

Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council

MINUTES

11th January 2016, Samaritan House

MEETING MINUTE COMPILED FROM RECORDING

PRESENT:

Keith Hawley	Chairman
Joe Beaver	Vice Chairman/Secretary
Anne Marie Millar	Community Councillor
Andrew Carberry	Community Councillor
Mary Wright	Community Councillor
Chris Mooney	Community Safety Glasgow
Mhari Hunter	Councillor – Glasgow City Council
James Crawshaw	Public Health – Glasgow City Council
Lynsay Galloway	Constable – Police Scotland

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Woodburn, Thomas Asken, Jocelyne Boyle, Catherine McKenzie, Steven McKenzie, Mary Gara, Frances Stojlkovic, Jade Murphy, Allison Smith, Annette Garroway, Cheryl McCormack, Georgina Rae, Joanne Bell, Rosemary Scott, Marion Nisbett, David Cardwell, Fiona McNeill, Claire O'Neill, Emily O'Neill, Steven Shaw, Linda Mullen, William Armour, Eddie Graham, George Fezhette, Gecefe Stelou, Amir Butt, Damut Coyacu, Beth McWilliams, James Mutter, Jamie McDonald, Allan McDonald (GHA)

APOLOGIES:

Jim Wilson	Community Councillor
Iain McInnes	Community Councillor
Elizabeth Painter	Community Councillor
Rosalind Carruth	Community Councillor
Jean Adair	Community Councillor
James Scanlon	Councillor – Glasgow City Council
Soryia Siddique	Councillor – Glasgow City Council
Jahangir Hanif	Councillor – Glasgow City Council

Welcome

The Chair welcomed new faces, and reminded people that the CC meeting is not a Public Meeting and that people outwith CC should only speak when invited to by the Chair. He also mentioned there were still vacancies for local residents.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as being an accurate record by Mary Wright and seconded by Joe Beaver

Matters Arising

Education

Regarding note about "reopening Victoria Road" - this referred to a suggestion that the Primary School could be reopened, but there are no plans for this - Anne Marie advised that the site of the former Victoria school along with the women's hostel site had been released to Glasgow Housing Association

Action : to chase up City Council on whether provision of primary schools is matching the growing population.

Councillor Hanif was also chasing for more urgent repairs on Holy Cross School. Councillor Hunter confirmed that he had raised this at last Council meeting. Concerns also remain that older children are being used as classroom assistants. Action: invite representatives from schools, or Maureen McKenna, to find more information.

The Hub

Discussed in detail in December, but also actioned inviting Gordon Smith for February.

Victoria Forum

A forum of local groups - pushing for more involved public consultation on what happens with old Victoria Infirmary site. Right now they have published online survey and are inviting views.

Police Scotland Report

For period 14 Dec - 11 Jan

Drug dealing/Use	13 reports
Violent Crime	16 reports, 5 reported to procurator fiscal
Youths Causing Annoyance	4 reports - appropriate action taken
Fly Tipping	0
Motoring Offences (excluding fixed penalty notices)	15 incidents

Reports of drug dealing and use is down, and increased number of uniformed officers in the area.

Clarification was sought about "a theft and not a robbery". PC Galloway explained that "robbery" means acts or threats of violence at the time of the theft.

Action Plan Consultation

8500 householders that were written to re: consultation re: Action Plan – Householders were advised to respond so that the City Council can plan around numbers attending.

Dates for the Consultations are:

- 26 Jan - Cuthbertson Primary
- 10 Feb - St Brides
- 25 Feb - Holyrood

Some people raised concern that they had not received the letter (from Councillor Siddique). Councillor Hunter clarified the letter was from the City Council, and went to all householders. She asked that anyone who hadn't received should contact her with address, and she can follow up. Chair raised possibility that some people had misunderstood the letter's intention.

Action - to check we can redistribute and post to eg. facebook.

Councillors Report

Mhairi Hunter

(reporting on behalf of Councillor Hanif)

Most of issues over festive period have been about cleansing and flooding. Talking to Dougie Gellan of Cleansing about enforcement eg. on fly-tipping - based on perception that there is not sufficient enforcement. Also looking at bye-laws being used for anti-social behaviour; and housing standards eg. are windows with bars on them legal/a fire risk.

Planning Report

(GCC's IT system hampering getting documents)

302 Langside Road - HMO license

Action: go back for further information

Former bus garage at Larkfield

Company who has put in application will be doing a presentation at our Feb meeting.

Landlord Registration Report

Due to ongoing problems with the computer systems within Glasgow City Council, no information had been received by the Community Council as with the Landlord Registration figures.

INVITED GUESTS

James Crawshaw, Environmental/Public Health

- Works with Hub on: fly-tipping, refuse accumulation, pest control, statutory nuisances (eg. water leaks) - they try to gather evidence towards issuing penalties: knocking on doors, bringing interpreters, but can be difficult. People often unwilling to give witness statements. Around 2 staff in Govanhill.
- Information is passed out giving residents information about how to dispose of rubbish responsibly, but this is still a challenge.
- He clarified that "fly-tipping" is defined as being in a public place (not back courts).
- Can refuse collectors make reports when they see problems in a back close? There is practical issue as they don't have time to stop and gather details.

Chris Mooney, Community Safety Glasgow

- His officers won't give penalties for fly-tipping, but will report.
- Mobile CCTV useful in past eg. for identifying vehicles.
- Anne Marie challenged on why they can't track reports through to prosecution - there seemed to be issues because this is handled by multiple agencies.
- PC Galloway noted the dumb dumpers website <http://dumbdumpers.org/>
- Confirmed that they have plain clothes as well as uniformed officers, and they have legal right, with GCC as delegating authority. Councillor Hunter asked to find out when they were given this authority.
- Concern was raised by a local resident regarding harassment by CSG officers. Anne Marie raised point that there should be a male and female working together, rather than two males which some could find intimidating.
- Anne Marie asked about whether penalties were being paid. For dog fouling, he said payment was high.
- Chris clarified: CSG only go to public areas, not back closes.
- Suggestion from resident: new signs in Govanhill Park? Action: Chris will ask.
- What evidence is needed? He said they need witness statements.
- CCTV (6 additional cameras as well as upgrades) - still delayed (dependent on BT), but installation should "start" on 18th Jan. No endpoint known. (90 days is BT's SLA)

Close of Meeting

The meeting was wound up, after a great deal of interruption and noise. Unfortunately continuous interruptions prevented the CC from hearing responses from guests, and from progressing and agreeing actions.

The next meeting was confirmed as 8th February 2016, 7pm, at Samaritan House.