

# GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2015

Present: Dick Carabine, Flora Pagan, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Wilma Bruce, Jean Melvin, Helen McNeil, Abdul Dean, John Foster

Attending: Cllr Fariha Thomas, Councillor John Kane, PC Kirsty Douglas, PC Stuart Wilson, James Stringfellow, Jessie Sinclair, Reinbild Gormiak, Iain McGillivray, Liz Gardiner, Dr Cheah, Peter Matheson, F McCrae, Bill Pritchard, Allen Bell, G Satti, A Sweeney

Apologies: Cllr James Adams, Councillor Stephen Dornan, Helen Duffy, Humza Yousaf MSP

*Minute taker: John Foster*

### 1. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Moved as correct by Esme Clark and Flora Pagan subject to the inclusion at the end of 3 (m) [Govan Fair] a new sentence: 'Jimmy Stringfellow queried whether the Community Council had the legal right to discuss the Govan Fair in the terms proposed in the motion'.

### 2. POLICE ISSUES

Police representatives had not had time to gather statistics but reported that the major problem currently were youth disorder and fireworks. In Glasgow the official firework night had been brought forward to 4 November to facilitate the football scheduled for 5 November.

#### Issues raised were:

**Govan Road:** continuing youth disorder in late evenings between Howat Street and Elder Street: loitering in closes and backs and drug taking.

**South Elder Street:** the family of a new resident at 91 Elder Street reported the congregation of the youngsters in the backs including harassment of householders and damage to cars. They had reported the matter to the Housing Association and the police who had responded quickly – although existing residents appeared to have been willing to accept the situation.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER MINUTES

#### a) Asda shopping trolleys

No response from Asda to the letter from our secretary. 17 abandoned trolleys were counted in Craigton Road on Sunday 1 November.

#### b) Hate Crime Awareness Week

The Glasgow events had been launched at Central Station – with publicity on public transport. In Govan information work had been conducted on sectarianism by GYIP and the Govan Letter had made it a main feature. Some of the local events had had to be postponed because of ill-health and it was still hoped to undertake theatre work in the schools.

#### c) Alcohol Awareness

The secretary had had difficulty contacting Andrew Brown (who had responsibility for liaising with Community Councils on licensing issues) but it was hoped a speaker would attend the December meeting.

#### d) Bus services

It was agreed to review the sufficiency of provision at the next meeting and also the availability of bus timetables. The F1 Bus was being taken off – although the IT equipment used by buses to trip

the traffic lights was now operating. The lack of a stop for the Govan C scheme was raised. It was reported that a stop would be reinstated – though at a slightly different location.

**e) STUC and People’s Assembly Rally against Austerity**

It was agreed that the Community Council come back to the issue of cuts once funding for the City Council for the coming year had been clarified – which might not be before February.

**f) Graving Dock**

The campaign for the preservation and restoration of the docks had been featured in the Sunday Herald. The Community Council expressed its support for the campaign – though recognising its success would depend on it becoming part of the wider heritage project coming out of the Charrette discussions in which the City Council would have to play the leading role. Our secretary would be present at the next CGAP meeting that would discuss the issue. The Charrette report was now available at

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDNTI2UUT812U>

**j) Southern Hospital: signage**

Signage inside the new building was felt to be generally adequate. On the other hand, signage for the buildings at the south of the new building remained inadequate, such as the neurosciences Block J, and it was agreed a letter be written.

**k) Future of Govan Shipyard**

The secretary had discussed with Kristina Crow of BAE the feasibility of a public event to present the plans for redevelopment. It was felt that this would be best held in the first half of 2016.

**l) Govan Fair**

It was reported that the officers were continuing their discussions as agreed at the October: that they meet to make recommendations about how to ensure that the Govan Fair proceeds on the basis of its existing constitution, as prior to the 2015 AGM, and with full community involvement and that they consult with whosoever they deem relevant to secure this objective.

Jimmy Stringfellow proposed that he meet with the officers to outline how he intends to carry forward the work of the Govan Fair for the benefit of the whole community. The minute secretary, seconded by the Secretary, put forward a motion that ‘Officers consider this proposal in light its relevance to their own wider discussions’. This motion was put to the vote and approved by all members of the Community Council present.

**4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION**

**a) Membership of the Community Council**

The minute secretary reported that the three vacancies had been advertised and that there had been five valid nominations received. The CCRC would therefore conduct an election at some point later in November. It would be held in a public location between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and organised by CCRC staff. Time and venue would be advertised.

**b) Govan Letter**

1,000 copies had been printed and distributed. The invoice had been passed to the Treasurer.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Johann Lamont MSP:** surgery dates for the autumn.

## 6. PLANNING

**31 Burleigh Street: application for a bookmakers** Our objection had been lodged. There had now been sufficient objections to ensure that the application went before the Planning Committee.

## 7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bailie Thomas reported:

### **City Council premium payment to over 80s for Heating**

Payments were currently being made to those already registered; anyone over 80 was eligible and information should be disseminated to those who have newly come into the area

### **Area Partnership budget**

Consultation was taking place on the priorities to be used in allocating the budget

### **Govan-Partick Charrette Report**

This was now available online as cited under 3f.

### **Chairs of Council Committees**

These had been reallocated as from the Council meeting the previous Thursday

## 8. AOCB

### **.Potholes in road at the corner of Crossloan and Craigton Roads**

These now represented a serious danger to traffic. Reports had been made to LES without any response. Bailie Thomas agreed to investigate. It was noted that a comprehensive resurfacing would require some weeks in terms of permissions.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7PM IN THE ELDERPARK WORKSPACE BOARDROOM.**