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Dennistoun Community Council
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES
19:00 – 19:30, Tuesday 13th October 2026
St Andrews East Church Hall, 685 Alexandra Parade, G31 3LN

1 Record of membership, attendance, and apologies

DCC membership: Robert Dawson Scott (RDS); Tom Dickson (TD); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); David McDonald (DMcD); Frank Plowright (FP); Cliff Shearer (CS); Valery Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW).
CCllrs present: BJ; RJ; DMcD; FP; VT.
Others present: Cllrs Anthony Carroll (ACar);Bill Stark (Associate Member, Save Whitehill Pool).
Apologies received from: WW. Allan Casey (ACas); Elaine McDougall (EMcD);

2 Approve Minutes of 14th October 2025 AGM

Proposed by VT, seconded by DMCD.

3 Approve Chairperson's Annual Report

Provided by FP (see Appendix A). Proposed by DMcD, seconded by RJ.

4 Approve Treasurer's submission of Independently Examined Statement of Accounts

Submitted by WW (see Appendix B). Current Balance: £3053.43 up to the end of September. Some items still outstanding and will now come into the following year.

Proposed by FP, seconded by BJ.

5 Demitting of DCC Office-bearers

All office-bearers stood down from their respective roles.

6 Call of Nominations for the Community Council

See Appendix C for the appointments made.
A list of current CCllrs and office-bearers is maintained at DennistounCC.org.uk/representatives.

Anita Moore, Community Council Support, appointed Independent Returning Officer for this election.

11 Community Councillors elected in total to represent Dennistoun Community Council.

7 Note Continuation of The Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils

Continuation noted. A copy of The Scheme is available via dennistouncc.org.uk/about.

8 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2026/27

Audit of accounts to be carried out by Ian Reid.

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9 Appointment of Associate Members

Bill Stark from Whitehill Swimming Club re-appointed.

10 Review of Inventory and Additional Resources

See Appendix D for a record of assets as at 31st August 2026.

11 Confirmation of next DCC AGM

Annual General Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 12th October 2027.
Check DennistounCC.org.uk/dates for full details.
Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
2026 AGM closed at 19:30, immediately followed by the scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

APPENDICES ATTACHED:

A – CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2026
B – INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 31 AUGUST 2026
C – OFFICE-BEARER APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR, UP TO THE OCTOBER 2027 AGM
D – RECORD OF DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2026
E – SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP FROM GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

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APPENDIX A

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Between October 2025 and this meeting Dennistoun Community Council held nine ordinary meetings open to the public and three planning meetings. We welcomed a new Community Councillor and as of this meeting 6 more will join for a membership of 11 plus non-voting associate member Bill Stark representing Save Whitehill Pool. Over the past 12 months our meetings have been attended by the police, a representative of the Commonwealth Games team, Don Williams to talk about increasing social media profiles for Community Councils, and Council officials reporting back on Alexandra Park, bin hubs and general refuse problems, and the proposed new Necropolis entrance.

Issues we've discussed include the above, along with the closure of the Alexandra Park Sports Hub and attempts to have a crossing placed on Alexandra Parade from Whitehill Street.

To start with the positive, we're really pleased that a request for photographs of Dennistoun provided a great response on our Facebook page, and thanks to all who responded.

The closure of Whitehill Pool continues to be a concern, but there has been some progress away from the perception that officials would like to see the pool closed. Our local councillors have been active in asking for information, and as matters stand, funding has been allocated to produce a business case document based on the completed options appraisal.

The bigger issue over the past twelve months has been the planned imposition of a Traffic Regulation Order on Dennistoun, involving the introduction of parking charges for residents and visitors. Our best attended meeting of the year was packed with residents opposed to the idea, and Dennistoun Community Council is disappointed that so few of the traffic calming suggestions we've put forward over the years form part of the eventual plans, which we find ill-considered. DCC submitted a detailed objection to the proposals, and was unhappy at the Council taking six months to respond to over a thousand more objections. We found the one size fits all response supplied to anyone who objected to be incomplete, making debatable claims and lacking in the detail expected considering how long the response took.

Unfortunately lack of meaningful consultation from Glasgow Council officials remains par for the course. Dennistoun Community Council is intended to represent the views of the local community to officials responsible for administrating our area. Ideally they would welcome and solicit input of organised representatives from the community whose best interests should be at the heart of all policy. They don't, hiding behind talk of statutory obligations being met while actively avoiding public accountability. Our continuing experience is Glasgow Council officials being evasive, uncooperative and having no interest in meaningful consultation with residents. Definitive answers and timescales continue to be elusive, and there's a lack of respect for the Dennistoun Area Partnership where requested information and figures are frequently delayed if provided at all. Since a change in Glasgow Life's leadership communication has improved, although any actual progress on matters remains glacial.

Sadly, this is the experience of many other Community Councils in the city, which is why this year Dennistoun Community Council has been instrumental in uniting over twenty of them as the Glasgow Community Councils Federation. The hope is that a united voice will produce better communication and the possibility of sharing helpful information.

In an ideal world our elected representatives would be a great aid in ensuring accountability to the local community, but the quality of contact with the Community Council varies greatly. We'd hold up Councillor Anthony Carroll as the ideal, attending six of nine meetings this year, supplying updates when unavailable and keeping his word by following up on issues raised at meetings and getting back to us about them. MSP Ivan McKee has been asked to provide updates, but consistently ignores correspondence from the Community Council, and never attends meetings. As a comparison, John Mason, whose constituency only slightly overlaps with the Community Council area still managed to attend two meetings before standing down as an MSP in May. Business in Westminster prevents MP Maureen Burke being at most meetings, but she has attended twice this year, while her staff provide updates and are proactive in communicating with the Community Council. Councillor Allan Casey attended three meetings and told us that contradicting the professional expertise of Council officials

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breaches the Councillor Code of Conduct, a view confirmed by the Council's monitoring officer, which is profoundly disappointing. He provides no updates when not attending, and nor does Councillor Elaine McDougall who attended two meetings since last October.

A planned new event to replace the Dennistoun Treasure Hunt for the area's four primary schools didn't come off this year, but discussions continue with head teachers.

As Chair, I would like to thank all Dennistoun Community Councillors for their work over the last year, and hope that over the next twelve months we can be more effective at making the voices of the local population heard.

Frank Plowright
Chair, Dennistoun Community Council

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APPENDIX B

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS (PAGE 1 OF 2) FOR PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 31 AUGUST 2026

ITEMISED INCOME	**£**
Balance carried forward from previous year	£3,236.05
Bank interest	£30.96
Administration allowance	£732.78
Discretionary grant^	(£95.89)
Other external funding	£0.00
Other self-generated income	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£3,903.90

^Specifics: £95.89 unspent treasure hunt event grant surplus returned to GCC.

ITEMISED EXPENDITURE	**£**
Insurance *(deducted at source)*	£00.00
Accommodation costs*	£556.70
Stationery / electronics consumables	£0.00
Photocopying / printing	£0.00
Postage	£0.00
Telephone / web domain name and internet hosting*	£100.66
Circulation of agendas and minutes	£00.00
Travel expenses	£00.00
Independent examiner's fees*	£100.00
Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; small items of equipment; activities which build Community Councils' capacity etc.*	£50.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£807.36

**Specifics: Includes £56.70 for CC liaison meeting; £100.66 annual web hosting renewal; £100 for independent examiner's fee for review of 2023/24 and 2024/25 accounts; £50.00 for a third-party minute-taker for July meeting when no present CCllrs were able to carry this out. Standard hall hire of £40.00 per meeting to June 2026; £50.00 per meeting from July 2026.*

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INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS (PAGE 2 OF 2) FOR PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 31 AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME	***£ 2025/26***	***£ 2024/25***
Balance carried forward from previous year	£3,236.05	£3,613.15
Bank interest	£30.96	£47.93
Administration allowance	£732.78	£714.53
Discretionary grant	(£95.89)	£0.00
Other external funding	£0.00	£0.00
Other self-generated income	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£3,903.90	£4,375.61

^Specifics: £95.89 unspent treasure hunt event grant surplus returned to GCC.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
Insurance *(deducted at source)*	£00.00	£00.00
Accommodation costs	£556.70	£760.00
Stationery / electronics consumables*	£0.00	£15.00
Photocopying / printing*	£0.00	£65.00
Postage	£0.00	£00.00
Telephone/web domain name and internet hosting*	£100.66	£46.76
Circulation of agendas and minutes	£00.00	£00.00
Travel expenses	£00.00	£00.00
Independent examiner's fees	£100.00	£00.00
Other expenses and expenditure e.g. newsletters; equipment etc.*	£50.00	£267.80
TOTAL	£807.36	£1,154.56

**Specifics: Includes £56.70 for CC liaison meeting; £100.66 annual web hosting renewal; £100 for independent examiner's fee for review of 2023/24 and 2024/25 accounts; £50.00 for a third-party minute-taker for July meeting when no present CCllrs were able to carry this out. Standard hall hire of £40.00 per meeting to June 2026; £50.00 per meeting from July 2026.*

BALANCE SURPLUS		
Represented by:		
*Cash in bank***	£3,096.54	£3,236.05
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
Creditor – External Examiner	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£3,096.54	£3,236.05

***N.B. As of 31 Aug, the end of the financial year, no cheques had been issued in addition to those included within these accounts.*

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APPENDIX C

OFFICE-BEARER APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR, UP TO THE OCTOBER 2027 AGM

Role	***Name***	*Proposed By*	*Seconded By*
Chairperson	Frank Plowright	DMCD	VT
Vice-chair	David McDonald	FP	RJ
Secretary	Tobias (Toby) Farlan	DMcD	FP
Treasurer	Wesley Wright	DMcD	FP
Minutes Secretary	TBC	XX	XX
Planning Representative	Frederica Giardino	RJ	DMcD
Licensing Representative	Frederica Giardino	RJ	DMcD
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative	Ruth Johnston	BJ	DMcD
Dennistoun Area Partnership Representative Substitute	Lesley Weber	RJ	DMcD

APPENDIX D

RECORD OF DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2026

Asset	***Quantity***	***Location***
Deckchairs	10	With FP.
Trestle tables	2	With FP.
Gazebo	1	1x with Stephen Birrell.
Pop-up banners	2	With VT.
Domain name (dennistouncc.org.uk)	1	Maintained by WW.
DCC map display on coroplast board	1	With VT.
Day out in Dennistoun maps	400 (approx)	With VT.
DCC Pens	80	With WW.

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APPENDIX E

Dennistoun Community Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) & FULL ELECTION MEETING
Full Election / AGM Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.00pm
In St Andrews East Parish Church Hall, 685 Alexander Parade, G31 3LN
SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP
The under noted persons were duly elected unopposed as Community Councillors for Dennistoun Community Council at the above meeting.

- Brian Johnston
- Ruth Johnston
- Wesley Wright
- Frank Plowright
- David McDonald
- Roisin Turner
- Frederica Giardino
- Tobias Farlan
- Lesley Weber
- Megan Watt
- Dorothy E A McFarland
- Name 12
- Name 13
- Name 14
- Name 15

Anita Moore
Communities Support Officer Independent Returning Officer
Appointed by Glasgow City Council

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