



Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council (CGCC)

Date: Monday 8 April 2019

Address: Samaritan House, 79 Coplaw St, Glasgow

MINUTES

Attendees: Marion Nisbet, Joe Beaver, Cheryl McCormick, Grant McManus, Damian Tausney, Anne Marie Millar, Timothee Lehuraux, Cllr Mhairi Hunter, Cllr Alexander Belic, Jim Coleman (Police Scotland), Lesley Kelly (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Jean Adair, Keith Hawley, Jennifer MacDonald, Bailie Soryia Siddique and Cllr James Scanlon.

The meeting was quorate and chaired by Cheryl McCormick.

1. POLICE

Police reported that house break-ins are down as a person was recently apprehended, however it was discussed that the feeling in the community is that house breaking's are still a significant problem.

Was raised to the police that there have been a number of glass doors being kicked in, police advised that they are not aware of this but will look into it.

Discussion on police no longer being allowed to report figures, community council expressed their disappointment regarding this decision.

- ✓ *Action: CGCC to have a sub group meeting attached to cleansing sub group meeting regarding how we will go forward with regards to police not being able to provide figures at meetings for us.*

2. TREASURER REPORT

£960.88 – (Previous month: £1022.66)

Money spent on:

- The hall booking
- Old checks

3. LICENSING

Grant: HMO on Dixon avenue, no info as to whether it is a renewed license or a new one.

✓ Action: Councillor Alexander Belic to enquire

4. PLANNING

Grant: Dixon Avenue, Window changed into a door – no sign of planning application

✓ Action: Councillor Alexander Belic to enquire

Snooker Halls:

Council members advised that more information was needed regarding Snooker halls, which seem to be multiplying in the area. Alexander Belic advised that they should be covered by Public Entertainment license. No need for an additional license if no alcohol sale is organised in the property.

Main concerns expressed by Council members were about the quality and the safety of building. CGCC members asked for more information regarding the legal status of the organisations running them, and the corresponding requirements.

✓ Action: Councillor Alexander Belic to enquire

5. SECRETARY REPORT, MAIL IN/OUT

Report on actions decided in March 2019 by CGCC:

ACTION	STATUS
Damian to contact bank to arrange issue of statements	Outstanding
Grant to engage with students reg. survey	Not done
Social Work to submit new truancy plan as soon as possible	Outstanding (Aug/Sept)
Keith to ensure minutes from Govanhill Regeneration Group are passed to CGCC members.	Outstanding: Mhairi Hunter to sent copy of minutes of regeneration group to Marion Nisbet

6. MATTER ARISING/ACTION POINTS

a. SOCIAL WORK

Nothing. Next main development is expected in the summer: Truancy plan.

b. CLEANSING

CGCC members have faced new difficulties in engaging with Glasgow CC. Darren Lambie has been off sick, and has not managed to involve Christine Mars, Community Safety.

CGCC members regret that Glasgow City Council did not deliver any final version of the cleansing plan for Govanhill. Commitment was to circulate the plan late February, to allow CGCC to advertise in the community and prepare the public cleansing meeting initially planned on 29 April.

Such delay jeopardizes CGCC's capacity to prepare that meeting and make sure the community has a chance to feedback, comment and contribute.

Sub-group meeting: Monday 15 April, 6-8pm on cleansing to decide on further proceedings regarding CGCC's public meeting on cleansing.

c. CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Postponement to 20 May, agreed. 6pm - confirmed

Focus: Service provision, especially education

Donny McLeod (education services, Glasgow City Council) to attend

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORT

a. CGCC questions about Glasgow budget for 2019/20

Cuts to social work. Mhairi Hunter argued that there was no cut.

- What appears as a £13 million cut is in fact the result of a flat cash settlement (passed to Integration Joint Board – Glasgow HSCP)
- An agreement with the Scottish Government will lead to full compensation by the NHS Health Board.
- Compensation will cover carers' implementation and living wage.

NB. Report on action previously decided: Councillor Alexander Belic did not follow up with CGCC regarding the circulation of detailed information about this NHS compensation.

b. Councillor Alexander Belic

- CPO issued on following property: 97 West Moreland Street.
CGCC had questions about the recovery of the money invested previously by Glasgow City Council towards (failed) refurbishment.

✓ Action: Councillor Mhairi Hunter to enquire

- Truancy: Placing requests
Following up on discussions between CGCC members regarding truancy, Councillor Alexander Belic enquired and advised that late NHS assessments may explain why some children are not placed as soon as February. Inequality may be linked to people's capacities to launch appeals.

- Licensing: Changes to way caravans are licensed

c. Mhairi Hunter

- Truancy: local capacity: Councillor Mhairi Hunter has been in touch with Glasgow City Council's education services regarding the lack of capacity in the Govanhill area. St Bryce Primary may get additional capacity. Mhairi Hunter aims to put pressure on the School to finish refurbishment work and open new classes.
- Daisy St Church: GHA and Glasgow City Council are exploring options to work with the Church of Scotland to keep place open. Its closure has been detrimental to the local life.
- Registration of EU nationals: EU Nationals need to register, regardless of the outcome of the Brexit talks. More effort needs to be put in informing people and assisting.

d. Baillie Soryia Siddique

N/A

8. BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

First meeting: 7th May 2019 – 5:30 open. Starts at 6pm

CGCC members expressed concerns about the format of this new organisation in Govanhill/Crosshill, and its commitment to being open to the community and achieving community goals.

- ✓ *Action: Cheryl McCormick to act for more information about membership*
- ✓ *Action: Cheryl McCormick to ask David to include community benefits in the key goals of the Business Association*

9. MEMBERSHIP

There are 2 empty seats at CGCC. CGCC members agreed to advertise them in order to expand the Council.

- ✓ *Action: Leaflet to be distributed at public meeting*

10. PUBLICITY

CGCC members are interested in issuing a newsletter for the Govanhill Carnival (August), in order to better advertise CGCC achievements in the past year. CGCC members have repeatedly expressed their concerns and disappointment at online slur received on the FB page and Twitter.

- ✓ *Action: Councillors to write a piece about membership and recruitment*
- ✓ *Action: CGCC members to seek translation of the newsletter in Romanian, Slovakian and Romani*

11.AOCB

- Minutes Recording

Councillors will explore the possibility gather all Council meetings' minutes in an Excel spreadsheet, allowing more transparency of CGCC discussions and a better tracking of specific issues over several months.

- ✓ *Action: Cheryl McCormick to pass notes to Tim Lehuraux to test that option.*

- Ahead of June CGCC meeting

CGCC agreed to invite a member of Glasgow City Council's Roads service to discuss issues related to parking, cycling, potholes, and traffic volume – Keith to pursue

- ✓ *Action: Keith Hawley to invite GCC to meeting*

12.CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Next meeting: 13 May, Venue: TBC