



CROSSHILL & GOVANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 8TH JANUARY 2018

PRESENT

K Hawley C McCormick A Carberry
D Tausney G Mc Manus M Nisbet
Cllr Belic Cllr Hunter AM Millar
J Adair Baillie S Siddique
2 Police
Representative from Govanhill Law Centre

APOLOGIES

Joe Beaver, Iain MacInnes.

WELCOME

The meeting was chaired by C McCormick, CC chairperson.

MINUTES (Dec 2017)

Minutes were proposed by : Jean Adair ; seconded by : Marion Nisbet

POLICE

(figures since 11 Dec)
In 3 beats:

drugs	5	nothing very serious
violence	2	1 common assault, 1 serious assault (not premeditated)
robbery	0	
house breakins	4	all north of Allison St (no detection, some ongoing investigation)
road traffic	8	nothing serious
shoplifting	10	(all at Lidl)
flytipping	0	

Andy asked about child exploitation. Ongoing investigations, but they can't talk about it.

Agreed (AM) - figures for crimes detected are wanted too (action: police)

CLEANSING

Cheryl summarised the long-term issues - this is not a series of separate cases.

The need for a new Neighbourhood Manager (post remains unfilled) was highlighted and we resolved to contact George Gillespie to find out when the post will be filled, and ideally to meet with us [action: chair]

Marion observed that we need someone who knows the area and knows the issues.

There needs to be better understanding of who does what and how policies are related for:

- trade waste
- back courts
- pavements / bulk dumping
- litter bins and collection

Too often, it feels like we are being passed around from one person/department to another.

Direct action (such as litter picks) was felt unhelpful in resolving the long-term issues.

Instead, we need to engage with agencies.

To this end, we will set up a Cleansing sub-group, to meet between this and next meeting and report back to full CC. [action: secretary: book room next Tuesday; minutes from sub-group to be sent to Director]

ACCREDITATION FOR SHOPKEEPERS

Marion will take the lead on this.

Mhairi suggested a Business Association would be useful - and there is a process for setting this up.

(Keith suggested that "town centre" status for Victoria Road area could be helpful, similar to the one in Shawlands - but a Business Association was felt to be a pre-requisite for that.)

CHILD EXPLOITATION, AND EDUCATION CONCERNS

(noted that previous Minute re: name of Social Work officer may be incorrect [action: secretary to check])

Regarding education provision, Soryia suggested that Anne Marie McGovern is the person to contact.

It was noted that, all too often, responsibilities appear to be passed between different agencies (Police, Social Work, Education). The meeting felt that it would be useful to arrange one focussed meeting to bring people together.

Anne Marie mentioned that the Hub has (or had) an attendance officer.

Engaging with Roma and East European part of our community was raised again - it was noted that our Scottish Roma Society contact may have left. But we should follow up Romano Lav, The Well, etc. with a view to a conversation. [action: secretary]

Jean suggested translators might be found from GCDT ("global" was a translation company that was suggested but preference is we use local people)

FIRE SAFETY

We've not heard anything further from the Victoria Road people but should follow up [action: secretary]

Whilst noting there was little we could do, understanding the gaps in how factors and insurance companies operate were helpful for us to be able to push for more general change. Clearly, landlords were also not fulfilling their responsibilities (and where proven should be passed to the landlord registry).

In the Victoria Road example, Govanhill HA offered housing but one one resident took this up.

Representative from the Law Centre recommended "keep chipping away".

Regarding engaging with the Fire Service, we concluded we should request a walkabout [action: secretary]

Again need to ensure landlords are held to account.

ALISS

We concluded discussions on this topic by deciding that CC had too many other priorities to take on any engagement, but if individuals wanted to, they should.

EQUAL PAY

A representative from Govanhill Law Centre attended.

Our concern as a community council was about potential consequences of strike action - this is an area of deprivation and vulnerable people.

Mhairi noted that the first wave of equal pay was ten years ago and that Glasgow did not implement. This was challengeable and has been challenged.

It is not by any means a simple matter: how do you compare a gravedigger and a home carer for example even just to work out terms of reference, towards negotiations. So it cannot be a quick fix.

Cheryl pointed out that people were working terrible hours and paid less than an 18 year old in Tesco.

It was agreed that CC could not take a side in this matter but would continue to take an interest in developments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With 20p in interest, we have balance of £1547.37

QUEENS PARK PLANNING APPLICATION

A local resident, Tipu Raza, spoke about how the vent stack was not appropriate in the park. Asked: is there not another solution. Can we have better independent confirmation (eg. from a third party engineering consultation)

CC agreed to put in an objection/question to the latest change, and if Scottish Water can provide these assurances, we will withdraw objection [action: secretary, noting closing date is tomorrow]

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

SORYIA SIDDIQUE

She notes cleansing issues over Christmas and new year again.

Dogfouling still a major cause of complaints. Andy noted Allison St to Bennun Square was worst.

Jean noted that filled bin bags were being left on a bit of land.

Aitkenhead Road roadworks for 5 months - some bus routes not running, some diversions (75, 7A?) and she is talking to bus operators.

ALEXANDER BELIC / MHAIRI HUNTER

Nothing to add to what had been discussed already.

AOCB

Grant felt a complaint to IPSO should be made regarding The Times' portrayal of Govanhill. Unanimous support [action: Grant to draft]

NEXT MEETING

12th February