have asked for these to not be on footways etc.

Trees at Firpark Terrace, most removed due to disease and illness. Ally Parade Primary works should have started and chasing this up.

Cllr EMcD: Main work has been on fly-tipping and refuse collections. Also, proposal for restoring the fountain in Ally Park. Working with Paul Sweeney on trying to raise funding. Cost of £1m a few years ago. Is there a middle way to not do a full refurb but keep it from degrading. Paul Sweeney has had a quote for £600k.

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MP MB: Meeting Glasgow Airport if any inputs then get in touch. Getting round different parts of the constituency. Get in touch if needed. Working with police on actions to cut the increasing shoplifting rates and how we can tackle this in the area. Pride in place funding, £20m of funding available over 10 years. Will attend the next meeting to give more details of the scheme and how the money can be accessed.

MSP PS: Update on tenement group at Scottish Parliament and moving this forward. Info on website, moving but needs more pace and pushing for this. Also trying to make it easier to apply to housing associations. Pressing on bus franchises and moving this forward. Whitehill pool raised in a debate in the Parliament and pushing the government for more creative thinking. Care home objections and working on this. Has had notice of someone wanting to turn it into a care home. Progressing Barlinnie Prison as cat A so the council / government needs to do something better than simply knock it down. Bellgrove station improvements progressing. Community housing associations being raised in Parliament too.

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**10 AOB**

AOB: Internal business discuss on slack.

RAPA should be a jewel in the crown of Dennistoun but they urgently need help with volunteers and their website. Get in touch if you want to help.

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**11 Next Meeting**

Next public meeting on 10th February 2026 from 7pm-9pm at St Andrews East Church Hall

- Agenda will be circulated in advance and published to [Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates](https://dennistouncc.org.uk/dates).

- Apologies to be submitted via [hello@dennistouncc.org.uk](mailto:hello@dennistouncc.org.uk).

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**12 Appendix**

Appendix 1: Letter from Mauren Burke MP to Kevin Argue

Kevin Argue  
Head of Service, Sustainable Transport, Traffic & Parking Operations  
Exchange House  
231 George Street,  
Glasgow,  
G1 1RX  
(By email)

13 January 2026

Dear Mr Argue,

**Proposed Dennistoun Traffic Management and Parking Controls**

In recent weeks, I have heard from a significant number of Dennistoun residents and businesses concerned about the potential effects of Glasgow City Council's proposals for Traffic Management and Parking Controls in the area.

In particular, my constituents are worried about the proposals to expand parking controls to dozens of streets in Dennistoun. Including the introduction of permits costing as much as £220 a year, while visitors will be forced to pay £5 for a 6-hour period or £1.20 for 15 minutes.

I accept that there is an issue with commuters parking in Dennistoun to travel into the City Centre - an issue further exacerbated by obstructive parking practices. However, measures are already in place to address this, such as parking tickets or vehicle removal for those parking on pavements or double yellow lines. Unfortunately, there has been a lack of enforcement from Glasgow City Council.

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Additionally, a Glasgow City Council parking survey completed in May 2025, shows that between the hours of 02:00-04:00 there are 2622 vehicles parked in Dennistoun with a parking capacity of 3600. Further, between 14:00-16:00 there are 2681 vehicles parked. These numbers suggest that there is more than enough capacity for residents to park their vehicles.

Business owners are worried that these changes will impact their footfall, and residents are worried about the cost to park their cars. Frustratingly, these proposals emerged in mid-December with the consultation period including the Christmas and New Year holiday – which is to against Glasgow City Council’s own guidelines – and little effort has been made to host any form of public meeting.

With all of this in mind, it is difficult to conclude that these proposals are anything more than a tax on local Dennistoun residents.

I urge you to rethink these proposals and work with the Dennistoun community to improve traffic management where it is required.

Yours sincerely,



Appendix 2, comments from other elected members shared to DCC prior to the meeting:

Anthony Carroll: In terms of the next steps, looking at the Environment & Liveable Neighbourhood Committee papers on timelines, “If the TRO is successfully promoted, implementation is expected in summer 2026.” I’m unsure what the process would be following an unsuccessful promotion, i.e, if that involves revision of their plan before re-promotion of a new one etc. Again was something I was hoping to get a response to from NRS team, but haven’t had responses as mentioned. As I’ve said to residents getting in touch, I am broadly supportive of parking controls, however I wish for changes listened to from residents, such as on aspects such as one way systems, timings of controls, and dedicated increase in patrolling, especially on areas that have been raised as pressure such as by the Royal, City Park, and south east Dennistoun when there’s matches on at Parkhead.

Elaine McD: I am calling on the City Administration to pause and review this proposal, engage meaningfully with residents, and bring forward a fairer, balanced plan that works for everyone.

Also responded - Sandesh Gulhane.

Appendix 3, From Eddie Scanlon:

In relation to the festive plan. I appreciate that it is difficult for those not involved in cleansing operations to understand the scale of the task and what must be considered in planning, to provide some context; each day we require 55 vehicles and drivers and 251 operatives to carry out business as usual collections across the city, following the 4 public holidays there are 220 days’ worth of collections to complete along with business as usual collections which is around 264,000 collections, in simple terms the amount of resources required to catch this back are

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not available during the festive period therefore the service has to consider a plan that reduces the impact to as many residents as possible and where the impact on delayed collections will be best managed by those affected by the delays.

In previous years all flatted collections would be in delay whilst we tackled back and front door properties which caused significant build ups in communal bin areas for longer periods of time that created wider health and safety issues for our operatives and particular issues with rodent control due to these build ups of waste lying for prolonged periods of time.

Last years plan similar to this years saw more properties and services continue to schedule and a quicker recovery of the high volumes of waste and recycling at flatted properties with an overall reduction in complaints by 3,500. I of course appreciate that this plan has an impact on those potentially waiting 42 days for a general waste collection, but our experience has been that individual properties manage this better than those with communal bin storage arrangements.

That said, we are considering options in our festive planning for 2026/27 that shall potentially reduce the impact on back and front door properties and look at advanced collections for general waste collections, the suspension of some services and the more complicated option of moving calendar dates which is extremely complex as some routes are on a particular day for a reason e.g. route risk assessment and access issues on particular days.

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