

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 6 MARCH 2017

Present: Flora Pagan, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Helen McNeill, Jean Melvin, Dick Carabine, Wilma Bruce, Kevin Magee, John Foster Attending: Cllr. John Kane, Cllr Stephen Dornan, David Jones, Allan Bell, James Holloway Apologies: Esme Clark, Bailie Fariah Thomas, Cllr James Adams, Reinhild Gorniack

Minute Taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Moved as a correct minute by Flora Pagan and Jean Melvin.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Police Issues

No further report on discussion about attendance. It was agreed to come back to this issue at our next meeting.

b) Shopping trolleys

The problem of Asda trolleys was continuing. Councillor Kane had had a meeting with the manager and apparently 200 additional trolleys without the locking device had been put into service over Christmas. The manager had pledged to have them withdrawn as soon as possible. Trolleys in the Craigton Rad area had been collected but others remained – including further trolleys from Lidl and Farm Foods. The manager had offered to help sponsor a community clean up day for areas around Asda.

c) Hate Crime

The Thriving Places initiative was in the process of taking responsibility for initiatives in this area

d) Alcohol Awareness

Amanda McCrae of Glasgow Alcohol Awareness had moved on to another post and it was hoped to have a replacement speaking at our April meeting.

e) Bus services and bus regulation

- i) *Electronic signage*: still not working after an abortive beginning
- ii) *Tickets with incorrect destinations*: all members were asked to collect tickets where an incorrect destination had been printed (noting what the correct destination should have been).
- iii) *Scottish Parliament*: failure to progress bus re-regulation: raise with our MP at the next Strategy meeting in the autumn

f) QE University Hospital

Councillor Kane had had no success in making further contact with the informant at the previous meeting. However, reports continued to come in regarding shortages of staff, staff leaving because of the pressure and very high absenteeism. Helen McNeill noted that the toilets on the first floor near the eye department had been in a disgraceful state when she visited towards the end of February – with staff saying it was because of staff shortage.

g) Cottages in Craigton Road

Councillor Kane had visited Mrs Wilson and as a result Environmental Health had placed an order on the owners of the block to carry out repairs to prevent the ingress of water. If this was not done by 23 March, then either Environmental Health would proceed with the repairs (billing the owner) or it would be passed on to DRS.

h) Stag Street/Govan Road

Robert Preston reported that a crossing had been installed but without any warning sign. He asked that this be corrected as soon as possible.

i) Mary Barbour statue

The casting had been completed and the planning application was being finalised. Cllr Kane reported that the site for the statue would be outside the subway station and it was still hoped that it would be ready for early in May.

j) City Council budget

This had been set on 16 February. Cllr Kane spoke to the detail in his Councillor's Report.

k) Potholes: the need for full resurfacing

Progress had been made with resurfacing on Langlands Road and Orkney Street and a further programme of work was continuing. More work was required for Harmony Row.

l) Development of the graving dock site

Our Secretary had attended the consultation event on 4 March and had reported favourably on the mix of housing and the preservation of the docks and associated buildings. Concerns were raised at the lack of provision for socially rented accommodation. At the meeting it had been claimed that the City Council had failed to respond to requests for funding to cover such development. It was agreed that this issue could be further raised at the 25 March report back meeting. In addition it was agreed that a letter be written to the Chief Executive of New City Vision Harry O'Donnell asking for clarification.

m) Match Day parking restrictions around Ibrox

Councillor Kane reported that provision would be made for carers to receive permits if they made application to the City Council.

n) Elder Park railings

The missing railings had not yet been replaced

o) Dog Fouling

Report to be made at the April meeting on re-establishing the joint initiative between Safety Services and the HAs.

3. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Membership

The Community Council Resource Centre had been asked to initiate procedures for a bye-election for one additional member to replace Sandy Black.

b) Accounts

Our accounts had now been audited and had been supplied to the CCRC before the end of February. The audited accounts were circulated to members. Our Treasurer and Secretary were thanked for their work.

4. PLANNING

a) 847 Govan Road: hot food shop

Permission had been granted but with a restriction of 11 p. m, closing time. However, Govan Housing Association as owner of the property had refused permission for the erection of a flue without which the application could not proceed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Educational project for children and young people: 'The Govanite'

Kevin Magee and James Holloway spoke to the project designed to involve youngsters in learning about the history of their community, understanding their heritage and becoming more closely involved in community organisation. Booklets had been prepared for different age groups and these would be supplemented by on-line audio-visual materials that could be accessed by Tablets. The meeting indicated its general support and agreed to consider a donation towards the costs of the Tablets at the April meeting at which Kevin would make a further report. Contact was being made with the Govan Youth Partnership.

b) Glasgow Trades Union Council: Demonstration against Cuts 11 March, Glasgow Green

This was being held to protest against the scale of the cuts being forced on Glasgow City Council. It was agreed to support and that the Community Council banner should be carried by the chair and any other members available to attend.

c) Type 26 Frigates: Question in Parliament on MoD orders

Our MP Chris Stephens had asked a Question in Parliament on 1 March about the date for the main investment decision for signing the procurement and had received the answer on 6 March that 'subject to successful contract negotiations', the contract would be signed by the middle of the year to permit manufacture to commence this summer. The meeting expressed some concern at the initial clause and its potential for delay.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Kane reported:

a) Youth disorder

Councillor Kane reported this was continuing – though somewhat reduced. Work had been commenced through Elderpark HA to develop a programme of skills training for a number of those involved and was proving successful. Schools were cooperating.

b) Council Budget

This had been set on 16 February. The decision to increase Council Tax by 3 per cent would produce an additional £7m a year but the funding gap would remain at around £50m. Priority was being given to Community Groups, Cleansing and Child Care – with 800 hours available for working parents during school holidays.

c) Development of Govan Townscape

CGAP was initiating discussion on the redevelopment of parts of Central Govan with a meeting at the Pearce Institute on 9 March 2-7 pm: this would look particularly at the Govan Old area. Additionally an architect had been commissioned to design the Govan-Partick footbridge. It was hoped that this would open in 2019.

Councillor Dornan reported

Special funding for schools

Councillor Dornan reported on the special additional funding being allocated to head-teachers from the Scottish government to reduce the attainment gap as follows:

Pirie Park PS - £204,000

- Bellahouston Secondary - £163,200
- St Constantine's PS - £147,600
- Riverside PS - £123,600
- St Saviour's PS - £109,200
- Ibrox PS - £104,400
- Craigton PS - £98,400
- Govan HS - £98,400

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Lyceum Building

It was noted that the building was currently To Let. Councillor Kane reported on his recent discussion with the owners. The meeting expressed its concern at the progressive deterioration of the site and its impact attempts to secure comprehensive redevelopment of Central Govan.

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