



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 10th February 2026, from 7:00pm
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Cllrs Present Frank Plowright (FP) [Chair and minute taker]; David McDonald (DM); Val Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW); Cliff Shearer (CS)

Others Present: GCC Cllrs; Anthony Carroll (ACar), Bill Stark, Save Whitehill Pool, (BS), Eddie Scanlon from NRS (ES) and 12 members of the public.

1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Tom Dickson (TD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Robert Dawson Scott (RDS); Elaine Weir (EW) and from Cllr Elaine McDougall (EMcD).
Maureen Burke MP (MB) – Update supplied (Appendix A)

No presence, update or apology Ivan McKee MSP, Cllr Allan Casey

2 Approval of Minutes

January 2026 Ordinary Meeting minutes proposed by (CS) seconded by (WW).

3 Bin hubs and collections

Eddie Scanlon Assistant Group Manager at NRS addressed assorted problems connected with bin collections.

The department has 251 staff and 55 vehicles and scheduling collections is far more complicated than people realise. Fixed collections have to be taken into account. The Christmas schedule depends heavily on people taking up overtime, and it's no longer possible to move people across from other services as was the case in the past. The NRS budget means they can't compete with other businesses when hiring temp staff. This year the Christmas schedule was further affected by unprecedented levels of staff sickness. Accepting that, FP remained sceptical about the computer scheduling system that isn't adjusted for variables. ES said it would be easier to show than explain, and FP will arrange an appointment.

There are continuing problems with the bin hubs in Haghill, including missing bin lids, uncollected rubbish next to the hubs and no response to complaints submitted via QR codes on the bins. These are longstanding problems. It turns out the QR code leads to an unmonitored address! ES has been asking staff to redirect for a while. It was suggested providing stickers with a new QR code would be more efficient given this longstanding problem. In the light of this, ES saying the department received very few complaints was felt disingenuous. Using the My Glasgow ap is effective.

FP mentioned the constant problem of broken glass after collections of the recycling bins outside the after school care building on the corner of Armadale St and Craigpark Drive. This is frequently reported and bin men are supposed to sweep up and supervisors are supposed to

check. ES said he sometimes has the feeling he's told by staff what he wants to hear, and such problems should always be reported. Refuse vehicles now have cameras as standard and footage can be checked.

DMcD asked when the bin hubs would be rolled out over the remainder of Dennistoun. ES didn't think it would be this year. The current priority is City Centre, Govanhill and West End.

4 Matters Arising

- A. Traffic Regulation Order. Objections are now being assessed by Glasgow Council and ACar has a meeting next week to discuss the matter. DCC would like it stressed that our objections extend beyond unpopular parking charges to vague and ill considered traffic plans, and would want a proper public consultation. CS has documentation about an unsuccessful attempt in 1978 to impose a TRO on Dennistoun, but it contained few specifics and will have to be researched. DCC will hold off chasing other elected officials on the issue until hearing from ACar following the meeting.
- B. The soliciting of new members for DCC has been delayed and isn't now possible for March's meeting. After discussion it was decided to begin the process in early March in order to have new members definitely in place by May.
- C. FP held a second meeting of Glasgow's Community Councils. 12 were represented with five apologies. It's recognised this amount isn't a mandate, but it was agreed to meet again in April with a view to solidifying the premise with solid aims. Edinburgh already has such an organisation and Frank has contacted them.

5 Officers Reports

Chair - For the sake of transparency FP mentioned a personal Facebook post on Ivan McKee's feed mentioning lack of response to e-mails generally, and only responding regarding the TRO after being prompted ten days after contact on the day before the objection deadline.

Treasurer – WW has accessed statements for the previous year and it's been possible to compile accounts, which have been audited and can now be submitted. Current balance is £2956.85. Auditor still to be paid for this year and last, FP to be refunded "about" £56 for hall hire, and the cost of tonight's hall hire also to be deducted. FP now has a mobile phone so can be added as an account signatory.

Planning – RJ submitted a report. CS no longer concerned about proposed modifications to a garage on Craigpark and Broompark Lane. DCC to object to retrospective planning permission for porch added to building in conservation area at 2A Westercraigs. Further work going ahead without planning application. Not yet in for planning, but to be monitored is proposed new development on Wishart St. ACar believes this is intended as affordable rented accommodation for GRI staff. WW mentioned increasing illuminated signs over shops in Duke St. ACar to ask about regulations at forthcoming meeting with planning officers.

Licensing – Some confusion as to whether Frank's Pizza, 252 Duke St was applying for off licence status along with increased hours. Feeling was that wasn't the case, so no objection. REF HMO 04055. 19 Onslow Drive application for existing license for HMO.

Area partnership

Next meeting on 17th Feb. Papers have been circulated and surprise by mentioning proposed crossing on Alexandra Parade at Whitehill St being evaluated. WW notes space required including zig-zags is 56m, which is available. Area has been identified for Eastern entrance to Necropolis and cost estimated at £210,000. Proposal for funding by Friends of the Necropolis for other matters supported by DCC (Appendix BC).

6 Consultations

No consultations currently running unique to Dennistoun, but Glasgow Council are consulting on changes to Queen Street and Ingram Street under the People First initiative. Deadline April 19th.

7 Current Local Issues

Whitehill Pool – Bill Stark from Save Whitehill Pool updated. They've been working on a business plan for funding, but Bill believes the final version shouldn't be neutral, but passionate in advocating what the pool means and how it ties in with Glasgow Council policies for physical activity. Apparently pool in Grangemouth also has RAAC, but Falkirk Council have kept it open. It's been a year since the public meeting at which Save Whitehill Pool was reformed, and Bill wants to hold a meeting to update the community. Some discussion about the best means to ensure the presence of Council officials.

WW raised Glasgow Life being given considerable funding for pools, yet few are open seven days a week. Bill noted this is due to a policy of ranking pools on an asset valuation scale, so prioritising some over others. It was noted this discounts the idea of service.

Bellgrove Station – It's been confirmed that funding has been fast tracked to make the station more accessible.

8 Public Input

No additional matters.

9 Elected Member Update

Cllr ACar: Reporting back on sheds at Alexandra Parade Primary. Cost estimates were provided on December 12th and were passed to City Building structural engineers. ACar still chasing for answers. It was asked if he could set an expected deadline.

The void on Duke St at Mackintosh Court is going to take three weeks to fill, with consequent traffic re-routing.

Wheatley Housing claim it would cost a six figure sum to restore community centre at Wellpark and money is better spent elsewhere.

Glasgow Life are meeting this week to review plans for re-opening Bluevale Hall. The Alexandra Park sports hub has notes of interest.

New more durable lids to be placed on bins in Haghill currently missing them in the next few weeks.

The Council budget meeting is this week and it's expected £54 million will need to be cut, with a further £90 million next year. ACar wanted an emergency meeting with other councillors about this, but there was no interest from Labour or SNP councillors. ACar believes this is an emergency needing government intervention.

10 AOB

It was decided DCC doesn't have the manpower to organise an election hustings. Instead we'll send a questionnaire to all candidates and publish the responses.

We need to complete a self-analysis document to comply with Community Council regulations.

A ten person advisory committee reports to the Council on how to spend the estimated £16 million raised by the forthcoming tourist tax. Committee has one community councillor and four people representing business and hospitality. ACar believes spending is restricted to improving tourist experience. It was suggested money could go to improving the bus service.

11 Next Meeting

Next public meeting on 10th March 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.

12 Appendix

Appendix 1: Letter from Mauren Burke MP to Kevin Argue

Kevin Argue
Head of Service, Sustainable Transport, Traffic & Parking Operations
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(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.

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 B Application for Necropolis funding as submitted to Area Partnership by Ruth Johnston:

APPLICATION TO DAP FOR NIIF FUNDS FOR GROUND CLEARANCE FOR A TERTIUS REMEMBRANCE GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM IN THE GLASGOW NECROPOLIS THE GLASGOW NECROPOLIS HISTORIC DESIGNED ‘A’ LISTED LANDSCAPE The Glasgow Necropolis is Scotland's first ornamental garden cemetery and one of the earliest in Britain, inspired by Père Lachaise in Paris. It serves as the burial site for over 50,000 people, 40% in unmarked graves without headstones. The Necropolis is ‘A’ listed in the Historic Environment Scotland Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes, which protects its character and integrity. It is also a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) due to its diverse wildlife, including animals, plants, and fungi. The site features areas of botanical interest, such as remnant acid grassland, neutral grassland, woodlands, and scrub, which provide habitats for breeding birds and other animals. Rare species like Stag’s Horn Clubmoss and Heath Pearlwort were previously found here, and over 200 species were identified in 2005, with more discovered since. The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis (FoGN) have instigated and physically helped create a wildflower meadow in Secundus and wildflower borders in Eta and Iota, collaborating with Glasgow City Council and local Dennistoun schools. THE PROPOSAL - BACKGROUND Tertius, historically known as the 'Cowp,' is an area unused for burials within the Glasgow Necropolis. The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis (FoGN) propose transforming it into a Remembrance Garden with thoughts to possibly include Columbarium. The site contains memorials and stone fragments relocated from their original locations by Glasgow City Council (GCC) since the city took over the ownership of the cemetery from the Merchants House. However, the Tertius area (The Cowp) faces many issues: 1 invasive plant species — Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed 2 dumped building materials from GCC contractors 3 antisocial activities like drug taking and dealing, drinking and prostitution. These problems cause visitors, including frequent local dog walkers and local and international tourists, to feel unsafe at the Glasgow Necropolis. INVESTIGATION OF TERTIUS The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis (FoGN), as part of their Photographic and Stone Condition Survey (PSCS) of the 3,500 monuments, funded a survey project in the Tertius area of the Glasgow Necropolis. They cleared overgrown vegetation to enable access and identify monuments and fragments that had been relocated to Tertius after being disconnected from their original memorials, with no information about their original locations. FoGN enlisted the help of Dr. Michael Given, a professor at the University of Glasgow Archaeology Department, who appointed a PhD student to lead a team of students for the survey. The team photographed and mapped the stones and FoGN identified some memorials and their original sites based on

inscriptions, while others remain unidentified as they are face down. The findings contribute to FoGN's PSCS of all Necropolis monuments, which began in 2012 and is two-thirds complete. FoGN is seeking funding to finish this important survey. Map of the discarded Memorials and stone fragments in Tertius RESULTS FROM THE GROUND SURVEY Along with the survey of the monuments and stone fragments the Team undertook to identify the extent of the dumping by GCC contractors who have accessed the cemetery and used Tertius to dispose of demolition waste from different parts of the city and bring further invasive species. This work was not a soil analysis but in 5 separate 'digs' the pits exposed the extent of building material, glass, plastics and tarmac over parts of Tertius In different areas. This has been ongoing since 2016 as a photograph of the area from that date shows a flat area of grass. INVASIVE SPECIES This Team's Ground Survey also looked at the various invasive species. Japanese Knotweed has been identified here for some years and, despite claims of treatment to eradicate this plant, it remains in two areas of the Tertius Compartment - at the front and quite extensively on the north slope. Two other species were also identified. Himalayan Balsam invariably found near water (there is no water in the Necropolis) and Giant Hogweed. These two species are recent imports into the area we assume along with the import of building materials from other parts of the city. PROPOSAL FOR REMEMBRANCE AND SENSORY GARDEN The Tertius site was formally a basalt quarry providing stone cobbles and forms a natural Amphitheatre. Ground works, industrial drainage and stabilization elements could be used to exploit the natural geology. As the Necropolis is interdenominational and unconsecrated ground the Memorial Garden would be a multicultural space. Much of the symbolism of various faiths have some commonality and these would be used in this area for people of all faiths and beliefs. It would be welcoming to people visiting relatives in unmarked graves in the Necropolis. There are 21,870 people in unmarked graves scattered throughout the Necropolis cemetery, but their exact locations are unknown. These are people from all walks of life: - Nurses and patients from the Royal Infirmary and Gartnavel Hospitals who are here in numbers, 232 men from all military services, as well as many others who are commemorated on family monuments but are actually buried abroad. A Memorial Garden also serves to remember Glasgow citizens who travelled to distant places and died there particularly those in search of better health. A Memorial Garden provides a dedicated space to honour all these burials and will re-use the dislocated grave memorials and stone fragments, decoration carvings and columns which were relocated from their original locations in the cemetery as part of this Garden. This Garden will provide a peaceful sanctuary for reflection, remembrance and celebration of life. THE COLUMBARIUM We believe the inclusion of a Columbarium would bring many improvements to this area now known for its antisocial behaviour. In studies of death rituals, it is often indicated that the living like to have a connection to a particular place to continue the relationship with those they have lost. There are many requests for scattering of ashes here and a Columbarium would provide a new space within the Garden for people who want to purchase a niche to hold family ashes. We suggest that a Memorial Wall would offer niches for plaques and cremated remains. As well as bringing funds to GCC ringfenced for this Cemetery it may mitigate against the current use of this area for anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and prostitution. ABOVE COLUMBARIUM DUBLIN ABOVE COLUMBARIUM BARCELONA Demolition waste area Footpath Memorials TERTIUS North Slope Dumping area FoGN Funds At the time of writing FoGN have raised over £200k for various projects In the Glasgow Necropolis. Funding so far for Tertius from FoGN was used to clear the vegetation from the area and remove fallen dead trees lying on top of the discarded monuments. FoGN funded the Archaeology Teams' work on mapping and photographing the monuments, the ground investigations and identification and extent of the invasive species. FoGN income is derived from: • Membership subscriptions • Donations received from those attending our tours given by our volunteer tour guides. 2026 sees our most extended programme of walking tours. • Donations from groups and organisations which have requested our PowerPoint presentations. • Funding applications to various Trusts and organisations • Sale commission from books, guides, badges and cards. IN CONCLUSION This proposal to Dennistoun Area

Partnership (DAP) for NIIF is to obtain funds required for taking this area from a neglected, misused and derelict piece of land and make a place of Remembrance not a dumping ground with invasive species in an 'A' Listed Cemetery currently used for antisocial behaviour. What requires to be done before the creation of a Memorial and Sensory Garden and Columbarium is the removal of demolition waste dumped in the area and the removal/eradication of the 3 off identified invasive plant species. We very much hope that you will view this application favourably and feel able put forward this application for NIIF Funds supported by Dennistoun Community Council and Dennistoun Area Partnership.
