



**Minutes Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council Meeting  
Monday 14 August 2017**

**Present:** K Hawley            C McCormick        A Carberry  
              D Tausney           G Mc Manus        I MacInnes  
              A M Millar            J Adair              M Nisbet

J Coleman & S Jamieson (Police Scotland)  
MP A Thewliss and Cllrs Belic & Siddique

**Apologies:** J Beaver    CGCC, E Pollok CGCC &  
                  Cllr: Hunter GCC

**Public**

As per the Sign in sheet for 14 August 2017 held by Govanhill Housing Association

**Chairperson**

The Vice chairperson took the meeting as the chairperson had submitted apologies.

The acting chairperson advised the meeting that he was moving Police Scotland up the Agenda.

It was pointed out that the wrong date of 10 July 2017 was on the agenda and it should have read 14 August 2017. **Action: Noted**

## Police Scotland Monthly Report

<b>Drug Dealing &amp; Use</b>	15 Reported to the Procurator Fiscal for possession, with one concerned in the sale of drugs
<b>Violent Crime</b>	17 Common Assaults, 8 Detected, 1 Serious Assault, remaining are on-going enquiries.
<b>Youth Disorder /annoyance</b>	8 reports varying from playing in the street and hanging around street corners. Youths move off when police attend
<b>Robberies</b>	3 reported for Intent to rob 1 traced no offensive weapons used.
<b>Offensive Weapons</b>	3 reported for Offensive weapons
<b>Littering/Fly tipping</b>	No figures given
<b>House Breaking</b>	No figures to hand
<b>Traffic</b>	15 Offences Reported to the Procurator Fiscal for issues of no insurance, careless driving, no MOTs, no Road Tax.

### Additional Information

Members of the Community Council raised concerns with drugs in the local area and were advised that there were any special initiatives currently happening to deal with this issue. The community council were advised there is a **Govanhill Pro-active Team** that is working with the community in relation to House Breaking & Drugs

### House Breaking

A discussion took place around issues of poor repairs being carried out in the local area particularly sub-let properties and making it easier for people's homes to be broken into. Police Scotland advised there was work on-going by Govanhill Housing Association to purchase properties and take control of them as factor and that DRS and the Hub has issued

## **Police Scotland Report Continued**

### **House Breaking Continued**

several repair notices to Landlords in the local area. It was agreed that we should raise this with the Housing Ministers Office Meeting **Action: Agenda for meeting with Housing Ministers Office**

### **Double Parking**

A community councillor asked for this to be raised with Police Scotland and pictures of double parking shown to some of the officers. The Community Council were advised that Police Scotland address double parking when they see it.

Double Parking was raised in relation to Westmoreland Street, the lane at Bowman Street/Calder Street cars parking and obstructing Cleansing Lorries in particular from accessing to remove bins. **Action: Police Scotland to monitor this and take appropriate action as necessary.**

### **Clamped Cars**

This issue was raised by a member of the public in attendance that cars are being clamped and left for many days and people are trying to remove them. Police Scotland advised that it is the DVLA who clamp them and that they are the people to be contacted regarding this matter directly.

### **Local Streets being used as car lots**

This issue of concern was raised by a member of the Community Council and a discussion around the concern that local streets were being used as second hand car lots leaving little or no space for residents to park. Police Scotland advised that if the vehicles were MOT'd and Road Taxed there was nothing they could do.

It was raised that Glasgow City Council a few years back were looking into the possibility of introducing a Street Traders License to sell cars from the street. This is something that the Community Council could raise with GCC. **Action: Raise issue with Glasgow City Council Licensing**

## **Police Scotland Report Continued**

### **Police Scotland Stats for the month of July**

A member of Community Council had asked for the stats and the members present were advised by the secretary that Police Scotland had sent them in to her after she had requested them and that they were then sent out to each member of the Community Council.

### **Blue Van in local Area**

Members raised with police there was a blue van chased out of the Gorbals as it had been going around the Gorbals stealing bikes. There was also an issue raised with a blue van that sits on Dixon Road dumping stuff onto the street. Police Scotland advised that there was currently one male on remand waiting to be sentenced for bike stealing.

A member of the Community Council asked if police would assist young people that he works with to safeguard their bikes as a number of them use them when going to football/cricket. Police Scotland advised they would liaise with the Active Life Club directly but in the meantime they suggested that if you have a bike you should take down a copy of the serial number, bike description etc as all too often people describe their bike by its colour only. **Action: Police Scotland to liaise with Active Life Club**

### **Cleansing**

The community council were disappointed to say the least that LES did not show for the meeting after being advised that someone would attend on a monthly basis.

The secretary advised the meeting that Cllr Hunter had sent an email advising that Charlie Moloney would now be in Charge of Cleansing in the Govanhill area.

The following issues were raised:

- ! Trade Refuse as being a huge issue in the local area.
- ! Street Cleansing – being practically non-existent
- ! Building lines not being swept

## Cleansing Continued

- ! Channels not being cleared and causing flooding in the local area, the flooding has also been raised by member of the community J Monaghan for Community Council to action.
- ! Blue bin collection or lack of it

Member of public raised there were council sacks being left at a lamppost near 14 Westmoreland street and they can sit there for days before being uplifted and by the time this happens the bags have been burst open.

After a discussion it was **agreed** we should sit down with Cleansing Manager, Recycling Managers, Trade Waste Managers and to discuss the above points. **Action Secretary to contact LES**

## Shop Fronts

After a discussion the community council agreed to look into the possibilities of having a certificate/achievement award for shopkeepers who maintain a good environment around their property, possibly something they can display in their windows as this might encourage shopkeepers to take an interest in their environment as currently this isn't happening. We could also look at potential publicity in the GHA Newsletter **Action: to be discussed further by Community Council**

## Council Leader Meeting

As there has been a change in the Leadership of Glasgow City Council and points we had agreed with the previous leader on a way forward for Govanhill may now not happen. After a discussion it was **agreed** that we should in the near future arrange a meeting with the new Leader of Glasgow City Council. **Action Secretary**

## Previous Minutes from 10 July 2017

### Amendment to the above minute

- ! I MacInnes gave apologies for the July meeting

## Previous Minutes from 10 July 2017 Continued

### Amendment to the above minute Continued

- ! Delete no report given by secretary as the Mail in/Out had been circulated and formed the report
- ! Delete 'there was comment about some e-mails that had been received from Iain MacInnes that were not relevant to the work of the CC' as those who were present at the meeting said it was the opinion of one person only and that it should be discussed off table with the two people concerned
- ! Page 2: Clarification was sought by the Vice-chairperson regarding '**Experience of Participation Requests**' however the meeting felt it should read Participation and minutes amended to this effect.  
**Action: Chairperson to advise what is meant by this.**

With the above amendments the Minutes were agreed a true record

**Proposed by** G Mc Manus and **Seconded by** R Sadiq

### Matters Arising + Action Points

#### Treasurer

The treasurer advised that she had handed over to the Chairperson the paperwork for July and is unable to furnish the meeting with the relevant information for July as he still has the relevant paperwork. **Action: Chairperson to provide information for September Meeting**

**Police Scotland** - figures for month of July see Police Scotland Report

**Cleansing Issues** – discussed above & on-going

#### South Seeds

A Member of the community council clarified what was contained in the minutes regarding the above as follows: they felt that organisations seemed to be funded to do the same thing with each claiming to be doing everything but the reality was nothing was getting done.

## Funding in Local Area

Community Council discussed that they should be consulted in relation to funding being distributed in local area as it was felt that grassroots organisations were being squeezed out and will end up going out of business if there is no change.

## Secretary Report

### Mail in/Mail Out

**Meeting with Housing Minister's Office** - 22 August at 2pm in Govanhill Housing Association Building. Attending on behalf of the Community Council: K Hawley, A Carberry, M Nisbet, G Mc Manus, possibly I MacInnes and A M Millar.

### Points to be raised

- ! Potential for a pilot in Govanhill to License Landlords and Letting Agents
- ! How someone who lost house as Landlord can purchase another house
- ! Minutes form Myrtlepark Residents Association – It was **agreed** by meeting that they had similar issues and that we should ask them to send someone to the community council to represent them and also we should look at sending someone to their meetings if this is not possible **Action: Secretary to speak to the Secretary of the residents association**
- ! Govanhill Carnival – after a discussion it was **agreed** that the Community council should take part and have a stall as well as joining in with the parade, representing the Community Council on the day will be K Hawley, M Nisbet & C Mc Cormick. It was raised about the banner and M Nisbet **agreed** to source banner for the event. **Action M Nisbet**

## Councillors Reports

**Councillor Siddique** advised issues she was receiving was about missed bin and food bin collections. After a discussion it was suggested that if it was an access issue possibly the housing association could give bin men fobs so they could gain access into backcourts to empty bins. The Community Council **agreed** that they would raise this matter with

## **Councillors Reports Continued**

### **Councillor Siddique Continued**

Cleansing when they arranged meeting. **Action Cleansing Meeting Agenda**

**Overcrowding** – this has been raised by constituents and she raised it with DRS who advised her that there was no legislation to cover this issue. After a discussion the community council **agreed** that they would raise this at their meeting with the Housing Minister's Office. **Action Agenda item for meeting with the Housing Minister's Office**

Also regarding overcrowding constituents have been enquiring how they get larger properties.

**37 Annette Street** – advised that the owners have challenged GCC's Demolition Order and that the case is due to be called in court in the near future. There were also concerns for businesses if demolition takes place as they will have to close for a period of time which means they will have no income to keep their own homes etc.

**Community Empowerment** - the councillor touched on this and advised that IGF funding was being reviewed for 2018.

**Councillor Belic** advised he had been a summer Santa recently handing out Uniforms to families in need.

**Councillor Hunter** gave apologies for tonight's meeting but advised the following:

- ! Charlie Moloney was being brought in to manage Cleansing Services in Govanhill
- ! Cllr Hunter & Siddique will be meeting with the Parliamentary Group for Govanhill this week

## **Treasurer Report**

The treasurer advised there is **£1,871.48** in the bank and that we received 28p interest.

There was one Invoice to be paid for Printing of minutes, agenda's, planning, letters, CCRC briefings for community council business from the Larkfield Centre for the sum of **£15.04** which included an unpaid Invoice for the month of July plus August Invoice too.

## **Planning**

**701 Cathcart Road** – Use of Shop (class 1) as Office (class2)

**Action: No Action**

**365 Aikenhead Road** – Use as Car wash as 24 hour car wash

After a discussion it was **agreed** that we should object on the grounds of its proximity to housing and its nuisance to those living there if 24 hour operation. **Action: Objection to be sent to planning**

**527 Victoria Road** – Use of Shop as hot food take-away this had been previously sent to members and **agreed** to object to this on the grounds of over-provision and litter issues in the local area.

**Site at Larkfield Street/Cathcart Road** – **Action: No Action**

**Lidl at old Bus Garage site** – Vicechair went along to the open day to see the plans and advised feedback to be in by end of the week. There were concerns raised by the applicants about the busgate on Victoria Road.

**Pandora** – advised that Locavore shop and deli are taking it over the space.

## **Licensing**

**HMO (renewal) – 1 Kingsley Ave Actio: No Action**

**Variation of License Spar, 432 Cathcart Road** Sale of Alcohol to increase sales capacity from 6.5m<sup>2</sup> – 17.395m<sup>2</sup>. After a discussion it was **agreed** to take no Action. **Action: No Action**

## **Licensing Continued**

**Variation of License No 10 (Hotel)** after a discussion it was **agreed** no action to be taken **Action: No action**

## **MP Alison Thewliss**

MP Thewliss listened to the concerns being raised by the Community Council and happy to be contacted regarding them to lend any support that she could. She advised that she had a surgery in Govanhill on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month in the Govanhill Baths Building.

## **Community Engagement**

The vice-chairperson raised that Scottish Government Community Engagement plan event is on 16 August 2017 and that we should be attending. M Nisbet advised that she has already registered to attend as you had to do this online and book a place. Below is a flavour of some of the topics that will be discussed as follows

- ! Residents/Communities
- ! Neighbourhoods/Environment
- ! Thriving Places

Govanhill has recently been added as a Thriving Place though the details of this hasn't filtered its way down to the Community Council as yet.

## **Notice of AGM**

The Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson advised the meeting that our AGM will take place on **Monday 9 October at 7pm** in **Samaritan House 79 Coplaw Street G42 7JG**

The Treasurer advised that she will have the accounts audited for this date

**Date of Next Meeting Monday 11 September 2017 at 7pm  
Samaritan House, Coplaw Street**