

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

9TH MAY 2016

SAMARITAN HOUSE, 79 COPLAW STREET, GLASGOW

Present:-

Keith Hawley	- Chairman
Joe Beaver	- Vice Chairman/Secretary
Jean Adair	- Treasurer
Andrew Carberry	- Community Councillor
Anne Marie Miller	- Community Councillor
Iain MacInnes	- Community Councillor
Mary Wright	- Community Councillor
Gerry McAvennie	- Cleansing Dept, Glasgow City Council
Soryia Siddique	- Councillor – Glasgow City Council
Jahangir Hanif	- Councillor – Glasgow City Council
Lynsay Galloway	- Constable – Police Scotland

Members of Public in Attendance:-

R. Meldrum, R. Scott, I McLeod, G. McManus, C. McCormick, M. Nisbett, L. Mullen, D. Cardwell, F. Stojkovic, K. Reid

1. **Welcome**

Keith opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining the purpose of the Community Council and that it is not a public meeting. He asked if anyone from the public that were in attendance if they had any issues to bring to the meeting. Nothing was raised.

2. **Apologies**

No apologies were received at the start of the meeting although it was noted that there was no contact from Elizabeth Painter and Rosalind Carruth.

3. **Minutes from Last Meeting**

These had been circulated late. Copies were handed round the table

Minutes from April were proposed as being an accurate record by Jean Adair and seconded by Joe Beaver

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 **Myrtleshaw Residents Association**

Anne Marie had asked if contact had been made with Myrtleshaw Residents Association following notification that they had recently held a meeting. Keith advised that he had contacted them by letter but was unsure if we covered their association within our area. Anne Marie confirmed that we did.

4.2 **First Glasgow – Service Disruption during Queens Park Works**

Joe outlined some problems in sourcing official information regarding the diversions which will be in place over the next year due to the Scottish Water works within the Queens Park and outside streets.

Keith advised that he had contacted Scottish Water who confirmed that there is a meeting on the 18th May between 4pm and 7pm at the Queen's Park Bowling Club where there will be opportunities to speak to staff from Scottish Water and also First Glasgow who had advised to Joe that leaflets should be available from that date.

Service No 4, will continue to stop at the New Victoria Infirmary but it looks as if the majority of the buses will be getting re-routed through Govanhill which in turn can add to the traffic congestion already taking place in this area

4.3 **Petition to utilise Empty Council Buildings for Homeless**

Mags Higgins who outlined this petition at the March meeting had re-contacted the CC to ask if they are supporting the petition before she submits it to Glasgow City Council. Anne Marie asked if details had been sent to the CC as per a request. Keith advised that it had

Iain had said that he had seen the attachments in an email and said that it should be supported. It was not a long term or comprehensive solution for these buildings to be used.

Cllr. Siddique suggested that her contact details be passed to Ms. Higgins and she would be able to introduce her to senior members of the City Council who might be able to assist with her petition.

ACTION: Pass on Cllr. Siddique's email address to Ms. Higgins

5. **Police Scotland Report**

PC Galloway outlined the monthly figures

24 reports were made to the Procurator Fiscal for Possession of Drugs Offences of which 3 were for supplying drugs and 1 was for Obstruction

There were 23 Common Assaults with 11 Detections but she pointed out that this figure also includes Domestic Incidents.

There were 2 Serious Assaults of which there was 1 detection. The undetected incident was the stabbing in Allison Street of which the victim will not identify the attacker. They do have video evidence of the incident provided by the CCTV Cameras but without the victim identifying the attacker, the prosecution may not go ahead.

2 Robberies were reported with 1 detection. 1 also had additional support given to them by GHA.

There were 17 cases of Youths Causing Annoyance although there were no crimes established for any of these as they were all moved on.

Since the last meeting there has been 19 offenders reported to the PF in relation to road traffic offences. This does not include any offences which have been dealt with by way of a fixed penalty notice. These offences include S143 – no insurance – S2 Dangerous-S3 careless – no seatbelt/disqualified driving – S4 drive unfit thro drink or drugs – S170 Fail to stop fail to report – s165 – fail to produce insurance – S36 fail to obey a one way sign –

Local officers will continue to carry out regular road traffic checks in the area and will work together with Glasgow City Council to combat regular parking issues.

There were no reports of littering although 1 male has been charged with Littering and been passed to the Procurator Fiscal.

There was discussion regarding the Smartwater initiative. Lynsay advised that the introduction of Smartwater and the detections and subsequent court actions towards several known housebreakers have contributed to the reduction of housebreakings in the area. It is impossible to say that the introduction of Smartwater itself has been the sole reason that the housebreakings have reduced but it has been a contributing factor.

Cllr Hanif mentioned about once incident within the report about a driver being reported for not wearing a seatbelt. Lynsay confirmed that the person involved had in fact committed other offences for when he had been reported for as well.

There was discussion from the members regarding the CCTV Cameras in Govanhill. Joe said that they will be in attendance at July's meeting as this will offer a 6 month review of the CCTV System.

Keith asked Lynsay about a post that had appeared on Social Media about Police Scotland not dealing with any shoplifting offences if the value of the goods taken was below £40. Lynsay confirmed that this was not the case and asked the person who posted it on FB (David Cardwell) to identify the officer who said it. He said that he would forward a copy of the email to PC Galloway.

Lynsay finished off her report by saying that all people are treated with respect . There has been a lot of times that shoplifting offences have not been reported although several shops are part of shopwatch as well as charity shops following the donation of radios by Scotmid. Jean said that the staff at Farmfoods don't report shoplifting due to the time taken for Police to respond.

Cllr Siddique advised that there was additional funding for Community Policing but this has been streamlined due to cuts.

Keith passed the meeting to Gerry McAvennie, from Polmadie Depot who was invited to discuss the ongoing cleansing problems within Govanhill.

6. Cleansing Report

Andrew Carberry started the discussion by outlining the problems with Missing Bin, Damaged Bins and Old Bins that are still being used in certain areas of Govanhill. Gerry advised that the damaged bins had now been removed and that some bins had been removed due to complaints by residents

in Victoria Road over flytipping issues, pile up of rubbish. There is a city wide project ongoing at the moment to replace the older bins.

Gerry asked for locations of Damaged Bins.

Andy went onto discuss the problem with the Blue Bins in the back courts that are continually being contaminated with the incorrect type of refuse being put in them. If it happens continually at the same address, why not remove them. Gerry advised that there are no plans at the moment to remove the blue bins.

There is a definite need to educate people in Govanhill about the correct usage of the bins and what type of waste goes into each of them.

Andy advised that there have been a lot of complaints from the public and how do we solve the problem.

Gerry asked for details of the addresses affected and he will arrange for Cleansing staff to go to visit and advise them

Cllr Hanif asked if it costs more to recycle contaminated waste than standard waste to which Gerry replied, no it is not.

Anne Marie asked what does the Landlord Registration Unit do as the landlords should be deregistered if they don't give householders the relevant information.

Lynsay advised that all the landlords have to do is to hand out basic information packs to their tenants.

Mary said that it is obviously 'dirty' people who are doing it, so why can't their neighbours talk to them and tell them about it.

Andy asked if the previous reporting procedure for this was still in operation. Gerry said it was not.

Gerry said he would get information for the residents about the correct usage of the Blue Bins. Mary referred these problems to ongoing issues that had been brought up by a local resident, Linda Woodburn.

Andy advised that the best solution for this is to remove the blue bins and replace them with green bins. Gerry advised that it is a policy decision to remove bins but he will enquire about it.

Keith asked about the food bins that are due to be introduced to the area. Gerry said that leaflets will be going to all residents about these. They can also put food waste in the brown bins.

Anne Marie asked if the food waste could be put in standard poly bags. Gerry advised that they initial delivery will have bags with it but after that residents will have to purchase them.

There was a request that a representative from recycling be invited to the June meeting.

ACTION: INVITE REP FROM RECYCLING DEPARTMENT TO NEXT MEETING (Gerry Beecham)

There were questions raised about if the food waste will go to the new Viridor plant at Polmadie. Gerry said No.

There was a request from C/Councillors that information be sourced regarding the GCC policy on food waste. Cllr Siddique said that she would follow this up.

Keith thanked Gerry for this report and passed the meeting on to Cllr Siddique for her report.

7. Councillors Reports - (In Attendance – Cllr Siddique and Hanif)

Cllr Siddique advised that cleansing complaints were down. There was an issue with the streetlights on Annette Street which had been reported and now fixed. There had been resurfacing work done in the area due to potholes.

There had been a well attended event in Dixon Halls where residents outlined their views on crime but still people don't feel safe within their own community. Cllr Siddique has asked for an initiative that is used in Gorbals and Govan 'Op.Modulus' to be partially implemented in Govanhill and that there was still ongoing concerns about people congregating in street corners.

Lynsay answered the points about the street corners and said that people could be moved on by Police Officers if they are blocking the pavements. There are multi language signs going up in the area this week but they were having difficulties having the legislation translated to make it easier to understand.

There had been mention of dispersal orders being used in the areas. Lynsey confirmed that dispersal orders will not be used.

Cllr Hanif advised within his report that there is legislation available to enable dispersal of crowds. Lynsey confirmed that it is for obstructions. Cllr Hanif did mention that the Police have been active in moving them on.

He has written to DRS asking that the Enhanced Enforcement Area be extended.

He has received complaints re littering in the backcourts and that he has written to the council regarding the 28 day policy of collection which is not working now and to come up with a new plan.

Keith passed the meeting onto Joe who was outlining the meeting at Eastgate and also the monthly Secretary/Planning Report

8. Eastgate Meeting – Secretary/Planning

Joe advised that himself, Keith and Andy attended a meeting at Eastgate where Chris Mooney, Christine Martin, Kalim Uddin from CSG, Inspector Hutton from Police Scotland and also Baillie Scanlon was in attendance. We were able to see the new CCTV Cameras in operation along with a view of the operations centre. Questions had been submitted to the FB page by residents and these were answered during the meeting. The answers were read out by Joe although some residents felt that some questions were omitted from the answers given.

As previously mentioned, CSG will be willing to come to the c/council in July for a 6 month report on the usage of the cameras.

In regards to the Planning report, there was only one issue regarding a development in Q.M. Avenue. The expiry date for this application had not passed yet. Joe asked for c/councillors for comments if we were objecting or supporting the application. The link to all the documentation had been sent by Keith so that C/Councillors could look at the application.

9. Treasurer's Report

Jean outlined that there was £2449.24 in the bank with 27p interest being gained this month

10. AOCB

Keith discussed the Hustings Event and that it had been a success with over 4000 views so far on the online stream by Independence Live.

Anne Marie asked for further details on the Forward Planning meeting that was suggested. This was being arranged depending on the availability of Councillors on specific nights.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 13th March at 7pm

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