

## GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 5 JUNE 2017

Present: Jean Melvin, Flora Pagan, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Dick Carabine, Allan Bell, John Foster    Attending: Cllr Richard Bell, Cllr Allan Young, Reinhild Gorniack  
Apologies: Wilma Bruce, Helen McNeill, Cllr John Kane, Cllr Stephen Dornan, Humza Yousaf MSP, Chris Stephens.

Minute Taker: John Foster

*Jean Melvin was welcomed back to the meeting after her illness. Greetings were also offered to our two new City Councillors.*

#### 1. MINUTES OF MAY GENERAL MEETING

Moved as a correct minute by Alan Bell and Gina Preston with the correction of the spelling of Kris Jones's name in 2 m).

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

##### a) Police Issues

Police were again not in attendance. Our Secretary had been told that Police were not available on a Monday evening. It was AGREED that the chair should contact Sergeants Christie and Crawford Inglis – and in doing so also raise the sale of alcohol to underage children. Alan Bell agreed to contact Glasgow Safety Services (Heather Waterston).

##### b) Shopping trolleys

Our Secretary had contacted Humza Yousaf, our MSP, requesting that he propose an amendment to legislation that would allow Councils to impose fines on stores that persistently failed to stop trolleys littering streets.

##### c) Hate Crime

It was agreed to return to the issue when Councillor Kane was present.

##### d) Bus services and bus regulation

Councillor Richard Bell agreed to take up the issue of electronic signage (the failure to include some McGill buses and the disappearance of 'late' buses from the display – leading to some passengers getting on the wrong bus).

##### e) QE University Hospital

Members were asked to keep notes of problems relating to lack of staffing and deficient care ahead of our Strategy meeting with elected representatives agreed for September. Alan Bell reported that the QEUH had switched from six to twelve monthly diabetes clinics (referring patients to the GP surgery meantime).

##### f) Cottages in Craighton Road

No new information.

##### g) Mary Barbour statue

The statue would be unveiled after the school holidays so that school children could play the leading part. Meantime the statue was being stored in the foundry.

**h) Potholes: the need for full resurfacing**

Harmony Row remained badly potholed – especially at the Crossloan Road corner and also about 100 yards further north towards Golspie Street.

**i) Development of the graving dock site**

A copy of the letter from Harry O'Donnell of New City Vision had been supplied to Cllr Kane. The meeting reaffirmed its opposition to a redevelopment that did not include affordable housing for rent or which became simply a gated community. Councillors were asked i) to ensure that the planning permission process was used to make this a condition and ii) to investigate how far the City Council, with its strategic responsibility for housing, could secure finance to provide funding for social housing.

A letter was read from Iain McGilivray, Executive Director of Clyde Docks Preservation Ltd.

**j) Dog Fouling**

Our Secretary had contacted both Housing Associations and the Glasgow Safety Services asking that a concentrated campaign be organised. Councillors Bell and Young were asked to consider how the City Council could help to coordinate – as in the previous campaign in 2014.

**k) Type 26 and 31 Frigates: Question in Parliament on MoD orders**

Kris Jones of BAE would attend our July meeting.

**l) Lyceum building**

Councillor Young said he would investigate the current stage of the City Council's involvement.

**m) Development of Govan Townscape**

Our Secretary had attended the meeting of CGAP and reported that those present had raised the need for a gateway to the St Constantine's church building. The new pathway from Water Row to the Church would be officially opened on 7 July.

**n) Youth Disorder**

The General Election had, Chris Stephens reported, prevented the Commons All-Party Youth Violence Commission coming to Govan.

**o) Govan Ferry**

The Ferry would be operating from 23 June.

**p) Asylum case**

The Chair would attempt to visit.

**q) Tea in the Pot**

No further report on funding.

**r) Boxing Club**

A permanent venue was still required.

**s) Kit Bowen: project on Govan's public space**

Kit had written to thank the Council for last month's discussion

**t) Awareness of Identity Fraud**

A spokesperson for the campaign sponsored by GCVS would be invited to talk to our July meeting.

**u) Govan Fair**

There was a discussion of this year's Fair. There was a consensus that it had not met expectations – particularly of the many children who had attended.

**3. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION**

**a) Accounts**

Our Secretary handed over the paperwork to our Treasurer. It was noted that we should start preparing our accounts for audit in August – so that the audited accounts can be presented to the AGM in October.

**b) East Govan and our borders**

It was agreed to contact Steven Dowling and the City Council, as well as Ibrox and Cessnock CC, about whether there was the basis for re-assessing our boundaries to incorporate those areas closest to Govan Cross given the repeated failure to establish a Community Council in East Govan.

**5. PLANNING**

**New Govan Parish Church – St Mary's**

Application to make internal and external alterations to ground floor shops in a listed building. Our Secretary to seek further details.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Kinning Park Neighbourhood Centre**

A letter was read from Helen Kyle on the Fun Day on 16 July to mark the 20th anniversary of the sit-in that ensured the preservation of the centre for the community. There was an appeal for funds to defray expenses.

**6. REPORTS**

**Councillor Ricky Bell**

Cllr Bell reported on the initial stages of the reorganisation of Council business to ensure greater transparency and openness. He was planning to hold five surgeries.

**Councillor Allan Young**

Cllr Young noted his interest in anti-poverty work and his intention to focus on areas of Council work related to the economy.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Distillery planned for the Kingston area**

Alan Bell raised the importance of ensuring that the planned distillery provided at least some local jobs. Cllr Bell said he would take up the issue during the planning permission process.

**Shaw Street-Langlands Road circuit: traffic hazard**

Gina Preston raised the dangers caused by speeding traffic, instanced a number of near accidents and asked that steps be taken by LES and police to assess the suitability of introducing a one-way system. Cllr Bell said he would investigate the feasibility.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.**