



Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council

Date:- Monday 11th February 2019

Address:- Govanhill Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Daisy Street at 7.00pm

Attendees:- Anne Marie Millar, Cheryl McCormick (Chair), Marion Nisbet, Jane Adair, Damian Tausney, Andrew Carberry, Tim Lehuraux, Jennifer MacDonald, Grant McManus, Keith Hawley, PC Jim Coleman (Strathclyde Police), PC Mel Fraser (Strathclyde Police), Susan Orr (Glasgow HSCP)

Apologies:- Joe Beaver, Councillor Mhairi Hunter, Councillor Alexander Belic, Baillie Soryia Siddique

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and minutes from previous meeting in January 2019 were read over and agreed.

- Proposed:- Marion Nisbet
- 2nd:- Damian Tausney

Police Report

PC Coleman presented the following figures for the period 8th January 2019 to 10 February 2019:-

- Vandalism – 19 cases reported – 2 people reported to PF
- Theft by Break In – 10 cases reported – 1 person reported to PF
- Drugs – 16 cases reported – 13 cases reported to PF, 3 ongoing and 1 case reported for drug supply to PF
- Common Assault:- 7 cases reported – 3 people detected
- Serious Assault:- 1 case reported – 1 person reported to PF – PC Coleman added that people were known to each other in this case
- Robbery:- 22 cases reported – 5 cases detected

Andy raised concerns about the rise in house breakings within the area. PC Coleman advised that it is slightly higher but some of these figures come from empty houses being broken into which adds to the figures. He did confirm that all reports of housing breakings are attended the same day.

Treasurer Report

Damian advised that there is £1022.76 in bank

Planning Licencing

Joe asked Keith to bring to the table that he would like to object to Desi's licence being extended to 1am. There was a discussion that took place then a vote was held and 9 out of 10 voted to not object to the licence being extended.

Children/Truancy/Social Work

Susan Orr Head of South West Social Work was invited to the meeting to discuss current issues that members of the community were concerned about.

Susan advised that youth crime within the area has declined and CSG referrals for early intervention have declined also.

Concerns were raised about kids within the area not being in school. Susan advised that Donny McLeod – Head of Education for the South – is committed to finding a solution for this issue. Holyrood Secondary has now employed a Truancy Officer to work alongside the Police Officer and Head Teacher to tackle the issue of truancy.

Concerns were raised about if children are not registered at school due to family culture of not attending school are they falling through the cracks. Susan advised that there is a team based at the Hub which is dedicated to helping the Roma Community integrate which includes finding school placements. Concerns were raised that there is not enough school places within the area which could be adding to the issue. PC Coleman advised that if they come across any children on patrol who are not in school they will return them to school, raise an incident and refer it to the Children's Panel who make a decision on whether it can be pursued. Susan advised that anyone with any concerns can contact The Hub, School and Social Work who will investigate any issues brought to them but if there is any anti-social behaviour then this should be reported to the police. Susan advised that Social Work primarily deal with families in crisis and that most of the questions asked could not be answered by her and would need Donny McLeod's input. It was agreed that Cheryl would speak to Education about the issues at the next Cross Party Group Meeting and Susan would take all our questions back to Donny and come back to us with answers.

Actions:-

- **Cheryl to raise issues at CPG**
- **Susan Orr to feed back to Keith from Donny McLeod**

Councillors Reports

No councillors were able to attend the meeting but they sent in the following updates.

Mhairi Hunter

By way of a report it has been a very busy time in the Council, people will be aware we have got agreement to resolve the equal pay dispute, payouts will start in June. We have also agreed a 10 year property and land strategy and a new rapid rehousing plan to reduce homelessness among other things.

Locally I have been continuing to receive complaints about shops disposing of waste improperly as well as complaints about back courts. There is further work being done on children not in school. The property acquisition programme is progressing well – we are finding it harder now to get people who want to sell and house prices seem to be going up, which is a good sign. There are still some properties where the Council is preparing to use Compulsory Purchase Orders.

I am working with the Council and Housing Association regarding the Daisy Street Church, the closure has caused all kinds of problems.

Re: stories about proposed Glasgow Life closures as part of the Budget, including Daisy Street. No closures are going into the Budget and Daisy Street is the best used community facility in Glasgow so is in no danger. If this comes up please be assured there is no threat to community facilities in Govanhill.

Soryia Siddique

Met the director of education to raise concerns regarding children not getting places in Govanhill schools. Following the discussion at the regeneration group meeting where community workers raised concerns that some families were waiting a year for a school place.

Casework on fly tipping, pot holes and shops raising concerns that LES are missing commercial waste uplifts. Met with shops on Allison Street.

Emails raising concerns that the building on Albert road timeline for repair is slipping - raised with DRS.

Matters Arising/Action Points

None

Cleansing

Cheryl advised that she had tried the new link to contact commercial waste and it appears to be the same system and phone number but a different email address.

Discussions were had about the public meeting and it was agreed that Keith would contact Darren, Dougie and Brian to attend a meeting on Monday 25th February to produce the plan and confirm date, time and format of meeting. Keith will also email other community councils to see if other areas have the same issues as ourselves with cleansing.

Actions:-

- **Keith to contact Darren Lambie to arrange meeting**
- **Keith to contact other community councils to ask about cleansing within area**

Cross Party Group

Chair and Secretary meet with MSP's on 4th February to discuss the action points from previous meetings. Annie Wells was the only MSP who attended. CGCC were disappointed that there is still long outstanding actions to be completed and that there was discussion of the usefulness and viability of the CPG. Cheryl is going to chase up all MSP's so that all attend the next meeting. It was agreed that CGCC would not take part in publicity for any individual MSP or party.

Actions:-

- **Cheryl to contact all parties to set up a meeting**

Secretary Report/ Mail In & Out

- Invite to apply for Queens Garden Party – Noone interested in applying
- Processions Committee sent letter asking someone to attend – Noone is able to attend
- Community Council Development Sessions – The next one is on 23rd February and will be about proposed changes to the scheme and participatory budgeting protocol – Noone is able to attend but Keith to ask if able to send out slides afterwards for information
- Training – There is more training coming out that can be done face to face, online or through documents Keith will get more information on this
- Surveys – Keith had been contacted about surveys but there was no time to discuss it at meeting

Scheme Changes

Keith advised that GCC were updating the scheme and from what he can see it is mainly cosmetic by changing out of date legislation. They have updated some of the boundaries and changed the amount of community councils from 101 to 93 but these do not affect our council. The resources centre is looking to spread ownership and allow community councils to make changes to their own constitutions. Signing new scheme was agreed by:-

- Proposed:- Anne Marie Millar
- Seconded:- Marion Nisbet
- Signed by:- Cheryl McCormick, Keith Hawley & Damian Tausney

Public

None

AOCB

None

Close of Meeting and Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th March 2019 Held:- Samaritan House, 151 Coplaw Street G42 7JG at 7.00pm