

Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council

Minutes 13th Jan 2014 (Keith Hawley)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Iain MacInnes, Betty Painter, Donny McFadden, Rosalind Carruth, Keith Hawley, Jean Adair,

APOLOGIES: Jahangir Hanif

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Sorriya Siddique

THIS MEETING

Quorate. Donny chaired.

POLICE

none present

MINUTES

Minor corrections made.

Proposed Iain.

Seconded Jean.

MATTERS ARISING

Bins on lampposts - Sorriya will take up with the Dept.

SE Area Rep: Rosalind will do

[ACTION: Iain to formally contact them]

Unanimously agreed.

Minutes Secretary - Iain will contact Moira

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Iain said "Consultation is ongoing. He suggests it's Top Down Power. If we don't have a collective response, he encourages individual engagement.

[ACTION: Iain to circulate notes, recommendations]

FUTURE PLANS

Iain talked over his **Proposal List**.

Some discussion around how best to organise a forum about the Independence Referendum.

Timing for that would be ~April/May. Keith raised the issue of making it pertinent to local concerns, or it's just a repeat of debates happening elsewhere.

Keith reminded Council that the Loch Katrine trip had been discussed about a year ago in relation to issues people

were having with water, and trying to get an understanding of the source of our water.

[ACTION: Iain will go ahead and talk to people about all of the proposals, and we will continue to discuss which to prioritise]

Keith expressed that the topics "citizenship and democracy" and "poverty of policy", while relevant, were vague, and we should work on a better angle on these: are they driven by any topical events or policies for instance?

Iain pointed out that as one of the richest countries in the world, we still suffered from acute poverty, and that Public Policy has fluctuated based on how Poverty is viewed.

PEDESTRIAN OBSTRUCTION OUTSIDE ALBERT BAR

Rosalind has reported that it's "like a pond!" and that you actually have to cross the road to get past. Betty commented that it was yet another example of bad workmanship.

There was mention of blocked gullies, though disagreement about whether that was the issue at this location.

[ACTION: Sorriya will raise with the City Council]

AGNEW LANE FLYTIPPING

Rosalind reported that flytipping has been continuing in Agnew Lane.

Two companies have been trying to build there.

The fruit shop van has been blocking the lane - stopping people dumping there.

POST OFFICE, CATHCART ROAD

There had been concern that this useful local facility may close. Rosalind reported that when she asked she was told "we've not been told it's closing yet."

[ACTION: Iain to send question to Post Office]

Donny recommended we keep using the Post Office - "use it or lose it".

It was also commented that a Post Office used to stimulate Community, not just the Economy: people spent time there, met others, chatted.

LANGSIDE HALLS TRUST

Donny was contacted by Langside CC - since this concerns our area too, asking for support in sending a letter to the GCC.

Langside Hall - possibly to become Community Trust, looking for renovation.

Betty didn't agree with the proposal: "they did the same with Dixon Hall - and it ended up unused!"

Keith mentioned that this is a scale up from Queens Park Arena, which has proved a huge undertaking.

Iain asked if this was Empowerment, Abdication (of responsibility) or Arms length control. He said that the City Council was supposed to be steward of something that belongs to all of us.

After discussion, there was unanimous support for the letter, since it is simply asking for further information about plans - which should put us in a better position to assess (and oppose, if agreed).

PARK MANAGEMENT

New scheme for Park Management was announced today. We should find out more.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: SORRIYA SIDDIQUE

A paper went to the Exec Committee proposing a partnership approach to resolving properties' Standard. It was quite a detailed study - Scottish Government and GCC - agreed by GCC - for tackling slums.

[ACTION: Sorriya Siddique to send to Iain]

This also relates to CPO and dealing with unfactored property in a more responsible way.

Iain asked if it will cover Rents, Repairs and Renovation. Yes, it will.

Sorriya Siddique met with the head of Cleansing. Iain pointed out that people are coming from outside the area to dump. Sorriya Siddique would like info on those areas, and eg. registration numbers (or photos) of vans seen doing this.

Sorriya Siddique said this would be a really positive change in this area if it CAN be tackled.

Iain gave an anecdote regarding Cleansing's unhelpful approach. An upstairs flat upgraded the bathroom, and filled the garden with piles of rubble. Iain asked for it to be taken away - but the Council wanted to charge him!

FINANCE

Current balance £1918.16

This should cover our upcoming plans for promotion and newsletter.

Iain has talked to the bank, who require all signatories to present themselves as they're updating records.

[ACTION: Iain, Keith, Jean to arrange to do this]

PLANNING

None this month

AOCB

Rosalind mentioned a fast driver in Albert Road, wondered how this could be tackled.

NEXT MEETING

10th February.