

Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council MINUTES

Meeting: Monday 12 October 2015 at 7.00pm
Samaritan House, Coplaw Street

Welcome and introductions:

Members of the Council: Jean Adair, Joe Beaver, Andy Carberry, Iain MacInnes, Anne Marie Millar, Keith Hawley, John Peebles and Mary Wright.

Present: Liz Crosbie, Tania Eadie, M. Gara, Pauline McGinlay, Jade Murphy, B Robertson, R. Scott, L. Woodburn, and Councillor Hanif.

Chairman in the Chair: Keith Hawley.

Apologies: Rosalyn Carruth, Councillor Soryia Siddique, Donald McFadden has now resigned from the Council.

Minute Taker: Moyra Robertson.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked Anne Marie Millar who had assisted with the minutes at the last meeting.

Minutes: After a discussion on the writing of the minutes it was agreed that these would be action based. The minutes of the meeting of September were proposed by Jean Adair and seconded by Mary Wright.

Matters Arising:

- The public feedback from the meeting of 7th September 2015 would be discussed at a later date.
- A letter had been sent to the Chief Executive regarding access to the Action Plan which would be referred to the Hub.
- There was a heated discussion on the delegation of responsibilities amongst the Council Members as Joe Beaver, the secretary was overworked and sharing tasks would help to matters dealt with more quickly & speed up the work of the Council.
- Cleansing – Andy Carberry had spoken to Dougie Gellan and a regular service was now in place. He asked to be kept informed on progress if any.
- Child protection Issue has not yet been raised with relevant authorities as the question of how to word or what to ask has not yet been clarified. The Police liaise with the HUB on this issue but the public have to report any incident or they (the police) cannot take action. If they see any incident then they can and will take action. As regards school age children where there is a duty of care to educate, however, when the local schools are full the next locality should be used – this is the parents' responsibility. There are also issues with registration.

Action: Contact Maureen McKenna to get the school waiting lists for the November meeting.

- Parking issues summary from the list - no responses yet

The Chair returned to the subject of delegation of tasks as the Secretary has to deal with a huge workload; however, Anne-Marie Millar disagreed and expressed her dissatisfaction with the current methods of operation. She felt that since joining the Council little or nothing had been achieved. It was suggested that an action log was circulated to everyone and when collated a named person would take responsibility for an area of concern and present any findings to the Community Council before going to the Hub for discussion. Andy Carberry volunteered to be responsible for Cleansing etc.

Action:

1. The Community Council should learn to operate as a team.
2. The Council will seek training and support in teamwork from Glasgow City Council.
3. To ask a representative from the Hub to a future meeting.

The Hub budget was discussed and it was agreed to ask for written information about their budget is spent – a proper factual report. This draft for publication could be put out in a newsletter for the public information.

Action: the Secretary to contact the Hub – breakdown of work over the past three years and how their budget is spent. A public meeting could be arranged to inform and question these results. John Peebles made a plea for plain simple language and to ensure that all reports were followed through.

- There has been no change in in the state of the bins even though the resident had contacted Councillor Hunter and her factor. She has now been informed about the Hub as she did not know it existed. The secretary will pass this on to be investigated more fully. The council was then informed about the working of the Hub where all relevant services meet twice a week to coordinate on matters concerning this area. The question of how the Hub disseminates information was discussed and this problem is being looked by the Hub at this right now.

Action: The secretary will try to arrange a representative for a future meeting.

Report Councillor Hanif:

1. Dixon Road – update of progress from LES damages have been repaired.
2. Dog fouling – this is a real problem and there is a need for people to report incidents. Will bring numbers of how many charged & prosecution to the next meeting. He is very willing to receive any evidence of this offence so he can take it further.
3. The 16 block problems – infestation, bulk fly- tipping etc. have now spread west of Victoria Road.
4. Private Tenants Housing Bill – this now up for consultation and the Council should be responding and feeding information into this. We should be

considering the responsibility of letting agents and how they manage properties and also the role of Govanhill Housing Association and their response. It would be useful to contact Anne Lear on this matter.

The Councillor thanked for his report.

It was decided to try and hold the AGM directly after this meeting if there was time. AGM must be held before the end of October and the Chairman would prefer to hold it tonight if possible.

Police Report: The Freedom of Information figures have been received and it was agreed that these required an in-depth discussion with local police and other higher ranking officers. This does need to be a closed meeting due to the Freedom of Information Act.

1 CCTV – this work has been delayed because of one member of the community has concerns about safety issues. She had a reply on the 5th of October from LES who said that work should resume within the next 4 weeks or as soon as possible but no confirmed date. There have also been problems with BT

2 Concerns with Young People – two 13 year old were caught on CCTV and charged. There has been on-going work in the background with the children involved. This continuing problem needs the active cooperation of the public as the police cannot investigate an incident if they are not aware of it. The public need to call in all incidents they witness before the police can take action. The number to call is 101

3 There are more police in the area including some plainclothes officers. Of course with more police in the area more crime is detected, however there was a drop in some crimes while drug offences are up.

4 It has been confirmed that 2 bogus callers gained access to premises of elderly residents. The enquiries are ongoing.

Police Statistics:

11/07/15 07/08/2015

1) Drug dealing & use

11 crimes

10 personal possession – detected

1 supplying - under investigation.

2) Violent crimes

15 common assaults – 1 detected

3 serious assaults - 1 detected

Robbery - 1 detected

Sexual Assault - 1 detected

3) Youths causing annoyance

24 calls - no criminality.

08/08/20015 11/09/20015

1) 19 crimes of personal possession - detected.

2) 19 reports 16 common assaults – 2 detected

1 serious assault - detected

1 sexual assault under investigation.

3) 34 calls made to the police – no criminality

12/09/2015 12/10/2015

1) 36 crimes of personal possession - all detected

2) 3 robberies - 1 detected

3 serious assaults – 2 detected

2 sexual assaults – 1 detected

18 common assaults – 3 detected

13 calls – no criminality

Treasurer's Report: There was no time to give the report – there is £2394.99 in the bank.

AOBC: the Govanhill Baths have received £500,000 from the new Heritage Environment Scotland (HES) plus £1.2 million from Heritage Lottery Fund – due to lack of time this will be discussed next month.

Iain MacInnes asked for information on the pavement work – the kerb consultation link will be passed on to members.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th November 2015

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A.G.M.

The Minutes of the AGM held on October 2014 were approved pending the Treasurer's report.

There had not been the required amount of publicity for the AGM.

It was agreed to seek advice from the Community Council Resource Centre.

It was agreed that as the AGM must be held by the end of October so anathemas was arranged. **The AGM meeting will be held on Thursday 22 November at 7.00pm in Govanhill Baths.**