

Notes from the Dennistoun Community Council planning meeting

held on Tuesday 8th August 2026, from 7:00pm,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

Present – Liz Allan, Robert Dawson-Scott, David McDonald (Vice-Chair), Frank Plowright (Chair), Val Tough and Wesley Wright (Treasurer/Interim Secretary).

1. Minutes

Mary Brady will be paid £50 for doing the meeting minutes in August. Robert can handle the minutes for September meeting and David is likely to be able to take minutes for the AGM and October meeting. After that we will evaluate the situation in the light of possible new members.

2. TRO

The response from the Council to objections after all these months resolves very little. The one size fits all selection of categories fails to address very specific objections made both by DCC and individuals, and gives no explanation of new exemptions. We appreciate footpath repairs after many years of neglect, but if intended as a sweetener it's well short of what's needed.

Among other omissions are not addressing the potentially excessive costs of those requiring carers under the parking scheme, and vague statements of further work when officers have had over six months to make decisions. It's also the case that a similar scheme in Partick uses an ap for visitors, so why isn't this mentioned in conjunction with Dennistoun?

We'll revisit the parking survey spreadsheet and submit a modified list of objections, asking that they're specifically addressed, and also demand information is properly supplied by Council officers in the form of a drop-in or face to face question and answer session. We'll post the letter on our website and link to it via social media.

Frank has been asking for help from Councillors on this matter for some while and has been ignored by Allan Casey and Elaine McDougall.

3. Alexandra Park

While we generally accept a digitising process for information going forward is worthwhile, it's not an excuse for delaying an assessment of Alexandra Park. There must be pre-digital processes in place, and we would expect action to go ahead using them. There seems to be little re-wilding in Kelvingrove Park, so why is it happening in Dennistoun? Human faeces is more common, only to be expected with lack of public toilets.

We've been contacted by concerned residents about older youths monopolising the park's play areas, intimidating young children and even aggressively confronting parents. Frank will contact the police about this prior to their attending September's meeting and ask that there's definitive action beforehand and a plan to ensure this doesn't recur. NB – we probably need to get back to people who wrote regarding times before I contact the police.

Positively, residents organised a clean-up and after months the blue bin has been removed from the pond.

4. October DCC elections

We need more members and elections will be arranged during September. Frank has contacted the Community Council Liaison Office to ask what their input will be, and has been told they'll let us know when plans are ready. If there's no update by the middle of next week Frank will follow up.

We think there needs to be a more proactive campaign with funds spent on more posters. Frank to ask if Ruth can design something. It should include a QR code to download application forms. David produced cards to distribute for the Whitehill Parent Council, and we should do the same for DCC. Any promo should specifically target skills, but not to an extent that it'll put people off, and we should stress we feel Haghill and Milnbank are under-represented. It would also be nice if we could be more inclusive overall.

David and Liz will contact older school pupils, in David's case via Whitehill head teacher, with the aim of encouraging someone to broaden our social media profiles under supervision.

5. Planning

The deadline for objections to a proposed demolition of a Community asset to build a block of flats falls before our next public meeting. We've submitted an objection.

There is to be a public meeting about an HMO application on Circus Drive, and the application for an extension to the Tartan Lodge has been withdrawn.

6. Insurance

DCC have £183 deducted from the annual grant for a common insurance policy organised by Glasgow Council. Frank had to submit an FOI request for details of what it covers, and the Council Liaison Office apply onerous restrictions limiting activities other than regular meetings, requiring notification a month in advance to assess if it complies with insurance terms.

Another Community Council has sourced their own policy for around £100 with none of the restrictions. Frank will ask for a copy and circulate for comment with the intention of arranging our own insurance from next year.

7. NIIF Funding

September's meeting of the Area Partnership should have access to proper costings about submitted projects to make an informed decision about what's to be funded. Frank asked Councillor Carroll what would happen in the case of officers not including projects we want and was told costs could be approximated via similar projects. As the DCC meeting is a week before the Area Partnership meeting, we should make our desires clear.