

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 4 JULY 2016

Present: Flora Pagan (in the chair), Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Helen McNeill, Wilma Bruce, Jean Melvin, John Foster

Attending: Bailie Fariha Thomas, Paul Sweeney, Allan Bell, Reinhild Gorniak, Jimmy Stringfellow, Dr Cheah, PC Hobson and PC Wilson

Apologies: Jessie Sinclair, Sandy Black, Councillors Adams, Dornan and Kane, Humza Yousaf MSP, Chris Stephens MP

Minute taker: John Foster

The Chair began the meeting by reminding members of Standing Orders: no member should speak more than once on any one subject and that non-members only spoke at the discretion of the Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Moved as correct by Esme Clark and Wilma Bruce subject to the removal of Helen McNeil's name from those present.

2. POLICE ISSUES

PC Hobson gave the crime figures as:

| Type of crime | January to June for Elderpark area |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Breach of peace | 11 |
| Drug offences | 14 |
| Vandalism | 14 |
| Street drinking | 14 |
| Theft | 6 |
| Assault | 5 |
| Noise | 2 |

PC Hobson noted that those arrested for drug offences now got a warning and if not repeated did not get a criminal record. The thefts were mainly from taxis and the street drinking mainly youngsters from Central Govan.

Gina Preston raised the continuing problem of youngsters congregating in front of the shops adjacent to 1006 Govan Road. She also noted that a metal pole just to the east of 1006 had been partly dislodged and was in danger of falling on passers-by or cars. Police representatives said that they would investigate.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE MINUTES

a) Asda shopping trolleys

Cllr James Adams had forwarded a written response from Asda which reported that an electronic tracking system had been fitted to the store's new trolleys but also asking that reports be made of stray trolleys. If required, the store manager Mark Allan would be happy to discuss issues.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Adams if he could supply the relevant emails for reporting stray trolleys and, depending on progress, consider whether it would be useful to take forward the proposal to have joint discussions involving the other local community councils.

b) Hate Crime Working Party

The Working Party would meet later in the year. Meantime it was hoped that GCIN and other organisations would make local arrangements for Hate Crime week in October. The minute secretary would check whether the rehousing pledge from Orchard and Shipman had been followed through.

c) Alcohol Awareness

Andrew Brown remained unavailable. Baillie Thomas would seek to make contact.

d) Bus services and Fastlink

Two issues were raised.

- i) *Issuing of bus tickets that did not correspond to the journey taken*: all members were asked to collect tickets of this character and bring them to the September meeting.
- ii) *Re-regulation of bus services*: it was agreed that this be part of a special agenda for an additional meeting with MSPs and MPs to be held in September that would also include hospital services and planning issues (reclassification of booking offices as sui generis rather than Class 2 offices). A letter should go to MSPs (Humza Yousaf, Johann Lamont) and our MP asking for suitable dates: councillors should be informed once a date had been agreed as should relevant trade unions.

e) Cuts and People's Assembly against Austerity

Members were asked to continue to report instances of cuts in any public services to future meetings and how they were affecting people locally.

f) Southern Hospital

Arrangements to be made as under 3 d ii.

g) Future of Govan Shipyard

Paul Sweeney provided a detailed report based on his knowledge as a member of staff at BAE. The delay in the building schedule for the Type 26 frigates had arisen from unforeseen complexities in the design process. This has meant that the start date had been postponed from May 2016 to Q4 2017. In order to maintain the volume of work the MoD had commissioned an additional two offshore patrol vessels (in addition to the existing three). There was no threat to jobs in the Govan Yard subsequent to the redundancies of 2013 after which a basic key workforce had been established: all existing apprentices would complete their term. Although there might be some temporary posting of workers to Rosyth or Barrow, this base workforce will be maintained - as would the Govan yard. After the construction of the eight Type 26 frigates a further five would be commissioned of a less complex character that could serve the export market. The one area of uncertainty was the level of infrastructure expenditure on the Govan yard – originally specified as £100m by the MoD but now under revision.

h) Govan Fair

Jimmy Stringfellow reasserted his position that the Govan Fair in its new form as a limited company belonged to the people of Govan and the creation of a limited company had saved the Fair and enabled it to secure new funding. Dr Cheah, also a member of the Govan Fair Committee, supported these remarks. Paul Sweeney suggested that corporate sponsorship might be available from large local employers such as Thales and QEH.

i) Planning permission for bookmakers

Johann Lamont MP had responded positively to our letter asking that she continue in the new parliament with her initiative, at our suggestion, to re-categorise planning permission requests for bookmakers premises as *sui generis* and not as Class 2 offices. It was agreed that this issue be on the agenda of the meeting as under 3 d ii.

A number of tenants had attended the Licencing Board for the Burleigh Street application by John Hill. This had been approved but with conditions concerning noise and street rubbish and congregation.

j) Pallet business at Arthurlie Street and traffic hazards

Bailie Thomas had written to LES on the new signage. James Roden of LES had responded saying that three new signs were being erected that made plain that the roadabout was not simply indicative and made clear the required direction of traffic. LES will also ask its contractor why the first sign was erected during the night.

k) Community Planning Partnership

Our Secretary reported that the arrangements for the temporary replacement services for the subway were operating well – with the 92 bus going to Partick and 91 to St Enochs. The bus station itself will not be in full operation for all buses for another few months.

l) G51 Parking Campaign

The outcome of the Appeal will be available in another eight weeks.

m) Cottages in Craigton Road: subsidence

No further developments.

n) Shop rubbish at corner of Uist St/Crossloan Road

Allan Bell reported that the improvement had been maintained.

o) Carpark at Hardgate Road

Both our Secretary and Bailie Thomas had attended the consultation meeting on 30 June. The ultimate intention was to double the size of the existing carpark.

p) Plans for the cooperative management of Elder Park

Our Secretary had attended the second meeting and found it considerably more positive in terms of the engagement of local community groups and the potential opportunities for securing a greater responsiveness by City Council departments. A visit to the cooperatively managed Castlemilk Stables was being organised. It was agreed to continue our engagement.

q) Environment Task Force

Bailie Thomas reported that the next visit of the Task Force to Govan will be in July. Areas prioritised are in relation to ones with a high number of relevant issues reported to the Council. This can be done by the traditional means of phone, email or letter, also via the Glasgow App and via social media

r) Lights on Harmony Road and Crossloan Road: still on during the day

Bailie Thomas had intervened but it was reported by our Chair that the lights were still on.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Accounts for the past financial year

Our Secretary had more or less completed the sorting of materials.

b) Computing equipment for the Secretary

Quotes for the purchase of a computer and printer were now available and would be brought to the next meeting.

c) Membership

In response to a question about vacancies it was noted that currently there were none. The CC might decide to make application for additional members to be allocated – or consider the position of those elected members who had not attended for three meetings. It was agreed to return to the issue.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Govan Job Centre: request for information for the Community Notice Board.

Minute Secretary will provide a poster giving dates of future meetings

Herald newspaper report on Govan

Our Secretary tabled a 1963 photo recently reproduced in the paper showing children on Water Row and a report on Govan Cross today that spoke about a possible emergence of 'bohemian chic'.

6. PLANNING

No new applications

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BAILIE THOMAS

Bailie Thomas reported that the council was in recess. Continuing issues were:

Graffiti in Craigton Road

This had been cleaned.

Govan Road reconfiguration at Stag Street

Bailie Thomas reported on the elimination of traffic islands that had proved to be hazardous, the introduction of a new road crossing and the re-siting of the bus stop

Apologies

Bailie Thomas gave apologies for the September meeting

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM IN THE ELDERPARK WORKSPACE BOARDROOM. THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.