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Minutes of the Dennistoun Community Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 from 7:30pm, following the AGM,
at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

CCllrs Present Frank Plowright (FP) [Chair]; David McDonald (DM); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Roisin Turner (RT); Frederica Giardino (FG); Toby Farlan (TF); Lesley Weber (LW);

Others Present: GCC Cllr Anthony Carroll (ACar), Bill Stark, Save Whitehill Pool (BS), and 10 members of the public.

1	**Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies**
	Apologies were received from: Wesley Wright (WW), Megan Watt (MW), Cllr Allan Casey (ACas), Cllr Elaine McDougall (EMcD); Maureen Burke MP (MB)

2.	**Approval of Minutes**
	Minutes of 09th September 2026 Ordinary Meeting were proposed by DM and seconded by RJ. Some amends from Bill Stark to be corrected by FP and finalized.

3.	**Police**
	The scheduled Police Scotland briefing was postponed at the request of Police Scotland

4.	**Matters Arising**

1. Traffic Order and Parking charges. GCC Officials responsible are avoiding a public meeting. Have arranged a face-to-face meeting on 02nd November to discuss difference in figures given to Cllrs and FOI requests. Councillor Anthony Carroll and CCllr DM have offered to accompany DCC Chair FP to the meeting at City Chambers. Also difference between doing the minimum and doing what is right for the community, question legitimacy of the TRO and the consultations that have taken place. Question from public: have any other CCs had any success getting a meeting or similar. CCllr RT input into this and one of the reasons for joining the CC and wants to help in any way possible. Victoria Park Area / Thornwood did have a meeting with Kevin Argue.

2. DCC instrumental in organizing the CC federation across other CCs, 22 members is around a quarter to a third of existing CCs. See Chair's update.

3. Alexandra Park. Follow up to previous notes in the minutes. FP will be following up again.

4. Bin Hubs. FP submitted an article to Eddie Scanlon following a meeting with him, explaining to the public the difficulties of scheduling the Christmas rubbish and recycling collections. FP asked if he could point out any errors. It's been six weeks since, and several reminders have only prompted the response that he's too busy, so the article will be posted on the DCC website noting any mistakes will be corrected if FP is informed of them.

5. Dennistoun Primary Schools Project. Will be picked up again.

5.	**Officer updates/reports**
a.	**Chair** The Glasgow Community Councils Federation was officially constituted in September, and I've been elected Chair for a one year term. The first task is to meet with the Community Council Liaison Department and present three requests. These have been chosen as a matter of basic respect, to improve poor communication and to be without cost. All member community councils are being asked if they'd be prepared to contribute up to £50 toward the cost of setting up a website. This was approved by DCC within AOB.
b.	**Secretary** See Consultations below
c.	**Treasurer** DCC's opening balance is £3053.43. Confirmed as part of AGM by WW.
d.	**Planning and Licensing** See Appendix A for Planning Applications See Appendix B for Licensing Applications
e.	**Area Partnership** See Appendix C and D for Area Partnership notes, and minute relating to NIIF allocation. Discussion with Cllr Carrol, FP proposed that official complaints should be raised by the Area Partnership against named officials who make commitments and then don't follow up. Cllr AC agreed to bring this forward.
6.	**Consultations**
	See GCC online portal for current: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/consultations See Scottish Govt. portal for current: https://consult.gov.scot/
7.	**Ongoing Issues**
a.	**Local Amenities** No updates on Ally Park **Whitehill Pool** See Appendix E for update from BS **Sports hub** Dennistoun Area Community Sports Hub moving forward with taking over the lease. Has been made public for consultation and other interests. No other parties so far shown any interest.

Next stage is GCC to review and observe and highlight any issues. Occupy stage will follow, can take up to 18 months to compete this followed by 25-year lease if agreed. FP: DCC will follow up with George Hunter and ask for timescale and progress.

Library
Entrance repairs still have no timescale. FP will follow up with George Hunter on this too.

b. **Litter Bins, Recycling, and Household Collections**
(See Matters Arising for update)

c. **Roads, Transport, and Parking**
(See Matters Arising for update)

8. **Public Input**

Onslow drive and Cumbernauld Road intersection, 18 households being affected by changes to the number of bins reduced to just 5 for everyone causing problems with rats and other vermin coming into other people's homes. FP, will post on Facebook asking for details of other households with issues

One member following up on e-mail to Cllr Carrol. Will be followed up as arranged between them.

9. **Elected Member Updates**

Cllr Carrol. Some areas following up on include Meat Market gates, decluttering (e.g. digital advertising boards), Local application for Sword Street (dance hall and workshop) for objections.

10. **Any Other Business**

FP raising CC Federation and importance of having a website. One that stands independently from all the other organisations. Request a contribution of £50 to work with other CCs to bring together funds to develop a website.

Agreed by majority that DCC will support this.

12. **Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Community Council will be on Tuesday 10th November 2026, at 7pm at St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN.

APPENDICES ATTACHED:

A: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

B: LICENSING APPLICATIONS

C: AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER

D: MINUTE RELATING TO NIIF ALLOCATION

E: BILL STARK WHITEHILL POOL UPDATE NOTES

APPENDIX A – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1st to 7th Sept: None

8th to 13th Sept
Reference: 26/01923/LBA Address: Glasgow Necropolis Castle Street City Centre
Alterations to boundary wall for pedestrian access.
Applicant Details: Glasgow City Council
Agent Details: Austin-Smith: Lord, Madhu Babu 25 Bothwell Street Glasgow Representation Expiry Date: 09.10.2026 OBJECTION SUBMITTED

15th to 21st September
Reference: 26/01882/FUL Address: Flat 1/1 3 Whitevale Street Glasgow
Use of dental practice (Class 1A) as flatted dwelling (Sui generis).
Applicant Details: MCROUX PROPERTY LTD
Agent Details: Stop Studio Ltd, PER James Opfer 1 Cambuslang GLASGOW
Representation Expiry Date: 20.10.2026
22nd to 28th Sept
Reference: 26/02007/FUL Address: Flat Basement 12 Seton Terrace Glasgow
External alterations to listed building including formation of new windows, installation of replacement windows and door, replacement of decking and associated works.
Applicant Details: Mr Lee Munro
Agent Details: BARD, Ruairidh Moir Rooftop Studio 16 Robertson Street
Representation Expiry Date: 23.10.2026

29th to 5th Oct
Reference: 26/01961/ADV Address: Site Of Car Park To The Rear Of 1071 Duke Street On Todd Street Glasgow
Display of 2No. digital advertising hoardings
Applicant Details: Wildstone Estates Limited
Agent Details: Carter Jonas, Jade Varney 1 Chapel Place London
Representation Expiry Date: 23.10.2026

6th to 12th Oct
Reference: 26/01922/FUL Address: Glasgow Necropolis Castle Street City Centre
Alterations to boundary wall for pedestrian access.
Applicant Details: Glasgow City Council NRS
Agent Details: Austin-Smith:Lord, Madhu Babu 25 Bothwell Street Glasgow
Representation Expiry Date: 30.10.2026 OBJECTION TO BE SUBMITTED

CALTON WARD – DCC area
Dennistoun Community Council - Reference: 26/02006/FUL

Address: 109 Reidvale Street Glasgow
Alterations to tenement pend to form flatted dwelling (Sui generis), includes installation of air source heat pump, and communal bike storage to rear.
Applicant Details: Reidvale HA
Agent Details: Assist Design, Maxwell Foster 18 Forth Street Edinburgh
Representation Expiry Date: 06.11.2026

Calton Community Council Reference: 26/01563/FUL Address: 120 Sydney Street Glasgow
Proposal: Demolition of the 'A' Listed church hall building and erection of flatted residential development with ground floor office space and associated amenity space, parking and access.
Applicant Details: Mr Mark Feeley
Agent Details: Stallan-Brand Architecture + Design, Per Remus Leung 80 Nicholson Street GLASGOW
Representation Expiry Date: 06.11.2026 – extended date TBC as the portal was malfunctioning
Case Officer: Kathryn McKenzie, kathryn.mckenzie@glasgow.gov.uk

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Agent Details: Stallan-Brand Architecture + Design Remus Leung, 80 Nicholson Street Glasgow UK
Representation Expiry Date: 30.10.2026
Case Officer: Kathryn McKenzie, kathryn.mckenzie@glasgow.gov.uk
DCC TO OBJECT

APPENDIX B – LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Application for New Licence for a Short-Term Let (Secondary Letting).
Reference No: - ST6872-2740-7980-6994
Applicant: - Mandalay North Ltd
Address of Short Term Let: - 1 A, 1 Anfield Place, Glasgow
Occupant Capacity: - 3 No. of Rooms: - 2
Last Date for Objection/Representation: - 06/10/2026

Application for New Licence for a Short-Term Let (Secondary Letting).
Reference No: - ST9557-4714-5723-5246
Applicant: - Mandalay North Ltd
Address of Short Term Let: - 1 Anfield Place, Glasgow
Occupant Capacity: - 5. No. of Rooms: - 3
Last Date for Objection/Representation: - 06/10/2026

OBJECTION SUBMITTED FOR BOTH OF THE ABOVE DUE TO THE OWNER'S PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS AND REPUTATION FROM HIS OTHER LETS

APPENDIX C – AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER

NIIF STILL TO SPEND £277,850
ALEXANDRA PARADE CROSSING -pedestrian crossing £120k -REFUSED

22-011a ARK LANE – NO DESIGN PRESENTED from the £10k spent on a feasibility study to allow the meeting to see what the costs are based on. AP asked for a drawing to be emailed to be available before the end of the meeting. It didn't appear. So a 'blind' decision was made to spend £158,884k for the 'top section' PLUS £94,883 Second section.

TOTAL £253,767 WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WE ARE GETTING

THAT LEFT £24,083 FOR MONTEATH

22-029 MONTEATH – £24k AWARDED (£20k City Centre fund is already awarded on the basis that we get this £50K funding). The rest of the £50k requested appears to be taken off the Necropolis Eastern Entrance budget.

The figures round all this was really difficult to follow with some funds from already allocated CCTV taken back into the funds.

TODD STREET – FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE JUNCTION

If any funds are left over to be spent on traffic calming measures. REFUSED

The Cumbernauld Rd and Edinburgh Rd vehicular routes more generally are included in the *Connecting Glasgow Unified Delivery Framework for the City Network and Liveable Neighbourhoods Programmes* report from Feb 26 (detailed doc here / overview here) which, if/when built, ought to sort out that mess of a junction more fundamentally in terms of vehicular traffic

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CLEARANCE OF TERTIUS – Emphasised the Giant Hogweed is dangerous to the public – skin burns. Suggested that the whole site including the demolition waste and invasive species could be removed together – taken to a depth of 6 ft and removed to a special site. GCC has apparently been inefficiently and negligently dealing with Japanese Knotweed for over ten years. The Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam were brought into the Necropolis by contractors (and by the sound of it into Alexandra Park).

REFUSED - TO BE DEALT WITH BY GCC DAY TO DAY GCC WORKS.

22-013 NECROPOLIS EASTERN GATE – GRANTED

OUTSTANDING FUNDING FOR MONTEATH IS INCLUDED IN THIS.

NO DESIGN – 'blind' decision again – no design and no planning application

DECISION MADE WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED

DEREK DUNSIRE WHO IS INFORMED ABOUT THESE PROPOSALS ATTENDED IN A LIMITED MANNER AND THEN DISAPPEARED. SHOUTED OUT FIGURES (SEE BELOW) TO THE MEETING FROM THE REAR OF THE MEETING WHEN CHAIR ASKED QUESTIONS.

Only my recollection of these figures to go on and not the figures submitted on DAP briefing papers

£85-90K GATE AND PATHS – no detail on either if these or where the gate is positioned. No time given for questions from AP.

£80k CCTV – Firpark and Wishart Street (maybe another?) – no time given for questions

£140K NO MONEY FOR LIGHTING despite police recommendations for lighting key routes if the gates are not locked at night.

£17K NO MONEY OR MENTION OF LOCKING GATES. As Wesley worked out £23 ph for 2 x daily visits of 1hr!

£170K TOTAL? ADD £26K MONTEATH SHORTFALL

TOTAL £196K FROM THE £210K allocated

LIMITED INFORMATION AND NO TRANSPARENCY

NOTES Kissing gate - an attempt to prevent cycling, but there is obviously doubt about accessibility compliance. NOTED in DAP papers that it could be easily changed to traditional style of gate 'with a minimum of civils required' – that says it all.

Locking gates - £17k for one year – works out to £23 ph for 2 x daily visits of 1hr!

Ornate poles and CCTV . Difficulty here as when the last time Friends of Glasgow Necropolis looked at CCTV tree cover and other issues make it next to useless.

We would like if Glasgow City Council could clarify whether cameras would be actively monitored or only recording; what hours monitoring would operate 8am til 16.00; what escalation route and response times would apply; how long footage would be retained; whether incident data would be reviewed and reported; and how the system would link to Police Scotland, Community Enforcement Officers and cemetery staff.

Fencing proposals – £25k NOT DISCUSSED AS THERE WAS NO MONEY LEFT. This is an area used by Drug takers at the Tennent's Brewery Fence behind the unmarked graves in Iota and unseen from the path going up to Compartment Eta. The option I've suggested is to change the landscape to enable sightlines to the Tennents Fence.

END OF MEETING

I'm still unsure what returned funds add up to. A sum of £17k/£19k? was mentioned to possibly fund calming measures on Todd Street. Subsequently the 22-008 CCTV installation proposed for Alexandra Park Street/Onslow Drive to prevent fly tipping (which was refused earlier in the meeting) now re-instated as permanent CCTV. No summarised element on each subject so I could be clear what was agreed.

Meeting was running too long and the 'Pride of Place' presentation and 'Area Budget' items rushed through.

Didn't write notes for Police verbal report – it focussed on matters north of the motorway.

APPENDIX D – MINUTE RELATING TO NIIF ALLOCATION

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed

(i) to approve options 1 and 2 of Ref 22-011a- changes/updates to pathways at Ark Lane - as detailed in the report, at a cost of £253,767;

(ii) to add Ref 22-029 - remedial works to Mausoleum to make this wind and watertight – to Ref 22-013, and add the remaining NIIF budget totalling £24,083.32 to the sum already allocated to Ref 22-013, to allow the total of £50,000 to be allocated to the work on the Mausoleum, and for this to be carried out as part of the wider Necropolis works; and

(iii) that the Chair would approach the Pride in Place forum to request that Ref 22-018 – outdoor exercise equipment in Sighthill Park – as detailed in the report, be considered as part of the Pride in Place project; and

(c) Requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide costings for a permanent camera installation in respect of Ref 22-008 – CCTV at Onslow Drive and Alexandra Park Street – as detailed in the report, so that any available funds returned from rejected CCTV proposals could be ringfenced for this proposal;

(ii) provide designs and drawings relating to the feasibility study carried out in respect of Ref 22-011a – changes to pathway/updates at Ark Lane;

(iii) provide a report of investigations into alternative funding for the restoration of the Saracen Fountain in respect of Ref 22-026, as detailed in the report, to a future meeting;

(iv) formally requested that Ref 22-028 – ground clearance for creation of memorial garden and columbarium at the Necropolis – as detailed in the report, be carried out under business as usual; and

(v) provide a full update on Ref 22-013 – Eastern entrance at Necropolis – as detailed in the report and bring this to the next Partnership meeting.

The Partnership requested that it be highlighted that the other proposals in the report had not been able to be progressed due to limited funding and that they would encourage for other areas of funding be explored to take these issues forward.

APPENDIX E – BILL STARK WHITEHILL POOL UPDATE NOTES

Update to DCC 12 Oct 2026

At the previous meeting I spoke about the request from the Save Whitehill Pool Group (SWPG) to Glasgow Life – to be closely involved with external contractor, tasked to develop the Business Case for the pool.

I have received a reply from David McEwan of GCC and he has stated that the Group will be involved in two important stages.

1. Before issuing the final brief for procurement, we will be given the opportunity to review and comment, to ensure that any additional matters we believe should be considered have not been overlooked. Community needs and facility closure impact need to be reflected.

2. Once consultants are appointed, engagement with the SWPG will be an integral part of their commission - **as will engagement with the wider community.** GL will also be involved in the engagement process.

Essentially, three main themes that will form the basis of the brief:

1. Validate the options appraisal work, not to revisit or repeat it, but to confirm that the appraisal was sufficiently comprehensive and robust.
2. Undertake a "needs and demand" assessment of swimming provision.
3. Validate the capital investment estimates prepared through the options appraisal and develop indicative operating cost and income models.

In summary, GCC recognise that SWPG have played an integral part in reaching this current stage - and will be given the opportunity to meet with the consultants as the Project Business Case is developed.

Hope this helps keep you informed of where we are at.