



CROSSHILL & GOVANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 12TH MARCH 2018 (DRAFT 3)

PRESENT

K Hawley	C McCormick	A Carberry
D Tausney	G Mc Manus	M Nisbet
J Adair	AM Millar	E Pollock

2 Police
Councillors: Belic, Siddique, Hunter

APOLOGIES

Joe Beaver, Iain MacInnes, Andrew Carberry

WELCOME

The meeting was quorate and chaired by Cheryl McCormick.

MINUTES (FEB)

Agreed with amendments.
Proposed by Marion Nisbet; Seconded by Grant McManus.

POLICE REPORT

Period: 12 Feb to 12 Mar

Drugs 9 reports
7 possession, 2 supply
violent crime 2 serious
8 common assault (2 detected)
3 sexual assaults investigated
1 robbery under investigation
2 youth fighting in street (can include football, snowballs, egg throwing, drinking. 1 was a response to a call)
NO fly tipping reports
8 house breakins
3 theft from vehicles
3 bikes stolen
25 "other" theft = shoplifting
12 traffic offenses inc. 1 report of double parking

Eldritch asked about double parking and the police response. We asked for further info re: tickets issued, and we should ask Roads Dept. [action]

Drugs - Raza suggested the numbers don't reveal the bigger picture. He felt police were not responding to reports, nor acting pro-actively to find drug users.

Anne Marie asked about sexual assaults. The Police told us they were random, there is no pattern - isolated incidents so no single individual responsible.

Anne Marie noted three is three too many.

Soryia noted there were lots of children hanging around in closes and police agreed.

CLEANSING SUB-GROUP

The Cleansing sub-group met Brian Roberts and Robert Soutar on Feb 21.

Good productive meeting:

- sweeping at Holyrood school - only doing front so spoken to Shift workers (Andy - streets?)
- to not take refuse to Shieldhall (long round trip) but instead to Polmadie
- nightshift - Victoria Road and arterial streets getting cleaned but not every night
- high tech tracking to be introduced for staff emptying bins and clearing flytipping - so better monitoring or understanding inaccessible places
- removing damaged lamppost bins is getting there slowly

Marion pointed out the success of the sub-group approach, that we can get decent, long, in-depth discussions and real solutions. But she also noted that we have to get businesses talking and cooperating to eliminate dumping on pavements. She spoke for many when she said "I'm sick of living in a bin."

PEST CONTROL

Raza raised the issue of infestations and pest control (also raised by some residents). He said public funding was used for contractors that were leaving a mess. The pests are not being fully removed and are in the fabric of buildings. Soryia agreed that we cannot accept this.

Pest control were moving from block to block but effectively just moving the problem around. Mhairi noted that if they are not sealing the tenement they are not solving the problem.

Grant felt there was an apathy in the attitudes to resolving infestation.

[action - chair contact GHA/Environmental Health to report to Cleansing sub-group.]

We should ask about costs involved.

Eldritch noted that people leaving food outside was becoming a problem again. All agreed vermin won't go away if food is left out.

Marion suggested private landlord should be responsible for their tenants.

THE HUB

We met with Gordon Smith of the Hub on Feb 15, got better understanding of how the Hub operates. Gordon Smith is trying to take a strategic role, encouraging services to helpful actions (eg. shopfronts in Allison St.) - he can *guide* agencies but not instruct them.

There was a question about whether GHA can buy up land eg. Westmoreland gardens to ensure better managed.

We still have no answer to when Neighbourhood Manager will be appointed. Mhairi confirmed that the budget for this has been passed and we are getting one.

Gordon Smith is going to start working on a business association, and we had committed to working with him on that.

[action - chair - follow up with GS to get boundaries and factors list]

PUBLIC MEETINGS

We agreed to have public meetings linking in with the 4 topics identified by CPG.
Next steps - we all should think about plans.

A Cleansing topic meeting would be a good opportunity to introduce the Neighbourhood Manager if we can make the timings work.
[action- postpone discussion to next month]

CROSS PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Cheryl followed up with Anas and Annie.
We need a full list of agencies on board.
Raza: CC needs to lead eg. talk to Community Campaign
List of groups in the area - Marion to circulate [action: Marion]

Meetings could be outside - on pavements/walkabout.

TRADE ASSOCIATION

As noted we will work with Gordon Smith on this.
Raza will take the lead.

Keith noted new businesses appearing on Victoria Road. As well as the large new Locavore, a Japanese noodle bar, a record shop, cafes and a "corn off the cob" shop.

SCHEME AND BOUNDARY CHANGES

We should ask about boundary changes. It makes no sense for Police, GHA, etc. boundaries to be different. See: "locality plan".

CHILD EXPLOITATION

Keith summarised the social work report. It appeared to describe good mechanisms in place for detecting and following up issues.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Noted from local resident that Housing Benefit was going down in comparison to the Rent increases.
Some local concern about GHA rents going up when people felt services weren't improving - but noted the rent rise was in response to a survey
We need to follow up with GHA to find out the result of the survey [action: secretary]

Transport discussion meeting - Eldritch and Damian to represent CC. [action: secretary to pass on details]

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balance £1547.37

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mhairi Hunter:

- budget passed now means new investment in Cleansing technology and 150 permanent new jobs
- Other funding is prioritising community/social inclusion
- rollout of Universal Credit trial

- free school meals extended to P4
- more money going to deprived areas
- Cordia to be brought back into council control, mainly to bring staff under same terms and conditions as council staff

Alexander Belic:

- The period of snow has brought questions about grit bin provision so that is being reviewed
- maintained bins had disappeared
- only 4 bus routes were running

Soryia Siddique:

- replacement of galvanised bins (she has provided us with a list of streets)
- dog fouling - Allison St - not much identification of offenders ; enforcement are under cover. (Marion pointed out CSG are paid to do this)
- noted oversubscription of placement requests at Holy Cross primary: 80 requests, 60 places
- empty property 69 Albert Road - neighbours are concerned but there is an issue of ownership - ongoing

AOCB

Raza noted the Cricket Day 18th, and CC will attend (Marion and Cheryl)

NEXT MEETING

9th April