



**CROSSHILL & GOVANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES 9TH NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT

K Hawley	C McCormick	A Carberry
D Tausney	G Mc Manus	M Nisbet
R Sadiq	A M Millar	Cllr Belic
J Adair		

CHAIR

The meeting was chaired by C McCormick, CC chairperson.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Soryia Siddique, Cllr Mhairi Hunter, Anne Marie Millar, Joe Beaver, Eldritch Pollock.

MINUTES

Oct minutes - with no amendments

(this minute concerned the non-AGM portion of the meeting)

It was proposed as an accurate record by Grant McManus, seconded by Andrew Carberry

Sept minutes - with amended date [action: secretary]

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POLICE REPORT

Beat 66:

common assault	5	most frequent location: Allison Street
misuse of drugs	5	3 cannabis, 1 diazepam, 1 amphetamine
house breakins	1	
public nuisance	24	of which 12 were youth (mostly fireworks)

Break-ins reduced - new initiatives and liaison with Immigration/Deportation.

It was noted that this only covered beat 66, and Police should bring figures for beat 68 (and more?) too. [action: police to provide missing figures; secretary to raise with Police]

Grant mentioned that the minimart raid had not been included - but no further information was available from the police officers.

Raza raised concerns about drug misuse. He sees people queuing up but it's not stopping when police are called.

Keith asked about the police's policy towards fireworks (as this has been a serious nuisance lately, even causing damage). The police explained they have a low tolerance to fireworks and there is specific legislation to deal with this. More generally, common law can be used: "culpable or reckless conduct". Under-18s are in possession of fireworks, but hard to catch.

ALISS

Cameron MacFarlane from ALISS was invited to speak about the project.

One part of the Alliance is digital programme - a website and database to share health and social services information.

They organise workshops and mapping.

They ask people what helps them live well. Not just doctors or medical support, but also less obvious things like cycling, choirs, boxing, dancing, parks and support groups (eg. BikeStation).

The reason he is here is to find out info from us about activities in the local area. Are people interested in mapping, workshop liaison, promotion? [action: future discussion]

Raza thought this was a "fantastic idea" but noted issues with multiple languages. Cameron said he had taken this feedback already, accepts it's also not effective purely as an online activity (excludes many - which Marion described as a "2-tier system of accessibility")

Cameron is looking at other alternatives.

How far do they go in checking services? Do they remove inappropriate ones? Do they check with users? Cameron felt they had built up good knowledge as they had been around since 2009. Marion noted it could just be a recruiting station for volunteers (work for nothing).

Gavin MacNae (public; a previous CC chair) was present and knew of this project, said it was great for people who were in rehabilitation.

CLEANSING WALKABOUT

As part of ongoing raising of Cleansing issues, some CC members met with Cleansing officers to demonstrate examples of the issues.

Mr Crawshaw was invited, but sent some more junior officers.
Marion noted that we need a community conversation.

Andy said there are lots of issues - and they can be easily rectified, but need encouragement to better management.

Specific issues discussed:

- Raza met woman who complained that half the bins were not emptied
- during walkabout, 318 Allison Street had big bin outside but none
- Grant: Langside Road + Dixon Ave have bins inside, health and safety issue
- "Taylor Bins" (1100 litres) are not the right solution - this "spits in the face" of enhancement area
- Marion and Andy saw an accessible back court - clean but no bins!
- The zero tolerance attitude eg. commercial pilot are needed asap
- Flooding was raised at walkabout; need to clear cars for a deep clean; currently not swept and drains are blocked
- bins of raw meat are left overnight

Linda (public) felt there was no regular pickup o bins or recycling. No info, so rubbish ends up in the streets. Bowman St/Calder St lane is a dumping ground. the gate is removed and lying in the lane.

We need to contact Robert Soutar [action: secretary]
[action: express disappointment regarding LES not appearing; secretary]

SECRETARY:

FIRE SAFETY

Keith mentioned the Fire Service local survey - encouraged people to
Fire safety is a concern, especially after what we saw in London in June (although no high rise flats in our area) and also with general concern about the condition of properties.

It was resolved that we should invite Fire Service for a discussion at a future meeting.

Councillor Belic noted Area Partnership is tomorrow and Fire Services will be there [action: Andy Carberry]

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Queens Park Govanhill Church is organising a Christmas Tree Festival to bring together local organisations and local residents.

Gavin MacNae was present and explained: it's £28 for a tree/presence at the 3 day event and the tree does not have to be manned.

The church, although just outside our boundary, does reach into Govanhill, possibly more in future depending on the future of Trinity church.

There was unanimous approval for attending the event and we saw it as an opportunity for feedback. Damian volunteered to take charge of decorations. Agreed it will be a "wish tree" inviting people to write on tags to express their wishes for the area.

CPG

No dates agreed, and very little feedback - continuing to chase.

COMMUNITY RESPONSES

Noted 3 feedback cards received [action: scan and circulate for discussion next time]

SLOGAN

We have talked a lot about a slogan for our publicity, and finally agreed on this wording:

"The Welfare of the Community is our Cause".

TREASURER

current balance is £1627.12

COUNCILLOR BELIC

- - met with Charlie Molony - "because Govanhill is close to Polmadie, they are phasing out recycling bins in some parts."
- - 2 full Councils since last time - rent pressure zone - rent has gone up 25% in some areas, so introducing Rent Caps
- - Aung San Suu Kyi - freedom of the city has been withdrawn
- - towards ending period poverty - free sanitary products in schools. Cheryl also noted there is a lack of education on disposal, can GCC consider this? Yes, it's "on the cards"
- - Labour condemned benefits cuts and universal credit. There will be an attempt to trial Universal Basic Income.
- - Licensing Committee have struck off 9 landlords - appeals have failed. (In answer to questions, he confirmed that if properties were passed to eg. family members, they need to re-apply, so property needs inspected.
- - Queens Park Vent Stack proposal had not yet gone to Planning Committee
- - Asked about state of lampposts (Keith asked about one that had rusted through and fallen on a car) - he knew nothing of this and will find out [action: Councillor Belic]

- - Dixon Road house collapse - he knows about but had nothing to add other than there had been ongoing concern about the property for some time
- - Cleansing - Councillor Belic is to contact Mr Gillespie from Cleansing regarding liaising regularly with CC
- - Can we discuss Citizens Income more - next meeting [action: secretary, agenda for next meeting]

SHOP ACCREDITATION

We postponed discussion on this to a future meeting, due to lack of time.

PLANNING

Applications relating to 19 Garturk St and 353 Victoria Road (probably Marie Curie shop?) were considered but no objections.

AOCB

Meeting noted that Cheryl attended the Active Life anti-racism event, spoke at it. CC involvement is one more step towards engaging better with the community.

We are still looking for someone to do minutes - could be a student, and payment is possible. Jean mentioned there were people at Baths Trust might be interested [action: Jean to talk to people]

Noted that the Baths Trust had AGM and were still raising money. They need another £30k by 19th Nov and we agreed to help promote the share scheme.

NEXT MEETING

11th Dec