

**Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting**

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

**1 Welcome/introduction/attendees/apologies**

Attending – Community Councillors Liz Allan, Tom Dickson, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Frank Plowright (Chair), Cliff Shearer; Associate Member Bill Stark (Save Whitehill Pool); Councillor Anthony Carroll; Joyce MacDonald, Natural Environment Officer (Community Engagement – Parks Vision), Greenspace and Biodiversity, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; David McCready (Glasgow Life). Ten members of the public.

Apologies – Community Councillors David McDonald, Val Tough and Wesley Wright; MP Maureen Burke; Councillor Elaine McDougall

Invited, but no response Ivan McKee MSP, Councillor Allan Casey

**2 Minutes of June meeting:** Agreed and approved by LA (CC) and seconded by CS (CC) with addition of a note saying we'd encourage people to call 101 when reporting drug dealing and review in September.

**3 Matters arising- Whitehill Pool Equipment**

David McCready had no update on Glasgow Life Aquatics Plan. Discussed gym equipment from Whitehill Pool before closure. Will to organise a meeting with local groups and discuss how to best make use of this equipment; find out if there is equipment missing and see if/when other community spaces, such as St Andrews East Church could be used to house/make use of the equipment.

**4 Officer updates and reports**

FP has contacted NRS about the lack of response to objections about the TRO. Response from Stephen Gray: *"As I noted previously, officers are currently undertaking additional work to ensure that any information provided is accurate and complete. While I appreciate that this may not be the timescale you were hoping for, it would be unhelpful to provide partial or potentially misleading information before that work is concluded". "At present I am unable to provide a definitive timescale for a response, as this depends on the completion of the ongoing work."*

FP stated this was unsatisfactory after six months. Asked for help from Councillors. No response from Allan Casey and Elaine McDougall. Cllr Carroll informed the meeting that he had emailed George Gillespie (GCC) and despite GG saying he hoped to respond imminently as yet Cllr Carroll has had no response. Cllr Carroll also emailed Angus Millar (GCC) and advised that residents and members of the public could also email them as it is taking some time for them to respond. (E-mail contact for AM is [Angus.Millar@gcc.org.uk](mailto:Angus.Millar@gcc.org.uk)).

Treasurer – Not present, but submitted a balance of £3246. 54

Planning and licensing – Objection sent regarding storage lockers on Alexandra Parade. No further news on phone mast for Onslow Square. No objection to Licensing application for former Tesco store at Forge Retail Park. Objection to be sent re the proposals for Tartan Lodge. Planning Report with the objection appended

Dennistoun Area Partnership – September meeting is to finally decide the use of NIIF funding and Council should supply costs for all projects, the last opportunity this year. Cllr Carroll is aware of the projects DCC are really keen on. The September DCC meeting will be the last opportunity to receive information on costings of various local infrastructure projects.

Cllr Carroll knows some costs for infrastructure projects in other parts of the city and is able to project the costs for similar projects in Dennistoun should the Council Officers once again not supply figure. There had not been that many requests for funding from the North of the motorway. FP explained NIIF funding. RJ said there should be approval of certain projects at the September meeting and commented that money should be divided 60/40 between North and South of the motorway.

Clare Darlastan (resident, CD) asked for list of projects and Joyce Macdonald (JM) advised these could be found online via GCC committee meetings webpage, which lists approved projects. Then go to area partnership and then NI Infrastructure fund and then view table. RJ commented that there was a link to the Area Partnership minutes in the DCC minutes.

## **5 Alexandra Park Maintenance**

FP noted five issues raised beforehand by e-mail.

1. Inconsistent maintenance: Staff are seen using equipment suitable for clearing and cleaning large areas, yet smaller areas such as underneath park benches and under play equipment are rarely, if ever addressed. Some fences haven't been painted in some while and benches are deteriorating through lack of maintenance.
2. While understanding that lack of funding is an issue, observations suggest the time and funding could be better used than, for instance, using leaf blowers simply to blow leaves from one area to another for several hours.
3. Biodiversity policy being used as an excuse for wholesale neglect. A current case is the golf course. Exactly which areas of the park are designated biodiversity areas.
4. To make savings plenty of items within the park require maintenance, but are perhaps of limited use. These could be identified and removed.
5. The fountain has suffered from years of neglect.

### *Inspection and Restoration of Alexandra Park Fountain*

JM is Community Engagement Officer for all Glasgow's park, and was accompanied by Cllr Carroll and CD to identify various concerns. JM supports the community's aims and can communicate them to relevant Council departments. All park issues are being addressed by various council departments. Plans include equipping officers with tablets for regular park walk-throughs and reintegrating certain areas into the maintenance schedule. She stressed the importance of considering park development, biodiversity, nature, and public use. All concerns raised by DCC will be communicated across relevant teams and maintenance departments. Extra staff had been taken on to speed up the process.

JM emphasised the fountain's restoration would require capital funding, estimating the cost between £1 million and £1.5 million. Although some funds have already been raised, Joyce proposed undertaking a cosmetic repair in the interim to improve the fountain's appearance. This approach is intended to bridge the gap until further approval and additional funding for a comprehensive restoration can be secured. FP expressed concerns that cosmetic repairs might lead GCC to consider the project complete, thereby impeding future efforts for full restoration. JM also noted funding sources are complex and may ultimately be insufficient, but this issue will remain on the agenda until a workable plan is developed. She would plan to revisit the matter after the cosmetic repair is completed and reassess funding requirements and evaluate the possibility of completing the full restoration project. JM committed to supporting transparency, and she will inform the group if securing further funding for full restoration proves impossible.

### *Cosmetic Repairs and Community Input*

CD observed that the fountain was affected by rust, which needed treatment beyond superficial painting. Joyce clarified that the reduced scope cosmetic project would include the replacement of certain components and proper remediation for rusted sections. Further evaluation of options for full restoration will be conducted following these initial repairs. CD recommended increasing community awareness about the fountain's history and significance by sharing information on notice boards; there are only two and they are in need of repair/modernisation. As a long-term resident with extensive knowledge of the park, CD offered her ongoing support in reporting issues to the council and helping with this work.

### Notice Boards and Community Engagement

JD updated on the creation of a new webpage for the park and mentioned that the existing notice boards could be repaired, though more are needed. She agreed to facilitate the repair of the current boards. She has access to modest funding aimed at revitalising parks but requires engagement from local groups. JM intends to organise meetings to discuss these matters and encourages active participation, aiming to rejuvenate Friends of Alexandra Park. Becca from Food Forest reported meeting individuals interested in re-establishing the Friends group. CD noted bureaucratic obstacles contributed to the dissolution of the previous group.

Mary Brady (resident) mentioned the historic use of some areas of the Alexandra Park for example the old bandstand at the red clay pitches. Regarding projects such as the bandstand JM emphasised that People Make Glasgow must be involved, and encouraged reporting any issues about the park directly to her. CD is in the park regularly and has a lot of practical knowledge she could use to help workmen with recording and reporting issues in the park. CD raised biodiversity-related concerns, including problems with sand pits and the mess under them.

CLlr Carroll asked if JM had information about the costings of some of the projects. He said it would be good to get partnership breakdowns. JM can get verbal costings (at future meetings she will hold). JM can attend DCC meetings if required, covers the whole of Glasgow so not always possible.

**6. Glasgow Community Council Federation:** Meeting held on 29/6. 21 Community Councils from 75 active have signed up to the Glasgow Community Councils Federation, but a fair percentage still not properly contacted via the outdated contact list provided by GCC. Interim officers elected – FP interim chair – constitution hammered out for approval at a September AGM where full officers will be elected and issues to follow up discussed.

### **7. Consultations:**

GCC none. Scottish government – National Records of Scotland fees review closing 4/10; Prison Population and Penal Reform 20/8; Strategy for Community Justice 20/8; Protections for Women and Girls in Penal system 31/8 and Council Tax high value property bands 24/8

### **8 Ongoing local issues:**

RJ discussed concerns at the Necropolis, noting the rose beds have not been maintained and are deteriorating compared with the immaculate rose beds in Alexandra Park. She expressed the need for GCC input rather than relying solely on volunteers. JM will attempt to secure a professional gardener.

JM mentioned the Friends of the Necropolis and suggested that a request for work could be submitted online, specifically for maintenance of the rose beds. Organised groups may qualify for funding to support these initiatives. JM is working to redevelop the Friends of the Necropolis' social media presence, offering volunteer opportunities, and launching a campaign to promote involvement with friends' groups. Formation of such groups has increased due to limited resources, as participation can help secure added funding

CD noted issues with street signs being vandalised throughout Glasgow, which negatively impact tourism and can hinder drivers' ability to navigate. Anthony committed to bringing these matters to the attention of the roads team, including Brendan Frankgate, and will report back to DCC following their workaround.

### Bill Stark (Save Whitehill Pool Campaign/Dennistoun Sports Hub)

Glasgow Life has produced a 68-page document outlining options for Whitehill Pool, which Bill will share with DCC. Although previous communications were not particularly positive, Bill views this document more favourably, noting that it recognises the importance of the pool, addresses community concerns, and considers local needs. The document is purposeful and Bill stressed the importance of Save Whitehill Pool having early involvement in the consultation process. Glasgow Life will appoint consultants and experts to evaluate all possible options (at a cost of £50,000); he noted the last option noted is to do nothing, and is concerned at this inclusion. BS reiterated the need for active participation throughout this process, including knowledge of the terms of reference and engaging with Glasgow Life during the consultation phase. He acknowledged the significant efforts made by campaigners, particularly the Living Rent Campaign, which have contributed to reaching this stage, and underscored the

importance of continued pressure on Glasgow Life. If Save Whitehill Pool is ignored during the consultation process, serious action would need to be considered. James from Living Rent suggested efforts to maintain pressure should begin immediately. From Bill's perspective, GL has committed to progressing the application. He advised that advocates should continue to write to their elected officials. Bill also referenced the GL options document, noting the £50,000 allocated for consultation in relation to Whitehill Pool. James highlighted that there are 350 individuals involved in the Living Rent campaign who are eager to increase pressure at this time and maybe a little frustrated at state of play.

#### Dennistoun sports hub; Application for Hub Management

Bill has submitted the application forms required for DACSH to take over Alexandra Park Sports Hub. Bill described the progress as slow and contact has been made with elected officials regarding the matter. Glasgow Life is currently working on the application, but progress has been delayed as the council officer dealing with the case is currently on holiday. Bill noted there is a six-week time frame for this process and promised to provide an update at the next meeting.

#### Funding Applications and Use

FP enquired about accessing Commonwealth Games (CWG) funding in regard to Whitehill Pool. Some funding has already been applied for and had contributed to the DACSH summer camp expenses. The Chair also stated he would reach out to GL to enquire further about CWG funding

#### Summer Camps and Feedback Initiative

Bill informed the meeting that a two-page document regarding the Dennistoun Area summer camps would be made available on the DCC website. He has also prepared a questionnaire aimed at gathering feedback from those involved with the summer camps, covering what worked well and what could be improved. The questionnaire is designed for different age groups, with a particular emphasis on obtaining views from teenagers and young adults. Bill stressed the need for public input, explaining that this feedback would support the bid to take over the Dennistoun Sports Hub. A QR code linked to the questionnaire will be published on the website, with the aim of reaching as many people as possible. Bill also mentioned the need for volunteers to support these efforts, noting that volunteering could offer training opportunities.

A round table meeting was suggested as a way to further assist with the process.

Further information will be available once the relevant details appear on the web.

**9. Public Input:** None not already noted.

#### **10 Elected Member updates:**

Cllr Carroll had meeting re works on Duke St/Bellgrove St junction. Scottish Water claim delay is due to Scottish Power. Suspects Scottish Water were possibly avoiding responsibility. Will speak with Avenues Project Team about this and update DCC.

Alexandra Parade school sheds – potentially a way to have repairs done via alternative funding source.

Planning application on Eastern End Gate of Necropolis has been signed.

The Halliday Foundation (homeless charity) is desperate for space to store furniture for people about to move into homes. Has anyone any ideas/knowledge of places that could be used.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

There are still refuse collection issues with bin hubs in Haghill. Food bins being used are not nice and may cause health hazards (smells and flies observed). FP is still to attend meeting re Christmas refuse collection scheduling, Glass is being cleaned from bins outside after school centre on Craigpark Drive/Armadale St.

**12. Next meeting:** is a planning meeting for CCllrs. Next ordinary public meeting is Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 9pm, St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN

## **PLANNING AND LICENSING REPORT FOR DCC JULY 2026 MEETING**

### **The City of Glasgow Licensing Board Application for Grant of Provisional Premises Licence.**

Reference No:-GC2799 Applicant:-Longdan Glasgow Limited Address :- Longdan, Forge Retail Park, 33 Beardmore Way, Glasgow, G31 4BG Licensed Hours:- Monday to Sunday, 10.00am until 10.00pm

Activities:-Premises offering alcohol for consumption off the premises and offering, recorded music. Sale of Alcohol:-Off Sales

Last Date for Objection/Representation:- 30 July 2026

NO OBJECTIONS

### **The Licensing Section has received an Application for Grant of Late Hours Catering Licence.**

Reference No:-LHC00643 Happy Food Street Ltd Happy Eats, 955 Duke Street, Glasgow, G31 1LZ

Nature of Goods to be Sold:- Indian Takeaway - Fast Food - Proposed Days and Hours of Opening:-Monday to Sunday - 11.00pm to 4.00am

Last Date for Objection/Representation:-7 July 2026

NO OBJECTIONS

### **The Licensing Section has received an Application for Temporary Public Entertainment Licence.**

Reference No:-PEL01460 Applicant:-Glasgow East Arts Company Alexandra Park, Alexandra Parade, Glasgow, G31 3JE

Type of Entertainment:- Community Family Festival Day (ALEXANDRA PARK FESTIVAL) consisting of Stage, Ccommunity Stalls x 30, Market Stalls x 30, Wrestling Ring, Tea Tent, Kids Activity Areas x 2 - Arts and Craft activities + Sporting activities, Bumper Cars, Inflatables x 2

Attractions x 7 - 1 Adult ride + 6 Juvenile ride, Concession Kiosks x 3, Fire Engine Proposed Days and Hours of Opening:-Saturday 11th July 2026 - 12 noon – 5:00pm

Last Date for Objection/Representation:- 1 July 2026

NO OBJECTION

## **HMO APPLICATIONS**

### **The Licensing Section has received an Application for Existing Licence for House in Multiple Occupation.**

18 June 2026 Reference No:-HMO04584 Applicant:- OWNER Halcken Properties Ltd Address Flat 3/1, 102 Bellgrove Street, Glasgow, G31 1AA Occupant Capacity:- 3 No. of Rooms:- 3

EXISTING LICENCE NO OBJECTION

### **The Licensing Section has received an Application for Existing Licence for House in Multiple Occupation.**

Reference No:-HMO04582 Applicant:- OWNER Halcken Properties Ltd Address Flat 1/1, 102 Bellgrove Street, Glasgow, G31 1AA Occupant Capacity:-3 No. of Rooms:- 3

EXISTING LICENCE NO OBJECTION

**The Licensing Section has received an Application for Existing Licence for House in Multiple Occupation.**

Reference No:- HMO06345 Applicant:- OWNER RP CMPNY 1 Limited Address 42 Roslea Drive, Glasgow, Glasgow City, G31 2QS Occupant Capacity:- 3 No. of Rooms:- 3

EXISTING LICENCE NO OBJECTION

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Reference: 26/00904/FUL**

**Address: 235 Alexandra Parade Glasgow G31 3AW - TARTAN LODGE**

Erection of extension to hostel with associated works.

Applicant Details: Galsey Enterprises Ltd

Agent Details: Environmental Design Scotland, John Gigli 4/2 1 Centurion Way Glasgow

Representation Expiry Date: 20.07.2026

**Reference: 26/01210/LBA**

**Address: 11 Annfield Place Glasgow G31 2XQ**

Proposal: External alterations to listed building associated with display of 5no. of non-illuminated signage.

Applicant Details: CVS Group Ltd

Agent Details: RDS 360 Ltd, Ben Froud The Mill Store Foundry Lane

Representation Expiry Date: 17.07.2026

Type: Listed Building Consent

**Reference: 26/01211/ADV**

**Address: 11 Annfield Place Glasgow G31 2XQ**

Proposal: Display of non-illuminated signage consisting of double sided tray mounted on posts to front, 1no. panel to front-age and 3no. panels to rear elevation

Applicant Details: CVS Group Ltd

Agent Details: RDS 360 Ltd, Ben Froud The Mill Store Foundry Lane

Representation Expiry Date: 10.07.2026

**Reference: 26/01243/LBA**

**Address: 11 Annfield Place Glasgow G31 2XQ**

Proposal: Internal alterations.

Applicant Details: CVS (UK) LTD

Agent Details: Opfer Logan Architects, Nicky Chow 130 Cubie Street Glasgow

Representation Expiry Date: 17.07.2026

Type: Listed Building Consent

**Reference: 26/01260/LBA**

**Address: Alexandra Parade Primary School 136 Armadale Street Glasgow**

Proposal: Internal and external alterations to listed building, including installation of extract vent to roof and formation of drainage branch.

Applicant Details: Education Services, Glasgow City Council

Agent Details: Property & Consultancy Services, NRS, Glasgow City Council, Yeasan Pang Exchange House 231 George Street Ward: Dennistoun

Representation Expiry Date: 17.07.2026

Type: Listed Building Consent

## **OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED SEE BELOW**

### **Objection to Planning Application 26/00824/FUL and Enforcement Case 26/00098/EN**

Dennistoun Community Council objects to the retrospective planning application for the installation of a parcel storage locker unit, ATM/cash machine features and associated signage at 581 Alexandra Parade, Glasgow G31 3DB.

The installation appears to have been carried out without planning permission. This should therefore be assessed on the proposal on its planning merits and should not to the fact that the works are already in place.

We object on the following grounds:

**1. Harm to visual amenity and the streetscape.** The locker unit, ATM/cash machine features and associated signage introduce intrusive commercial structures into the public realm. Their scale, appearance and positioning are not sympathetic to the surrounding street scene on Alexandra Parade and are harmful to the appearance and character of the area.

**2. Noise, disturbance and traffic impact.** Parcel lockers can attract repeated visits throughout the day, including potentially late in the evening or early in the morning. This may lead to additional stopping, double parking, loading activity, vehicle movements, door-slamming, parcel-handling noise and general disturbance in the immediate area.

For the reasons set out above, Dennistoun Community Council requests that Glasgow City Council refuses retrospective planning permission for the parcel locker installation, ATM/cash machine features, signage and associated works at 581 Alexandra Parade. If the application is approved, Dennistoun Community Council requests that strict conditions are imposed to address the issues outlined above, including visual and traffic impacts, noise and hours of use.

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### **Formal Objection by Dennistoun Community Council to Planning Application 26/00904/FUL : Proposed Expansion of Tartan Lodge, 235 Alexandra Parade, Glasgow G31 3 AW**

We wish to submit this formal objection to the proposed expansion of Tartan Lodge at 235 Alexandra Parade, Glasgow. The proposal involves the creation of additional accommodation, including a flat-roofed extension providing a further 16 rooms with internal connections to the existing building.

We object to the application on the grounds of unacceptable impact on residential amenity, local businesses, public safety, the character of the surrounding area, and increasing the existing use of the premises.

Tartan Lodge operates from a converted Victorian church and Masonic Lodge. It is situated adjacent to Dennistoun Conservation Area and within an area where conservation and heritage considerations are relevant. The proposed flat-roofed extension is inappropriate in terms of scale, design, appearance and impact on the architectural and historical character of the existing building.

Our other concerns relate to the impact that the proposed expansion would have on neighbouring residents, local businesses and the wider community. They have experienced and witnessed a range of issues with the current operation of the premises.

Police Scotland has advised there were 258 calls relating to Tartan Lodge between 10 July 2024 and 10 July 2026. This is a significant number of call-outs over two-years and demonstrates that the existing use already places pressure on local services.

Given that these issues exist, we are concerned that increasing the capacity of the lodge through this proposed expansion would also increase the problems currently experienced by local residents and businesses.

We ask that the Planning Authority give careful consideration to the impact of this proposal, including the existing concerns raised by local residents and businesses, the level of Police Scotland call-outs associated with the premises, the impact on local amenity and safety, and the effect on the character and appearance of the building.

For the reasons outlined above, we strongly object to the proposed expansion of Tartan Lodge and request that planning permission be refused.

## **NOTIFICATION OF DECISION**

### **GCC Application Ref: 25/02769/FUL SITE:**

CONNIES BATHROOMS Garage Broompark Lane Glasgow Alterations and conversion of detached garage to rear of flatted property to form dwellinghouse

DECISION: Grant Subject to Condition(s)