



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 09th June 2026, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

CCLrs Present Liz Allan (LA); Robert Dawson Scott (RDS); Tom Dickson (TD); David McDonald (DM) [*Minute taker*]; Frank Plowright (FP) [*Chair*]; Wesley Wright (WW)

Others Present: Cllrs: Anthony Carroll (ACar), Allan Casey (ACas); Bill Stark, Save Whitehill Pool (BS). Police Scotland. David McCready, Glasgow Life community liaison. Don Williams from Drumchapel Community Council, Two members of the public.

	Actions
1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies	
- Apologies received: Cllr Elaine McDougall (EMcD). Paul Sweeney MSP. Maureen Burke MP. CCLrs: Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Cliff Shearer (CS); Valery Tough (VT) - Absent, no apologies received: Greg Hepburn; Cecilia O'Lone; Linda Pike; George Redmond. Ivan McKee (MSP).	
2 Approval of Minutes	
- May minutes: Retrospective apologies can be accepted by exception. Agreed and approved by CCLrs. Minutes Proposed by DMcD; seconded by: TD.	
3 Police update	
Drug use, especially at back of Lidl. Asking for local communities to provide information. FP mentioned about Whitehill Street issues. Dealers parking cars. Police: Largely unreported. Needs to be properly reported via 101 to enable resources to be allocated. Residents need to report and if the figures increase then more action can be taken. To be reviewed in September: the next DCC ordinary meeting with Police attendance on the agenda.	
Police can't monitor things like Facebook or Social Media posts – better for residents to call Crimestoppers, call 101, or log it online at the reporting tool.	
RDS – issue of cyclists on pavements. What is the policy and legal position for both regular and E-bikes. Guidance is that Police will not pursue cyclist due to risks to public. WW there are guidelines to follow and legislation is not always clearly understood by public or police. Electric motorbikes have very different laws depending on the power and speed.	
WW – do you have a policy on parking on Zig Zags. Police: Yes, we can give tickets. Specific issue on Duke Street they are aware of and take a balanced view using discretion approach. Most Police will try and take an education view rather than ticketing.	
Public question on number of community officers and boundaries. 2 community officers per area. Bounded from Duke Street up to Motorway for North and Duke Street to Gallowgate for South.	

4 Matters Arising

-Festive Lighting. FP wrote to all Councillors saying we were annoyed that a fifth of the annual budget was allocated without discussion or vote. Elaine McDougall didn't respond, Anthony Carroll said his piece at meeting and Allan Casey "The Council made a commitment back in 2021 to ensure there would be at least one festive display in every ward across the city. At that point some wards had several and some wards had none so this seemed the fairest way to allocate the budget. The Area Partnership's role is to support local priorities identified by local members and community representatives, and in this case* the Partnership agreed that festive lighting across the ward was something worth supporting given the positive impact it has within communities across the ward". * want to clarify if this was 2021.

At the meeting clarification of decision on festive lighting by Cllr ACas. Dennistoun had multiple displays and decision made to continue all displays and agreed to put the area partnership funding to it. FP would like to park this and discuss further at a later meeting.

-TRO. FP wrote to all Councillors on May 28th pointing out that responses to objections promised in May still hadn't manifested. Cllr Elaine McDougall had a response, see Appendix A. Cllr ACar, got a response from Keving Argue similar to Cllr Elaine McDougall. Will escalate further. Cllr ACas will also escalate. WW for the record does work for GCC and has been advised responses are awaiting sign off from senior leader at GCC.

Whitehill Pool – Cllr ACar got a response from George Hunter. Options appraisal to be shared on Friday 12th June. External consultants will use options appraisal and Glasgow wide aquatics plan due for issue shortly (employed consultants to produce this). BS: wants to meet the external people as soon as possible, see terms of reference for their inputs, also ensure the community have input and understand what timescales and what they will be working towards.

Action for David Glasgow Life – find out when the aquatics plan will be published. FP will respond along with BS. FP will also follow up on Sports Hub.

5 Officer Updates/Report

a. Chair/Vice-chair

- None, additional points covered elsewhere.

b. Secretary

- Not present. WW noted that the Holyrood Election Q+A was received positively.

c. Treasurer

- Balance of £3,319.31 as at end of April 2026. No cheques outstanding.

d. Planning and Licensing

- BJ & RJ submitted written update. See Appendix B attached below. Highlighted a retrospective planning application for delivery lockers.

-Objection for telephone mast submitted by DCC.

e. Area Partnership formal documentation [on GCC website here](#)

- Latest meeting held on 13th May 2026. No minutes available yet.

<https://onlineservices.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/agenda.asp?meetingid=21100>

6 Icare 5why Project

Don Williams member of Drumchapel CC and working on project for increasing outreach. Using his Masters degree course to develop content creation and online marketing for the community and Community Council. Has found that different age groups engage in different ways and with different platforms; Facebook for example is typically people above the age of 50. Key is having more social pages on different platforms and to engage more age groups. For ages 35 below use Instagram. Also has the local High Schools involved. School age users are on Tik-Tok. You Tube for is typically everyone. Linked Tree is the platform Drumchapel are using to bring everything together in one place.

Campaign based around 5 whys: Why we exist? Why community needs us? Why engage with us? Why we are different? Why trust us?

He is working on training 2 or 3 people on using platform and app to share. Just started their 3 year plan to reduce the average age of CC members and increase engagement.

To be discussed further by Dennistoun CC and ways we can adopt or use some of the work Don has been doing.

7 Glasgow Community Councils Federation

Documentation has been circulated to all Community Councils. Discussed and to be voted on by DCC in terms of involvement.

RDS – is this different than Area Partnership? Yes, this is different. Remit of this is to try and overcome GCC ignoring CCs by creating a collective group. FP – the federation and it's aims will ultimately be decided by the CC members who sign up to it and take part.

CLlr ACar – mentioned the Glasgow Community Council Forum. Are we aware of this still happening? FP in contact with 30 to 40 CCs and not aware of any other current organisation running.

Vote held after discussion. DCC decision: Unanimously agreed that DCC will sign up to the Glasgow Community Councils Federation.

8 Consultations

Glasgow City Council via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations

- None specifically noted.

Scottish Government via consult.gov.scot

- None specifically noted.

9 Current Local Issues

a. Local Amenities / Glasgow Life / Whitehill Pool

- Covered elsewhere in this meeting.

b. Homes / Housing Associations / Cleansing

- No updates on Homes and Housing Associations.

FP to follow up with Cleansing.

c. Transport / Roads / Parking

- Covered elsewhere in this meeting.

10 Public Input

- No inputs

11 Elected Member Updates

Cllr Anthony Carroll

-Continuing the follow ups regarding the lack of works and progress on the fenced off building at Alexandra Parade Primary School. Will use question at full council meeting to follow up and press for answers.

-Ongoing works at corner of Duke Street and Bellgrove. Main issue is with Scottish Water, completion now delayed until 02nd August.

-Network Rail have responded to Bellgrove station accessibility queries. Plans to be shared by October. Works expected to start in the New Year and planning to be fully open by Summer 2027.

-Lease agreed for Bluevale hall. Final stages of confirming this.

-Rent prices and controls being chased up with MSPs.

-Contracts being drawn up for Ally Park lighting and being progressed.

Maureen Burke MP

-See update shared in Appendix C (Page 9)

12 Any Other Business

-Rates for Hall Hire increasing by £5 per hour, so increase of £10 for each meeting.

-Taskmaster Event. Due to concerns from head teachers this didn't go ahead as planned on May 20th. FP has a workable plan to be discussed at a meeting sometime in June when an alternative date will be proposed. DCC awarded an Area Partnership grant, but had to decline.

-Discussions of proposals from wider Scottish Community Councils to have English style parish councils for Scotland. After discussion agreement that DCC are not in position to support the proposals at this time.

13 Next Meetings

- Ordinary Meeting on 14th July 2026, St Andrews E Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Pde, G31 3LN.

- Agenda/invites 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.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

A – TRO Response from GCC and DCC (FP) Reply (pages 5 - 6)

B – Planning and Licensing applications report from Brian and Ruth Johnston (pages 7 - 8)

C – Elected Member Update from Maureen Burke MP (page 9)

APPENDIX A – TRO Response

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF STEVEN GRAY

GROUP MANAGER – TRANSPORT PROJECT DELIVERY

NEIGHBOURHOODS, REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Thank you for your recent email regarding the Dennistoun Traffic Regulation Order. I wanted to provide the Community Council with a brief update on the current situation.

As mentioned previously, the volume of correspondence and objections received has required additional time and resource to thoroughly evaluate, consider all submissions, and review the proposals. This process has taken longer than we initially anticipated, but I can confirm that officers are now nearing completion of this assessment. Rest assured, considered responses will be issued in due course, in accordance with the statutory process.

It's important to highlight that the Council must carefully review all objections before finalising the scheme to move forward. During this stage, we are able to relax the traffic regulation order or make minor adjustments based on feedback. However, we are not able to implement any changes that would make the proposals more severe than originally intended. We also can't advise the public individually of any changes until the entire scheme is assessed.

Once the responses are issued, all objectors will receive 21 days from receipt to decide whether to withdraw or maintain their objection. Please be assured that correspondence from the Community Council and Elected Members will be prioritised as part of this response process. Following this period, a detailed report will be prepared and submitted to the Executive Director of NRS and the Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery for consideration and a final approval decision.!

I trust this is of assistance. Please let me know if there are any further questions or if you require additional information.

Response from FP:

Hi Steven,

Thank you very much for getting back to me. However, it's a carefully worded lengthy e-mail designed to reassure without providing any substance. You ask if I'd like additional information. I would.

I understand the objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders are calculated not by volume, but by the type of objection. Please put me right about this if I'm wrong.

Proceeding on that basis, although I've been told an estimated 2000 objections have been received, most are likely to be very similar forms of objection. To claim any kind of response has taken so long due to the volume of objections seems unlikely. If this is the case, can you explain why?

Proceeding on the basis that I'm entirely wrong about the process and volume does count for something, your department has been assessing the objections at a rate of approximately twenty per working day since the consultation ended. Do you consider that an efficient work rate? To me it looks terrible.

Council officials love quoting statutory requirements. Do you ever consider you could do better than complying with the bare minimum legal necessities? I ask that not as a point-scoring insult, but as a serious question to which I'd like a response. When did the bare legal minimum become the accepted across the board standard?

The response is meaningless without any attached target dates, so please supply some. In their absence the people of Dennistoun continue to be concerned about possibly having to find considerable amounts of extra money just to park their car.

I'd like to thank Councillor McDougall (copied in) for finally prompting any kind of response from your secretive department, and look forward to your reply to my questions.

APPENDIX B – Planning and Licensing Report

PLANNING AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS FOR MAY 2026

12th – 18th

*Reference: 26/00889/LBA Address: 10 Annfield Place Glasgow G31 2XQ

Proposal: Internal and external alterations to listed building, including installation of replacement windows

Date Valid: 28.04.2026

Applicant Details: SIL Properties Ltd Agent Details: ES-G Architects Ltd, Stephen Gordon 54 Lednock Road Stepps

Representation Expiry Date: 12.06.2026

*COMMENT/OBJECTION SUBMITTED TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – Copy appended

19th to 25th No Applications

26th to 1st June

Reference: 26/00887/FUL Address: 10 Annfield Place Glasgow G31 2XQ

Proposal: Use of cafe (Class 3) as dwellinghouse (Class 9), installation of replacement windows (retrospective)

Date Received: 28.04.2026

Date Valid: 28.05.2026

Applicant Details: SIL Property Ltd

Agent Details: ES-G Architects Ltd, Stephen Gordon 54 Lednock Road Stepps

Representation Expiry Date: 29.06.2026 OBJECTION TO BE SUBMITTED

Reference: 26/00824/FUL Address: 581 Alexandra Parade Glasgow G31 3DB

Proposal: Installation of parcel storage locker unit (Retrospective).

Date Valid: 26.05.2026

Applicant Details: InPost UK Agent Details: NL Jones Planning, Andi Herrick Duke House Business Hub Duke Street

Representation Expiry Date: 29.06.2026 SHOULD WE OBJECT TO THIS?

Reference: 26/01002/ADV Address: 345 Alexandra Parade Glasgow G31 3AD

Proposal: Display of signage.

Date Valid: 11.05.2026

Applicant Details: Arnold Clark Agent Details: Tarasigns Limited, Jonathon Peasley St Peters Place Western Road

Ward: Dennistoun

Representation Expiry Date: 19.06.2026 SHOULD WE OBJECT TO THIS ?

Application for Existing HMO Licence for House in Multiple Occupation.

Reference No:-HMO00092

Applicant:- OWNER Paul Jameson Flat 2/1, 31 Craigielea Street, Glasgow, G31 2TJ

Occupant Capacity:- 4 No. of Rooms:- 4 NO OBJECTION AS IT HAS AN EXISTING LICENSE

*** SUBMITTED TO ENFORCEMENT**

26/00889/LBA

To Glasgow City Council,

I write to formally object to the above planning application and listed building consent relating to 10 Annfield Place, a Category B listed terrace in Dennistoun.

My principal concern is that, although the application appears only recently to have been validated, works have already been carried out at the property. These works include the removal of a very large stained and leaded glass window from a Category B listed building. This is a serious matter. The suggestion in the application that the window is in poor condition does not lessen the significance of its removal, nor should such works be treated as routine. The Council should examine this aspect of the case with particular care and establish what other unauthorised works have already taken place.

For the avoidance of doubt, I do not object to the internal alterations referred to in the application. My objection relates to the external changes and the apparent mismatch between what has been applied for and what has already been undertaken.

In particular, there is no mention of boundary treatment in the external works, despite a wholly unsuitable timber fence having already been erected to the rear of the property. In the setting of a listed terrace, this is clearly inappropriate. The omission of these works from the application raises further concern and should be addressed directly as part of the Council's assessment.

In light of the above, I ask Glasgow City Council to give this objection serious weight, to investigate the works already carried out without delay, and to consider whether enforcement action is required in respect of any other unauthorised alterations to this listed building.

Community Council Update – June 2026



Objection to the Traffic Regulation Order

It is frustrating that there has yet to be a full response from Glasgow City Council after many residents expressed opposition to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

I received an acknowledgment to my letter outlining that it may take some time to process a response but leaving residents in limbo for this period of time is disappointing.

Parliament

Over the last month, in Parliament I have been working hard to represent your views. I raised the disappointing decision from Glasgow City Council to refuse the Royal Regiment of Scotland Freedom of the City of Glasgow at Prime Ministers Questions. I was also pleased to have a group of students from St Roch's Secondary School visit Parliament.

As part of my work on the Scottish Affairs Committee, I have been working on a report looking into the future of high streets.

Casework

My team and I deal with hundreds of casework issues every month. In Dennistoun, in the last month, I have advocated for constituents on issues ranging from bin collection to housing. A big slice of my casework in Dennistoun is Home Office related, raising individual immigration issues.

Dennistoun residents have been consistently raising the affordability of Wheatley rent. I have written to Wheatley about this and I hope that these concerns are heard.



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