

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9 MAY 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, PC Jatinder Gill and PC Katherine Ord, Allan Bell, David Jones, Jimmy Stringfellow, Rita Winters, Liz Gardner, Helen Fordyce, George Craig

Apologies: Sandy Black, Dick Carabine, Councillors Kane and Adams, Reinhild Gorniak, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute taker: John Foster

The chair welcomed new attenders to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Moved as correct by Helen McNeill and Jean Melvin with the addition of Jessie Sinclair's apologies.

2. POLICE ISSUES

PC Katherine Ord gave the report for beat 9 comparing April crime figures with those for March. The number of assaults had fallen, the number of road traffic offences and anti-social offences remained the same, the number of drug offences and breaches of the peace had increased.

Helen Fordyce from Craigton Road raised the level of vandalism and graffiti (Young Drumoyne Team) and the harassment of some residents (including a Sikh lady). Police representatives indicated that, given information, they would intervene immediately on the issue of reported Race Hate crime and would pass on the information on vandalism and graffiti to colleagues. The meeting encouraged residents to set up a residents group that could target the issues locally. The serious issues of fly-tipping were referred to LES (item 3k below).

George Craig again raised the issue of how far all incidents reported to the police entered into the statistics published. PC Gill reported that very detailed work was done with youngsters involved in anti-social behaviour and that details were taken from youth congregations to allow reference to parents even if no crime report was made. PC Gill also reported that there had been some progress in identifying those responsible for three attacks by uncontrolled dogs.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL MINUTES

a) Asda shopping trolleys

Our Secretary reported that she had discovered that the relevant member of staff at ASDA was 'off'. It was agreed that the issue be pursued jointly with Craigton CC and that ASDA be requested to report the loss of trolleys as theft and therefore requiring police intervention.

b) Hate Crime Working Party

Bailie Thomas reported that the next meeting was on 2 June and would discuss preparation for educational work in schools during the Awareness Week in October. It was agreed that the locally produced video on hate crime be put on the CC website.

Our Secretary reported that there had been no response from the Home Secretary to the letter sent two months ago concerning the treatment of asylum seekers by Orchard and Shipman locally. It was agreed that a further letter be sent expressing our disappointment that our letter, on an issue for which the Home Office was ultimately responsible, had not even been acknowledged.

c) Alcohol Awareness

Andrew Brown would attend the June meeting.

d) Bus services and Fastlink

Our Secretary had attended the consultation in Cardonald Library on 26 April. This proved to be simply a session for the filling in of a very general questionnaire with no opportunity for raising basic issues with responsible officers from either the Council or SPT. It was agreed that a letter be sent to SPT and the Council regretting the lack of serious consultation, asking that such meetings be organised and raising our specific concerns about:

- i) Problems with the new illuminated bus timetabling signage: often broken and often providing misleading information
- ii) The need for full replacement services during late June and July when the subway service would be suspended
- iii) Route changes without adequate notice: for instance, the McGill 26 to Paisley no longer stops at the hospital

Jimmy Stringfellow raised the continuing dangers arising from the Fastlink road design at Govan Road/Drive Road, at the subway station and at the Golspie Street/Helen Street junction. Bailie Thomas indicated that all were under investigation by the Council.

e) Cuts and People's Assembly against Austerity

It was agreed to return to this issue at the next meeting. Members should report on the impact of cuts in services locally.

f) Graving Dock

Liz Gardner reported on plans for a musical event by Nic Green in September that would involve local community groups focused on bell-ringing and singing and the restoration of local church bells.

g) Southern Hospital

Bailie Thomas reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, Councillor Kane would be moving a resolution at the 12 May meeting of the City Council. This would acknowledge the commitment and dedication of NHS staff but express concern at the lack of resources and particularly beds arising from the concentration of the functions of three hospitals in one – with the A&E department being especially pressured. Only 83 per cent of A&E patients had been seen within four hours in March against the 95 per cent target. The resolution asked for joint working with MSPs to ensure that the resource issues were addressed.

Members reported continuing problems with waiting times (8 hours in the Children's hospital) and lack of towels and adequate bed linen.

It was agreed to come back to the issue at the next meeting and consider organising a meeting, possibly held in Fairfields, together with Councillors and MSPs to discuss the problems and ensure that they were raised appropriately with the Scottish government.

h) Future of Govan Shipyard

Grave concern was expressed at reports that the order for 8 Type 26 Frigates had been phased back and that as a result up to 800 jobs would be lost over the next two years. It was agreed that full information be secured for the next meeting and the CC should consider holding another meeting involving our MP, MSPs and councillors.

i) Govan Fair

Jimmy Stringfellow reported that plans were in hand for the Fair on 3 June. Liz Gardner reported on the £83,000 award from the Lottery. This was not directly for the Govan Fair but involved a

three year community education project, involving all community groups, on the history and traditions of the Govan area including the role of the Govan Fair.

j) Planning permission for bookmakers

It was agreed to ask Johann Lamont MP to 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. We should write asking the new MSP for SW Glasgow, Humza Yousaf, to support Johann in her initiative.

k) Pallet business at Arthurlie Street and traffic hazards

Jessie Sinclair was reported continuing problems with pallet lorries unable to negotiate the road and the roundabout and the deterioration of the road surface. She was asked to make the video she had taken available to the City Council. Bailie Thomas indicated that this would enable Councillors to take up the issue more effectively with LES and DRS.

Jessie also raised the continuing problems of fly-tipping in the Craigton Road area and the problems with securing LES uplift of bulk items.

l) Community Planning Partnership: Thriving Places scheme

The hustings had taken place in the Pearce Institute on 25 April attended by upwards of a hundred to vote on the distribution of £10,000 to local organisations. The main winners were Park Villa football scheme, Broomloan Nursery road safety, Govan Workspace for promotional materials on the ferry, GHS homework diaries and Govan Schools Pipes and Drums.

m) G51 Parking Campaign

The formal hearings would take place in the Pearce Institute on 2 and 3 June. The Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government would submit his report to the Executive Committee of Govan City Council.

n) Cottages in Craigton Road: subsidence

No further action had been taken other than fencing the properties. Local residents raised the hazards posed by the fencing around the properties affected by subsidence to traffic and pedestrians.

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

Councillor Adams had taken up the issue of dumping. The shop in question will be visited by an enforcement officer to establish whether there was a contract for rubbish disposal.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Accounts for the past financial year

Our Secretary had been very busy over the past month and would place the materials in order over the next couple of weeks.

b) Computing equipment for the Secretary

Our Secretary would get estimates for the next meeting.

c) Next issue of the Govan Letter

The minute secretary produced an initial draft. It was hoped to publish before the end of the month. Members were asked to let him know of issues for inclusion.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) RSPB

A report on initiatives in the Elder Park to encourage the number of sparrows – a species currently under threat

b) Gordon McKay

Request for support for in bids by Govan Action for Pensioners for financial support

c) Police Survey Scotland

Members were encouraged to respond to <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2016/april/your-view-counts-police-scotland-lauunches-new-public-survey#>

6. PLANNING

West Side Copland Road: football memorabilia No objection

Govan Fair 3 to 5 June No objection

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BAILIE THOMAS

Bailie Thomas indicated that most matters had already been covered (including attendance at the full council meeting on Thursday), the Police Survey and the G51 Parking Hearings. An additional issue were the proposals being discussed by the Friends of Elder Park arising from the new opportunities provided by the Community Empowerment Act for greater involvement in the running of the park and possibility asset transfer. Feelings in the meeting appeared to welcome greater participation but not to be enthusiastic about asset transfer.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 6 JUNE AT 7PM IN THE ELDERPARK WORKSPACE BOARDROOM.