

Notes from the Dennistoun Community Council planning meeting

held on Tuesday 14th April 2026, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Attended by Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, David McDonald (Vice-Chair), Frank Plowright (Chair), Valery Tough and Wesley Wright (Treasurer).

1. Deadline for new members to apply was April 7th, set by the CC Liaison Office in order that any potential new members could attend this planning meeting. Silence from the Liaison Office. Didn't respond to e-mail prompt sent at the weekend.
2. Long discussion about questions to be sent to MSP candidates on behalf of community with answers to be published. Decided on using question from Save Whitehill Pool, and submitting one about integrated transport, and another about housing stock. To be sent on Friday with deadline of a week.
3. Update on primary schools event – Circumstances mean it's likely too late to apply for Area Partnership Grant, but no harm in trying anyway. DCC will otherwise have to pay £65 for hall hire + equipment hire and some new equipment to be donated to Reidvale Adventure Playground afterwards. Will need transport for equipment and back. Schools on board and Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre booked for May 20th. Any suggestions for Taskmaster style events appreciated.
4. TRO response promised by Kevin Argue in 2-3 weeks by e-mail on March 17th. Silence since including weekend prompt. Frank to wait until end of week, then publicise and ask councillors for help including a timetable of dates.
5. Frank has meeting with George Hunter at Glasgow Life on 23rd – Cover Whitehill Pool, Alexandra Park Sports Hub, lack of toilets in park and how it's impacted on activities (45% down), use of golf course, room at library, why can't gym facilities be set up elsewhere and communication, communication, communication. Note in library re information the way we want it.
6. New cycle racks for hire bicycles suggested for junctions of Sword St and Comleypark St, and Sword St and Reidvale St. Frank replied all fine in principle, but one isn't in our area.
7. There's a firework control zone consultation running until May 19th, but not including Dennistoun. Charlie Keane asked if we'd like to apply for one, presumably meaning Nov 5th. Decided not to as it's a divisive issue and we have no confidence it would be effectively policed if applied.
8. Wesley is renewing our SSL certificate manually, for free, on a three monthly basis, but this is not a desirable long-term solution. We also have a problem sending messages from the hello address, so the fallback workaround option of Gmail for sending email is being used. Email is still being received via the hello address. This isn't ideal, but it'll take time to investigate. The preferable solution may require a change of web host, but time will be required to consider options.
9. Frank is holding a third meeting other CCs on Monday 20th. Hopes to formalise an organisation with aims and structure. Is needed as there's only lip service to CCs within Glasgow Council. There's been a good response. Frank thinks 30 from 75 active CCs are required to be considered representative, but better to set something up with fewer at first and build towards it. Edinburgh have something similar.
10. Planning – Brian has concerns about change in application plans for a building on Wishart Street allegedly to be for GRI staff. It's now planned as nine stories and over a hundred flats.
11. Frank doesn't want DCC to be a dictatorship, so posts on Slack quite often. More responses would be good, please.