

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 8 MAY 2017

Present: Flora Pagan, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Wilma Bruce, Allan Bell, John Foster
Attending: Cllr John Kane, Kit Bowen
Apologies: Jean Melvin, Helen McNeill, Dick Carabine, Humza Yousaf MSP, Reinhild Gorniack

Minute Taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Moved as a correct minute by Gina Preston and Alan Bell.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Police Issues

Police were not in attendance. It was AGREED to raise with Superintendent Kenneth Lammie the need to resource effective liaison with the community. It was also suggested by Alan Bell that we invite a representative from Glasgow Safety Services (he mentioned Heather Waterston).

On substantive issues Cllr Kane reported that a leading figure in the group that been most active in vandalism was now in secure accommodation but that an older group had now moved in. Elderpark Housing Association was developing a project to provide practical skills for these youngsters and would also be employing street workers.

b) Shopping trolleys

Trolleys remained a serious litter problem – about half and half from Asda and Lidl. It was proposed and AGREED that we ask our MSP to 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

Councillor Kane promised a report in June on steps being taken by The Thriving Places initiative.

d) Bus services and bus regulation

Electronic signage: this was now working for Stagecoach buses but not for the 26 (McGill). It was also noted that confusion was occurring by the disappearance of 'late' buses from the display – leading to some passengers getting on the wrong bus.

e) QE University Hospital

Problems of staffing and care were reported for the dementia ward (60). Members were asked to report any further issues ahead of our Strategy meeting with elected representatives agreed for September.

f) Cottages in Craigton Road

The City Council had now used its statutory powers to tender for repairs to the building part occupied by Mrs Wilson.

g) Mary Barbour statue

The statue was now fully finished and work was being completed on the base. It was hoped that an announcement would be made in the next month about the unveiling.

h) Potholes: the need for full resurfacing

The potholes in Harmony Row had been partly filled in but the condition remained very poor.

i) Development of the graving dock site

A response had been received from Harry O'Donnell of New City Vision. This was that there was no obstacle on their side to the inclusion of affordable socially rented housing as long as the City Council was willing to provide funding. A copy of the letter will be supplied to Cllr Kane. It was also noted that the site was heavily contaminated (asbestos principally) and decontamination would cost approximately £20m – and currently the site was subject to some degree of vandalism and misuse. The Council were currently in discussion with the Scottish Maritime Museum.

j) Elder Park railings

The missing railings had been replaced.

k) Dog Fouling

A letter would go to both Housing Associations and the Glasgow Safety Services asking that a concentrated campaign be organised – involving both publicity and enforcement – similar to that initiated in 2014.

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

A cheque for £70 had been sent and the prizes presented.

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

Robert Preston reported that steel was being cut. This was for the first of the Offshore Patrol vessels not the Type 26. It was AGREED to invite Chris Jones from BAE to our June meeting.

n) Lyceum building

No further report.

o) Development of Govan Townscape

Our Secretary would be attending the next meeting of CGAP and report to the next meeting. The new pathway from Water Row to the Church would be officially opened on 7 July.

p) Youth Disorder

It was hoped that Chris Stephens would be able to bring the Commons All-Party Youth Violence Commission to Govan to focus attention on local problems. Meantime it was agreed to ask the Police and Trading Standards to investigate the sale of alcohol to underage children (Allan Bell).

q) Closure of Royal Bank branch at Govan Cross

An announcement had been made of the date: 3 October. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Royal Bank protesting at the closure: problems presented to the elderly and those without cars.

r) Govan Ferry

The Ferry would be operating from 23 June.

s) Asylum case

No further report. The Chair would attempt to visit.

t) Tea in the Pot

Some temporary funding had been identified. Cllr Kane was talking to Jobs and Business, Glasgow.

u) Boxing Club

Cllr Kane was helping to investigate possible venues

3. KIT BOWEN: PROJECT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVAN'S PUBLIC SPACE

Kit Bowen spoke briefly on his final year architectural project at Edinburgh University about the development potentials of Govan's physical and historical environment in relation to the Clyde and particularly its dockside and shipbuilding heritage. A number of suggestions were made for relevant contacts. Kit will be working on the project over the coming year and will report back as relevant.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Accounts

Outstanding debts had been paid. Receipts for copying and postage were handed to the Treasurer. Our Secretary would bring estimates for a new computer to the June meeting.

b) Flowers for Jean Melvin

Our Secretary was asked to spend up to £25 on flowers for our oldest member Jean Melvin who is unwell.

5. PLANNING

Pacific Quays

Proposals were tabled by our Secretary from Zanda Planning on behalf of Drum Property for the comprehensive development of a currently derelict section of the Quays with retail, leisure and housing. Our Secretary would attend the consultation display on Thursday 22 June at the Hub between 2 and 8 pm.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Women against State Pension Inequality

Letter from Chris Stephens giving current details of the campaign

b) Availability of Chris Stephens after proroguing of parliament

Chris's office will remain open for existing cases

c) Awareness of Identity Fraud

It was AGREED to invite a spokesperson for this campaign sponsored by GCVS to talk to the Council at its July meeting

6. REPORTS

Cllr John Kane

John reported that there had been no meeting of the Council over the past six weeks. It appeared that there will be Minority Administration over the coming year. He reported on the new Govan Housing Association project of Govan Home that will be employing up to a hundred on local maintenance work.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) **New Bridge over the Clyde at Water Row**

Cllr Kane reported that design work had now been contracted and it was hoped that the bridge would be opened in 2019.

b) **Hustings for the General Election**

It was agreed to hold a hustings for the General Election on Thursday 1 June 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and to book the Mary Barbour Suite in the Pearce Institute. All candidates to be invited (addresses should be available in the press on Friday, 10 June).

c) **City Council elections**

All four newly elected members should be invited to our June meeting. It was agreed to write to the two Councillors who served in the last session, Fariha Thomas and James Adams, thanking them for their contribution and hard work on behalf of the community.

d) **Development of the Community Council**

A brief discussion took place on how to develop the membership of the Community Council including liaison with Ibrox-Cessnock Community Council on the future of the East Govan area. An initial discussion should take place with Steven Dowling.

e) **Govan Fair**

This would take place on Friday 2 June. This year it would be restricted to a parade.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2017 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.**