



**Minutes Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council Meeting
Monday 9 January 2017**

Present: K Hawley G Mc Manus A Carberry R Sadiq
A M Millar C McCormick D Tausney J Adair

Sgt C Smith & PC L Ferguson (Police Scotland)
Ilyia & Danska (Roma Society Scotland)

Apologies J Beaver M Nisbet M Wright I McInnes
Cllr Siddique (GCC)

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as per the Sign in sheet for 9 January 2017

Chairperson

In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice-Chairperson took over and chaired the meeting.

The acting chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year and wished them all a Happy New Year.

Police Scotland

Changes to Community Policing Update

Sgt Smith advised there was a slight increase in numbers and that there are two sergeants overseeing Community Policing him and Sgt Eadie.

Police Scotland Continued

Changes to Community Policing Update Continued

There are two problem solving teams slightly smaller than previously but since they came into being they haven't been taken away from Govanhill area in the last two months.

The two sergeants have been thinking out of the box about how to address the issues in the local area and will see how this goes, though it could be challenged.

Advised PC Galloway is acting as temporary Sergeant and PC Laura Ferguson has taken over as an Officer to the 'Hub' He advised that he had 15 years service in the force and has spent 5 years at the Gorbals and familiar with issues in Govanhill.

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Drug Dealing & Use 11 Reports - Possession, 1/intent to supply 1 for Dealing. They are also investigating a cultivation of drugs.

Violent Crime 14 Common Assault - all reported, 1 Serious Assault - on-going investigation which was identified as the assault on Butterbiggins Road at Christmas time after a community councillor raised this.

Youth Disorder 17 calls some regarding children begging - police picked six children up in van took them around the local schools to find out which they were registered too and then taken home to parents as they were either suspended or not registered. They then made referrals to Social Work who in turn would refer to education.

Littering/Fly-tipping No Reports

Action from previous meeting

A member asked for breakdown in types of drugs being found, such as Cannabis or Heroin.

Police Scotland Monthly Report Continued

Sgt Smith advised that both cannabis and heroin are the drugs being used in the local area.

'Hub' we were advised by PC Ferguson that it is just back after the holiday closure and are working away on cases that PC Galloway had outstanding such as general anti social behaviour, litter/fly-tipping rogue landlords. Hopefully more to report at the next meeting. The PC also advised that she had 13 years service and has spent 3 of those years working in Govanhill and Pollokshields

A Community Councillor raised that in the Catholic Observer an article they read about SVDP working in the local area stated that there was evidence in relation to trafficking and wondered if it was fact or bad reporting. **Action: Sgt Smith will get back to the community council once he checks if this was a comment by Police Scotland or not.**

Roma Society Scotland

The Acting Chairperson welcomed the opportunity to speak to someone from the Roma Community and having a two way conversation with them.

They advised that we were aware they had dialogue with the chairperson about becoming an associate member of the community council and that we needed someone who had contact with the Roma community and who had the expertise or links into the community and delighted to have them along to give us a presentation so that we can have the right organisation as an associate member and that this was the start of our engagement process with organisations representing the Roma Community in the local area regarding this.

Ilyia from the Roma Society Scotland introduced himself and his colleague Danska and wished everyone present a Happy New Year. He appreciated the opportunity to speak about themselves what they were aiming to do and accomplish and looking forward to developing a relationship with the Community Council.

Roma Society Scotland Continued

They are unusual for Roma, as had degree level education in that both he and his colleague are Roma and he gave some background to how his parents showed him education was key to success. The organisation has been up and running for around 1.1/2 years and as an organisation they won't accomplish all their aims at once.

They have made themselves available to organisations in the local area working with the Roma Community and have knocked on their doors. They need to secure office space in the local area to be taken seriously they feel so that they can deliver services to the Roma Community. They are looking for partnership opportunities, networking and to tease out what is happening in the local area and how it could be improved upon. Ilyia has been here for 10 years and has identified a gap that here is no Roma inclusion at this level and that Roma are part of the issues but not part of the solution making due to barriers and they would hope to change this by representing the Roma Community in this functioning body not just to take but to contribute. He encouraged the Community Council to actively participate in the lives of the Roma Community, take pride in their values and suffering. February they celebrate Roma Day and on 2 August they remember the Roma Holocaust and would one day like to see a stone commemorating this in Glasgow, all in early stages of development.

They are keen to develop education and vocational training and have approached Holyrood and Shawlands Academy but not getting anywhere and if anyone could assist with this they would be grateful. They engage with the Roma community on a daily basis.

They get the feelings that organisations feel they are competing against each other and that it would be more useful to work together.

The plans for their next stage is securing office space locally to give them credibility which would enable them to involve their volunteers to come on board and a point of contact for the Roma community. They believed that Community Renewals have recently received funding and that they may have some office space for them to work from.

They are planning on an open day for young people from the Roma Community at the West of Scotland University in the hope that student peers could offer support in the office space that they hope to obtain.

Roma Society Scotland Continued

Danska advised that the young people do not see the value in education as their parents have always worked to eat and don't see the benefits of education.

Minutes of 12 December 2016 Meeting were **proposed by R Sadiq**
Seconded by J Adair

Matters Arising

Newsletter

E Pollok not present - no update available

Community Engagement Cards

J Beaver not present - no update available

Secretary Report

Mail In

Asda Planning application: Letter received from Mount Florida Community Council asking for support. After a discussion it was **agreed** that we should support on the grounds of Health and environmental concerns given the pressures of cleansing in our local plus how it will impact on local businesses. **Action: Secretary**

Pollokshields Development Trust - Regarding meeting being held on Planning and Community Involvement 16 January 7pm - 9pm in Soul Rider Forth St Pollokshields. It was **agreed** that if any community councillor can attend they should bring feedback to the next meeting of the Community Council

Community Council Resource Centre (CCRC)- Notice of complaint received regarding availability of minutes and dates of meetings for community council and copy of response letter sent to the complainer. Minute now updated on website and the December minutes will be placed in the Library and Larkfield Centre.

Secretary Report Continued

Mail In Continued

CCRC - Briefing sent to all community councillors via email and dates of meetings so that any member who could attend should pop along and bring back feedback to the next available Community Council Meeting.

MSP - Cleansing Meeting: we received an invite to this meeting and it was sent to all community councillors via email and A carberry and M Nisbet will attend.

Meeting Leader of Glasgow City Council - Secretary has been in contact over a period of time with the Leader of Glasgow City Council and has secured a meeting with Cllr McAveety to discuss the issues in the local area and to find solutions by working together time and date has been circulated to community councillors pre tonight's meeting.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer advised the meeting that we have **£2,139.12** in the bank. There were two Invoices this evening for payment one was for Hall Hire 17 October 2016 for Govanhill Housing Community Hall and the other was from Larkfield Centre for printing of minutes, agendas, mail in/out lists, list of actions from meetings,

Councillor Report

Councillor Hunter advised that there had been several deaths in Toryglen in relation to valium (known as blues) that has been contaminated and she spoke to police before the meeting regarding this.

She also said that she spoke to education regarding available spaces in local schools and they advised that there were not enough spaces and that they were encouraging parents to register their children in schools out with their local area but there was a resistance to this. She had raised with them previously that they should consider temporary classrooms in the local area but there was a reluctance to do this and will raise again that it might be worthwhile to re-look at this.

Councillor Report Continued

One of the Community Councillors advised that at our meeting with Social work and education they stated there was available spaces in the local schools

She advised there were the usual issues over the period such as fly-tipping etc.

AOCB

Active Life Club invited the Community Council to participate in their Event on 11 March 2017 in Holyrood. A table would cost £150 which we could use as an opportunity to engage with the community members.

Action: Secretary to contact Community Council Resource Centre to see if this would be appropriate use of our funds.

**Date of Next Meeting 13 February 2017 at 7pm
Samaritan House, Coplaw Street**