

CROSSHILL & GOVANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

14th March 2016 – Samaritan House

Keith Hawley – Chairman
Joe Beaver – Vice Chairman/Secretary
Anne Marie Millar – Community Councillor
Mary Wright – Community Councillor
Jean Adair – Treasurer
James Coleman – Police Scotland
Fatima Uygun – Govanhill Baths Community Trust
Iain McInnes – Community Councillor
Jahangir Hanif – Glasgow City Council

Public

Irene McLeod, David Cardwell, Linda Woodburn, Liz Crosbie/Daughter, Cheryl McCormick, Marion Nisbett, Rosemary Scott, Mags Higgins, Linda Mullen, Ben Moore, Jim Monaghan, Fiona Hunter, Liz Abernethy, Claire Hughes, Melanie Ridolin, Diane Hannerton, Alexandra Steenbeek, Kathy Reid, Rodger Pollock, Francis Stojilkovic.

Apologies

Andrew Carberry, Ros Carruth, Betty Painter

Keith opened the meeting by declaring what the Community Council is and that it is not a public meeting as such and that questions can only be asked by the public on the agreement of the chairperson.

Keith asked regarding last month meeting and the report from the Hub asking if there were any actions needed. Jean confirmed that it was ongoing but Mary advised that they give a different story each month.

GOVANHILL BATHS REPORT

Fatima Uygan, Trust Manager at Govanhill Baths gave a presentation updating on what is currently happening with regards to the development of the building.

Following the presentation, Community Councillors were invited to ask questions. Anne Marie asked regarding the cost of the sponsor a tile campaign. Fatima was unsure of the exact price.

Comments were made re if there was an asbestos contingency. Fatima said there is and at the moment there are continuous checks within the building for Asbestos.

Keith asked regarding a shortage of funding. Fatima advised that each year the building is closed, 200k would be added to the total cost. Some areas within the building have metal rods within the structure that in turn has affected the building. Total approximate cost for the entire building approx. 12 million.

Iain suggested using crowdfunding. Fatima said that it is under consideration.

Keith asked to confirm if it will be classed as an Arts venue or community Hub. Fatima advised that it is a Community Hub. Keith further mentioned about The List and the fact the Baths are featured prominently within it. Fatima advised that she was very happy if the Baths appear in publications.

Keith asked regarding the archives and mentioned that it was important to have them to show people how the building used to operate.

Jim Monaghan mentioned to all community councillors of an event on 21st March at Govanhill Baths entitled 'Children of the Occupation' where the archives will be shown and also a viewing of the United we will Swim film. The Steamie theatre production will be one of the shows in July.

David Cardwell mentioned about his history at the baths as a former employee and was enquiring if the Ladies Pool will be just for Ladies only. Fatima confirmed that it will be mixed use but with nights available for Ladies and Gentleman only.

A hydrotherapy pool is also planned. Anne Marie Millar enquired about how discussions went with NHS. Fatima advised that they are keen for a Hydrotherapy Pool given that there are only 2 just now at Paisley or at the Royal.

Keith thanked Fatima for her presentation.

POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT

PC Coleman gave the monthly report, with information provided on the priorities for the area:-

DRUG DEALING/USE –	23 REPORTED TO PROCURATOR FISCAL WITH 2 ONGOING CASES FOR PRODUCTION.
VIOLENT CRIME -	22 ASSAULTS – 12 DETECTIONS – 1 SERIOUS ASSAULT
YOUTHS ANNOYANCE:	11 REPORTS – NO OTHER DETAILS
FLYTIPPING:	NO REPORTS

Other information provided by PC Coleman was that there was a 16% increase in the detections of Housebreaking within the area. There were 11 Road Traffic Offences which can include offences of No Insurance, MOT, Driving under the Influence.

Keith queries the point about no flytipping reports. Jim advised that nothing was reported to the Police as it is Community Enforcement Officers that deal with this.

A member of the public at the meeting asked if the stats covered the Crosshill area which was confirmed that they do and that he has reported on numerous occasions to Police about members of the public congregating around his close area and also urinating within the close. He advised that on some occasions, there was no Police in attendance.

Jim advised that all calls are prioritised that are phoned into 101. Keith asked what can be done, what advice can be given.

Anne Marie suggested that we raise all these issues raised with The Hub. It was agreed to do this as an action point.

ACTION:CONTACT HUB IN REGARDS TO ISSUES RAISED.

The only way to ensure more patrols within the local areas is to continue to phone 101 – CSG patrols also have access to Police.

Keith asked if a close is classed as a public space, PC Coleman confirmed this.

Anne Marie asked PC Coleman about the prioritisation of a call to 101 if a female with a child phones in regarding Anti-Social behaviour, would she be given priority. PC Coleman advised that it would be prioritised.

Roger Pollok (Public) enquired about the zero offences for flytipping given that he has phoned into 101 on several occasions about littering and was advised that it's not the Police that deals with this. Would these calls appear in the stats.

PC Coleman advised that all calls received are passed to the relevant authorities.

ACTION:CONTACT AREA COMMANDER OF POLICE SCOTLAND REGARDING THIS AND PARKING ISSUES

Request from Public:- David Cardwell asked if the Community Council could source via a FOI the number of Fixed Penalty Reports within Ward 8 issued during 2015 and how many were successfully prosecuted

COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Hanif began his report by talking about the Litter Bins not being adequate in Govanhill and that a new type of bin was required. This should not be the lamppost bins that are not suitable.

There is going to be a zero tolerance approach taken to driving whilst using a mobile phone that after a second offence, there will be the potential for a driving ban.

He discussed the budget received by the Scottish Government and that there is a shortfall of 50 million with Glasgow's budget. One saving that has been proposed is to withdraw funding for 100 Police Officers. He is waiting for a report from Safe Glasgow.

He has looked at the Marie Stuart Hotel and has advised that it has now been sold.

There is still an issue with Dog Fouling within the area. Keith asked re the food waste collection and said that Bins were getting issued at the moment to households.

Joe brought an issue to Cllr. Hanif's attention regarding lack of street lighting in Boyd Street @ Cathcart Road. Cllr Hanif said he would look into it and advise.

Linda Woodburn brought up various issues within her street which included the uplift of recycling bins, Cyclists on Road, Engine Idling and Recycling Bins not being used correctly. Cllr Hanif will deal with the bins issue with L.E.S.

With regards to Engine Idling, this is not a Police Issue and David Cardwell advised that an Environmental Officer can only deal with Engine Idling by ways of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Cheryl McCormack advised that in her block there is only 1 bin available for 9 flats. Cllr Hanif advised that if they wanted to request new bins to contact L.E.S. on 287-9700.

PLANNING ISSUES/SECRETARY'S REPORT

Joe advised that a previous application for a property in Langside Road was granted despite objections from the Community Council.

New applications were outlined.

Correspondence was outlined with information about a Traffic Order being enforced within Polmadie Road. Further information is to be sought with regards to this order.

TREASURERS REPORT

Current Balance: £2686.27

AOCB

Keith updated regards the Victoria Forum and that there was a request for Community Councils that were taking part to out in £50 towards the running of the forum.

Anne Marie asked if we could use the funds for this. Iain asked for further information regarding this.

ACTION:Request for further information regarding £50 request.

Keith discussed the Queen's Park arena and that it will not be used until June 16th following the completion of the works in the park and surrounding areas.

There is also going to be problems with buses in the area and information was requested as to what is happening to the bus routes whilst the work is going on.

ACTION:Contact First Glasgow ref Bus changes in area due to works in Queens Drive.

Joe outlined the proposed hustings for the Scottish Parliament elections. Date was agreed after discussions to be 18th April. Paperwork will be sent to Council to book Holyrood School..

Keith asked Mags Higgins to outline to the CC details of a petition that she had taken over with regards to opening up old council buildings for the use of Homeless which had been done in Manchester. She advised that she would send info to Joe via E-Mail for circulation to c/councillors.

Keith concluded the meeting by outlining the Hustings Event arranged by the Lets Save Govanhill group to take place in Allison Street on Saturday 19th March. Cheryl McCormack answered some questions regarding it.