

**Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**11 April 2016, Samaritan House**

***PRESENT:***

Keith Hawley, Joe Beaver, Rosalind Carruth, Mary Wright, Jean Adair, PC. Lynsay Galloway, Jahangir Hanif

***MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE***

David Cardwell, Rosemary Scott, Cheryl McCormick, Irene McLeod, Liz Crosbie, Marion Nisbett, Joanne Bell, - (Others in Attendance)

***APOLOGIES:***

Anne Marie Millar, Andrew Carberry, Iain McInnes

***Welcome***

Welcome to newcomers and the usual note about conduct.

***Minutes of Previous Meeting***

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

None recorded.

***POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT (PC GALLOWAY)***

The following covers 14 Mar - 11 Apr:

- 10 thefts - 2 detected
- 15 common assaults - 7 detected, 10 offenders known to victim
- 2 serious assaults - 1 detection
- 1 assault with intent to rob - 1 detection
- 4 robberies - 1 detection
- 1 male arrested for Sexual Offences Act - known from day 1, not a stranger, victim was not dragged into park\*\*\*.
- Youths annoyance - 10 incidents reported for causing annoyance/disturbance - no trace on police arrival
- Flytipping- 0

\*\*\*She was also asked about the highly publicised rape in Queens Park. The criminal had been arrested. She confirmed the perpetrator was not Eastern European. She also pointed out that when the police don't give out this information it is because it has not been confirmed: they can't confirm ethnicity until known.

There are fixed penalties for :

- speeding
- mobile phones in cars

Looking into Road Traffic Offenders numbers for next time.

Due to recent events (an elderly lady mugged, and also heightened anxiety after nearby Minard Road murder), a good deal of tonight's discussion was around policing.

PC Galloway said priority is passed when a crime is reported ie. some will be acted on immediately, some will wait.

Recent events - police presence was : 2 mounted (horses), 11 other police officers. Late shift was : 2+8

For next month, Police asked to provide information on age ranges for recent crimes.

For public reassurance, aim is a high visibility police presence. They have daily street briefings. They focus on different streets and different times. Not a set pattern.

Roz described having her windows smashed this evening.

Most importantly, people do need to phone about incidents they see - Police need this information to build up a picture of what has been going on in the area. Someone acting suspiciously may not on its own seem an issue, but if police can link this to something they know happened soon afterwards, this can be critical information.

Regarding groups of people gathering on street corners, it was noted that when people feel intimidated, it doesn't necessarily mean the behaviour is intimidating.

CCTV on average 15 incidents are captured on a daily basis -- this includes environmental incidents as well as possible criminal ones. Monitoring is one person viewing several cameras - and they can move cameras when police ask. Sometimes CCTV evidence is only viewed after a crime.

Asked whether this was the highest crime area in Glasgow, PC Galloway said no - the City Centre has the highest crime. However, Calton, Springburn and Govanhill came next.

The discussion turned to looking at positive ways in which the community could act to improve safety, to look after neighbours particularly elderly ones.

- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes were mentioned (but not followed up on this occasion)
- The possibility of issuing elderly with alarms (similar to what has been done in the past with rape alarms and vulnerable women) was discussed. This could be a challenge to organise, but the meeting felt it shouldn't be impossible to raise money for these. (Mary observed that she "wants the place sorted" before she is a pensioner; and agreed to find out about a place online that could provide cheap alarms)
- Social cohesion was also highlighted as something that needs to improve - looking out for neighbours for example - but some difficult challenges as some residents have poor English, and in some closes people move on quickly.
- encouraging third party reporting was also highlighted

These topics should be continued and creative positive plans put forward.

## ***Councillors' Reports***

### **Councillor Hanif**

- Easter event at Larkfield Centre was very good - a good example of different communities coming together
- A walkabout with Nicola Sturgeon
- The Dixon Hall event was also good - there is real concern about muggings; people don't feel safe; and feel intimidated by groups gathering in streets. MacParlin definitely understands the need to make a change, for example will be moving people on (Police are looking for suitable laws to deal with problems)
- Roma International Festival is beginning to inspire the wider community - they want change, and to integrate (led well by Pastor Ilya)
- Bins - he's been following up with LES. If people have problems, he wants to hear from them. He advised - when emailing LES, copy in a councillor.

Chair noted that Soryia Siddique had not attended recent meetings, and that we should contact her to ensure we also have representation from City Council's current administration.

### ***Secretary's Report***

Community Council has been invited to CSG to see the new CCTV in operation. Joe has reminded people that he is standing down for a month to finish his studies.

### ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Current balance £2686.27

### ***A.O.C.B.***

Planning for Hustings was discussed, and posters distributed  
It is one week till our Hustings event.

Joe expressed that he was disappointed that he was not getting enough assistance in organising this from other Community Councillors.

- Myrtleshaw Residents Association had made contact and we should follow up. Also noted the have a public meeting in Dixon Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 [Action: Keith]
- Concern over the impact on traffic and bus routes caused by Queens Park Sewer Works. We should contact First Glasgow to find out what the plans are [Action: Joe]
- Not heard anything further on Victoria Road Cycle Lane project [action to follow up]
- Raised by member of public: Police 101 number is not free from a mobile (some networks)
- Fruit-throwing in Alison Street
- A view was expressed that Loitering/anti-social behaviour/obstruction/dispersal orders were not being applied equally. No examples were given, and police denied this was policy. [action - to add to questions for Police meeting?]
- PC Galloway agreed to find out more about "environmental crimes".
- Raised by member of public (Linda) : Begging on Victoria Road is becoming an issue. Police confirmed they only move people on if "aggressive begging". As we didn't have time to do this topic justice, it should be held off for future discussion.
- Tenant from Coplaw Court - regarding fly-tipping there: She calls, but they have gone. Police still want to know, even if the people have left - this way they can look for patterns in timing etc. and act.

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

7pm - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016