

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 6 NOVEMBER 2017

Present: Allan Bell (chair), Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Jean Melvin, Wilma Bruce, Reinhild Gorniack, Daniel O'Neil, John Foster
tending: Cllr John Kane, Cllr Allan Young, Cllr Stephen Dornan, David Jones,

Apologies: Flora Pagan, Chris Stephens MP, Humza Yousaf MSP
Minute Taker: John Foster

1. Minutes of 2 October: General Business

These were agreed as correct apart from some details of Councillors' surgeries (correct information in Councillors' Reports)

2. Matters arising

a) Motion to increase the membership of the Community Council

Secretary will now formally inform the Community Council of our request.

b) Proposals resulting from the 29 September annual strategy meeting with elected representatives – actions to be taken

i) QEUH

Liaise with Chris Stephens MP over invitation of Community Rep on Heath Board to attend our January meeting. From the Chair Allan Bell noted cuts in the podiatric services locally and the wish of the local Community Links Practitioner, Chris Flynn, for liaison.

ii) BAE Clyde yards

Secretary to approach our MP to secure attendance by TU rep from the yards at our December meeting and that a letter be sent to the Minister of Defence urging the withdrawal of tenders for naval support vessels to Korea and a reconsideration of the tendering of Type 31 Frigates originally promised to Govan.

iii) Rights of asylum seekers

We should seek to invite an asylum seeker to our February meeting. Cllr Kane also suggested inviting a representative of the organisation responsible for monitoring accommodation in the Ibrox-Cessnock areas. He would provide contact details.

iv) Housing provision for older people

A letter should go to the Scottish Housing Regulator as previously agreed and an enquiry lodged with Stephen Lamb (AndersonBellChristie.com) as to the status of provision of housing for older people in the Transformational Regeneration Area plan covering Govan. Three delegates (Allan Bell, Esme Clark and Robert Preston) should also attend the TRA consultation meeting being under the auspices of Ibrox Cessnock CC on **15 November** in the Clyde Hall concerning the Wheatley Group's proposals for the redevelopment of the currently vacant land in East Govan and Ibrox.

v) City Bus Transport

A letter should go to Humza Yousaf as Minister for Transport asking that the scope for any local authority based regulation should be enabled at *regional* (combined LA) level in the Bill currently before the Scottish Parliament. Cllrs Kane and Young had raised issues of electronic signage with SPT.

vi) New joint initiative against dog mess

Cllr Young and Cllr Kane were jointly seeking to secure resourcing from LES.

c) East Govan

A communication had been received from Mark Hughes, Vice Chair Ibrox Cessnock CC, asking whether the CC wished to resume its joint initiative with Ibrox-Cessnock to ensure CC representation for East Govan. This was affirmed as policy once it was clear that no initiative was continuing locally for the re-establishment of an East Govan CC. Cllr Kane and Robert Preston would discuss with community leaders in East Govan over the coming week

d) Police Issues

Allan Bell would report to the police the continuing problem of uninsured motorbikes being used by youngsters in Elder Park and along the Cycle Path.

e) Shopping trolleys

Humza Yousaf's office was looking into the amendment of legislation to penalise retail chains for uncollected trolleys. Cllr Kane was continuing his dialogue with Asda. Allan Bell would contact Asda's Community Liaison Officer. It was noted most trolley littering currently came from Lidl.

f) Hate Crime

Cllr Kane reported that Hate Crime deterrence was now incorporated into all Locality Plans.

g) Mary Barbour statue

The unveiling had now been postponed till International Women's Day 8 March 2018 in order to ensure that all necessary preparation work on the site could be safely completed and full legal agreement secured from the SPT Board. All previous arrangements with local schools and donor organisations were being carried forward.

h) Graving dock site: planning permission process commencing

New City Vision will be taking forward their application in two stages: in principle and specific consents. A major environmental impact assessment was now being conducted. It was agreed that within this process our Community Council should continue to raise the need for the inclusion of affordable housing for rent. As part of this councillors were asked to discover what financial assistance NCV had requested from the City Council and how far this was more or less than what was usually required by developers.

i) Lyceum building

There was no further development.

k) Tea in the Pot

No further report on longer-term funding

l) Boxing Club

It was agreed to discover how far progress had been made for a permanent venue.

m) Shaw Street-Langlands Road circuit: traffic hazard

There had been no response from James Rodden of LES about an assessment – particularly covering traffic flow between 8.30 and 11 am – arising from the current two-way traffic system. It was agreed to raise this with him at the local Area Committee on 16 March.

n) Hills Trust Building and Hub

Shirley McKnight and other officers from Elder Park HA would be invited to our December meeting to report on progress.

3. POLICE REPORT

No police representative was present.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Accounts

The accounts had been prepared for audit and our Chair agreed to request assistance from Elderpark HA.

b) Changing signatures on the bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland

Our Secretary had, with great difficulty, succeeded in securing the necessary forms and signatures would now be changed.

c) Govan Letter

A draft was tabled. It was agreed to reword the lead article on the Mary Barbour statue (JK), to include awards to EPHA and to make certain other corrections. It was agreed to go to print this month and to have available for Govan Loves Christmas on 6 December.

d) Community Council responsibilities

Danny O'Neill agreed to establish a twitter account using materials from the minutes and relevant sources of local news. Other new members were asked to consider what areas they might take up – in terms on planning, environment, publicity, youth liaison.

5. PLANNING

There were no new applications

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Govan Voice

A new issue was now available from the Pearce Institute

b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The new Local Service Delivery Review Report was now available for scrutiny. It was agreed that the officers should scrutinise and assess whether any reductions in service were being introduced and report to the December meeting

c) Glasgow Housing Association

Notification of Christmas Fayre

d) Film on Graving Dock

Ian McGilvary had written to notify the showing of the film on 21st November at 7 p.m in the Pearce Institute: our Secretary would attend.

7. COUNCILLORS' AND ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

Chris Stephens MP

A communication was received from Chris reporting recent interventions in Parliament. This covered:

Shipbuilding on the Clyde 10 and 23 October: ministerial responses gave no commitments or substantive answers

Universal Credit 18 and 24 October: impact of new system –concession won on free phone

calls and agreement to investigate scam providers
Workers Rights: ten minute bill introduced 18 October
Govan Stones and Lingo Flamingo: Early Day motions

Councillor Stephen Dornan

Cllr Dornan reported on transport issues including the reconfiguration of the Fastlink traffic lanes (buses using now reduced from 9 routes to one), the need for a regionally based and LA controlled system and the immediate need for Smart Cards to stop over-charging by bus companies.

Surgery details

Third Wednesday 3 p.m. Riverside Hall , 4 p.m, GYIP Water Row, 5 p.m. Whitefield Hall
Last Thursday 2 p.m. Pearce Institute; 3.30 Pirie Park Primary school

Councillor John Kane

Cllr Kane reported on the most recent Council meeting including the debate on violence against minorities in Myanmar and the withdrawal of the City's invitation to the president Aung Sa Sun Kyi, an emergency resolution on harassment and unacceptable behaviour and two hours spent on questions from members.

Councillor Allan Young

Councillor Young reported on the debate on Universal Credit in which he spoke and successfully moved amendments to a motion from Labour that called for more welfare rights support, for funds for the mitigation of the impact and for a trial implementation of a scheme for a universal basic income.

He provided corrected information on his surgeries in Govan as
First Wednesday of the month 5-6 p.m. Lorne Street Primary
Third Thursday Elder Park Library 2- 3 p.m.
Third Thursday Pirie Park Primary 5-6
Fourth Wednesday Riverside Hall 5-6

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2017 at 7pm in the
Workspace Board Room.**