



## CROSSHILL & GOVANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES 11TH MAR 2019

Address: Samaritan House, 79 Coplaw St, Glasgow 7-9pm

#### **Attendees:**

Marion Nisbet   Damian Tausney   Andrew Carberry  
Grant McManus   Ann Marie Millar   Cheryl McCormick (Chair)  
Keith Hawley   Timothee Lehuraux

Councillor Alexander Belic  
Susan Orr (Glasgow HSCP), Representative from Roma Social Work Team (Hub)

**Apologies:** Eldritch Pollock, Baillie Soryia Siddique, Councillor Mhairi Hunter

The meeting was quorate and chaired by Cheryl McCormick.

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and minutes from previous meeting in February 2019 were read over and agreed with no amendment.

- Proposed: Marion Nisbet
- Seconded:

#### **1. TREASURER REPORT**

Damian advised that there is £1022.66 in bank, 10p less than the previous month (JFeb. 19: £1022.76). Damian informed the Council that he had received no bank statement in a while. Decision was made to contact bank to collect the more recent statements.

✓ Action: Damian or Keith to contact

#### **2. LICENSING**

Marion Nisbet reported on 2 licensing proposals, both for public entertainment licenses.

- One for the Southside Fringe Festival taking at the Shawlands Cross Civic Square, from 12 noon to 6pm: no objection
- One for a fair taking place at the Queens Park recreation ground, from 21March until 31 March 2019, between 1-9:30pm. No objection.

#### **3. Secretary report/ Mail in/out**

**a. Police Survey “Shaping our direction and delivery 2019”**

Keith asked whether council members wanted to provide a collective response the survey submitted in preparation of Police Scotland’s annual plan. The magnitude of the task requires a dedicated meeting, which the council will not be able to hold on time. The members of the CC pointed to the short delay between the circulation of the survey and the response deadline (18 March 2019). The plan will be presented before SP at the end of March.

The Council agreed to share the survey on social media to increase its visibility and encourage responses

- ✓ Action: Keith will share the survey on CGCC social media profiles.

**b. New Constitution for CC**

Keith advised that CGCC provided written copies of the new Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils, as well as a toolkit.

Keith informed CGCC about the forthcoming RAG assessment (Red, Amber Green assessment about quality of CC operation). The RAG assessment will then be published GCC website, and aims at assessing community council’s functioning fulfilment of their role.

- ✓ Reporting on actions previously decided

- As agreed in February, Keith asked Steven Dowling (GCC – support unit for Community Councils) if written material could be shared with Community Council members unable to attend Development Sessions, including the last one from 23 February 2019. He received a positive response, but there has been no follow up yet. The next Development session will be held on 27 April 2019, topic to be agreed

**c. Business association**

GCDT will be launching Govanhill Enterprise Network on the evening of Monday 18th of March.

Cheryl advised that she had received no feedback regarding the attendance of CGCC members. Marion announced she would attend.

Cheryl also received no feedback from the event’s organisers in relation to inviting MSPs. It was decided that MSPs would not be involved through CGCC in that process, until more information is available about the future form of the Business Association. Areas of expectations include Business Association’s commitments in terms of communication with the community and businesses responsibility in cleansing.

CGCC members are however hopeful that the setting up of a Business Association, and the designation of an identified contact point will ease communication with the business community in Crosshill and Govanhill.

***d. Parking***

Councillor Alexander Belic reported on the group meeting he held at his office regarding parking. Alexander pointed to a lot of double parking over cycling lanes. He will get in touch with Eldritch who wanted to engage with GCC regarding day parking.

***e. Nomination to Lord Provost award:***

CGCC's nomination was submitted, as agreed.

***f. Notice of forthcoming events in the community***

- GOCA, the Big Conversation, Media representation discussion on Thursday 14 March
- Govanhill Housing Association's New Housing Development Official Opening - Tuesday 12 March

***g. Request to the council***

A couple of students looking for respondents to survey. Grant agreed to help out.

**4. PLANNING**

4 planning applications

- 35 preston street getting new backcourt
- New digital LED screen – on Victoria Rd/Albert Rd
- 31 Queen Mary Avenue, 2 houses built
- Formally 85 West Moreland St: erection of flatted developments of 16 units

No action decided by CGCC.

**5. SOCIAL WORK**

As announced during the previous CGCC meeting, Susan Orr (Glasgow HSPC) spoke Donny McLeod (Education Services), and reported that a new person ( ) had been appointed for the area, which she hopes will help chase children in truancy. She advised that social work had been trying to work with education services regarding truancy.

Representative from the Roma Social Work Team ( ) at the Govanhill Service Hub informed CGCC that there were discussions started to develop a multi-agency programme to address truancy. Discussions have involved a caseworker from Community Renewal, the ESOL Lead for from the Hub Regeneration Service, a representative from Holyrood Secondary school and a member of the Roma team from Govanhill Housing Association development service. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will take place next week.

The implementation of the programme is expected to start in August, 2019, at which point they will report to CGCC.

CGCC members raised questions about potential gaps in education provision for young adults of more than 16 years old. Susan Orr (and ) indicated that there was provision allowing people to stay in education.

Susan Orr (and ) also informed the Community council of recent funding allowed for street casework in Govanhill by Streetwise and Community Renewal, which is expected to help.

Susan Orr advised on the difficulty of addressing local specific needs through the Children's locality plan for South Glasgow (part of Health and Social Care Partnership), because of the size of the area (bigger than Dundee). Specific focus was brought onto the Roma community in Govanhill. City Council's services involved with children from other communities are in Govan.

- ✓ Action: Keith to invite Susan Orr (and ) to CGCC meeting in August/Sept in order to report on progress of the multi-agency response.

## 6. CLEANSING

- GCC services in the area have been changed – for domestic refuse. Wait and see
  - New bin collection system in place, not operating properly yet
- (CHECK THIS)

- ✓ Reporting on actions previously decided

As agreed at previous meeting Keith has been in touch with other community councils with regards to experience with cleansing. Some feedback already, but more expected. Early replies diverge.

Regarding the public meeting for the presentation of a new cleansing plan to be held on 29 April 2019,

- Keith reported on issues concerning room booking. Holyrood Secondary was the initial plan but potential disruption with exams are expected.
- The Holybrook Academy was suggested as an alternative venue
- Darren Lambie has not sent documentation yet, despite an agreement to circulate it alongside the date of the meeting.

- ✓ Action: Keith to inquire about alternative venue

## 7. CROSS-PARTY GROUP

### More frustration according to Keith

Meeting date was supposed to be last week, but not ready. Next date 1 April.

Topic: local services, education, social and impact social housing in the area  
Slow response from Annie Wells office regarding actions.

- ✓ *Action: Cheryl to chase MSP Annie Wells for personal involvement in making sure this meeting takes place*

## **8. COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

### ***a. Councillor Alexander Belic***

- Councillor Alexander Belic informed CGCC of a successful funding application for the Govanhill Baths, which will allow to carry on with refurbishment work.
- GCC voted the city budget for 2019/20.
  - No closures of community places. Some of the Council estate will be transferred over to City Property
  - Equal pay pipeline agreed
  - The heading for community council's budget was increased
  - The heading for Partnerships budgets was increased

Use of the Baths: Keith relayed echoes of concerns in the community about the future use of the Baths. There are concerns that the refurbished venue may be used for purposes that are less likely to be widely used by the community (observation made when used as arts venue).

Alexander Belic assured that two pools would be open to the public, with ladies and learners pool opening first and the men's pool opening later. Talks about arts venue ongoing as well.

There is limited capacity in Govanhill to find venues for all projects. The Govanhill neighbourhood centre is already the most used community centre in city. Potential building for new venue and new use.

Cuts to social care: Marion noticed cuts of several million pounds on social care – accounting for a large part of the £41 million-cut on the city budget. This is an additional cut following previous cuts worth 42million in the last 6 year.

Alexander argued that the NHS will be putting more money into the GCHP in compensation of cuts by GCC, but did not have information regarding financial commitment.

In reaction to the comparison drawn between increased budget for free school meals and decreasing resources for social work, Councillor Alexander Belic pointed out that free school meals were not extended to Primary 5 this year: Free school meals are already in place for primary 1-3 over Scotland. Last year GCC decided to extend the measure to Primary 4, but this year did not extend it to Primary 5, because of lack of schools' facilities. The priority is to renovate schools first.

✓ *Action: Councillor Belic to provide CGCC with more information regarding amounts committed by NHS into GCHP and headings targeted*

- Consultation to start on 18 March 2019 about Notre Dame policy, whether it should remain an all-girl school for people in catchment area only, or remain available to people outside catchment area but become mixed. It has been reported that a large number of parents from outside catchment area (including from Crosshill & Govanhill) register their daughter to that school.
- Contamination in Polmadie Burn, despite work carried out to redirect the burn towards the River Clyde in order to reduce the concentration of Chromium IV in the water. Depollution plan should cost 10 million.
- EU settlement scheme: pilot project
  - For people with biometric passport
  - Been here for 5 years or intention to stay 5 years
  - Presumption of a grant
  - Accessibility issue (for EU nationals, phone app only)

**b. Baillie Soryia Siddique**

- Communicating with DRS regarding Albert Road building disrepair concerns. Request for a solution.
- Parents been in touch regarding pupils not able to get place in local school.
- Issues raised regarding overcrowding and infestation in properties in Govanhill and request for social housing of adequate size for families.
- Missed bin collections, did walk about on Allison street with neighbourhood officer - complaints about commercial waste not being picked up regularly.
- Complaints about antisocial behaviour in Govanhill park.

✓ *Action: Baillie Soryia Siddique to provide more detailed feedback about actions taken following report of ASB in Govanhill Park*

**9. AOCB**

✓ *Action: Keith to ensure minutes from Govanhill Regeneration Group are passed on to CGCC members*

**10. CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

Next meeting: 8 April 2019, Venue: Samaritan House