

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2015

Present: Dick Carabine, Flora Pagan, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Wilma Bruce, Jean Melvin, Helen McNeil, John Foster

Attending: Councillor James Adams, Councillor Stephen Dornan, Councillor John Kane, Chris Stephens MP, James Stringfellow, Jessie Sinclair, Reinbild Gormiak

Apologies: Cllr Fariha Thomas, Helen Duffy, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

These were moved as correct by Robert Preston and Wilma Bruce and agreed

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK

A written report was distributed. The report was approved and will be reproduced in the October Govan Letter. The Secretary commented that the Community Council has had a busy year and that there had been a number of positive developments for the area.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that the books were still with the Auditor, who had been away, but were promised for later in the month. It was agreed to take the annual accounts at the November meeting.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Chris Stephens MP took the Chair for this item and called for nominations

Chair: Dick Carabine was nominated by John Foster and Flora Pagan and agreed

Vice Chair: Flora Pagan was nominated by Esme Clark and Jean Melvin and agreed

Secretary: Esme Clark was nominated by Flora Pagan and Wilma Bruce and agreed

Treasurer: Gina Preston was nominated by Flora Pagan and Helen McNeill and agreed

Dick Carabine took the chair at this point with a vote of thanks to Chris Stephens

Continuing Business

1. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Moved as correct by Esme Clark and Wilma Bruce.

2. POLICE ISSUES

Police representatives were briefly present - having to attend an emergency call elsewhere.

They reported 1508 crimes being recorded for the month of September as against 1799 in September 2014. They also noted that there had been only one arrest at Govan Fair. In answer to a question about CCTV cameras, they reported that contact could be made with the operators via Community Safety Glasgow, 727 London Road 0141 276 7400

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES

a) Asda shopping trolleys

The problem continued with many uncollected trolleys identified last week. The meeting AGREED a letter drafted by the secretary reporting the continuing presence of abandoned shopping trolleys be sent.

b) Hate Crime Awareness Week

The minute secretary reported on preparations for the week commencing on 10 October. Preliminary details would be included in the Govan Letter which would be distributed on 9 October. He would be liaising with Councillor Thomas on the next meeting of the Race Hate Working Party.

c) Alcohol Awareness

The secretary had invited Andrew Brown (who had responsibility for liaising with Community Councils on licensing issues) to attend the November meeting.

d) Royal Mail post boxes: ending of evening collections for boxes in the Elderpark area.

No response had yet been received to our letter requesting that correct collection times be posted on collection boxes. Chris Stephens agreed to take up the issue.

g) Bus services

The withdrawal of services was noted. It was agreed to review the sufficiency of provision at the next meeting and also the availability of bus timetables. The lack of a stop for the Govan C scheme was raised. Cllr Adams had investigated. It was agreed to come back at the next meeting.

h) South Street Waste Processing

Cllr Dornan reported that the proposal appeared to have been delayed and possibly abandoned.

i) STUC and People's Assembly Rally against Austerity: George Square

It was agreed that the Community Council come back to the issue of cuts once funding for the City Council for the coming year had been clarified.

j) Graving Dock

The minute secretary had discussed the future of the graving dock with Pat Cassidy of Govan Workspace who was of the opinion that its preservation and its use as part of the wider heritage project in Govan required the intervention of the City Council. Cllr Dornan noted that CGAP was also discussing and would seek to raise with the City Council.

k) Southern Hospital: signage

Signage inside the new building was felt to be generally adequate. On the other hand, signage for the buildings at the rear of the new block remained inadequate and it was agreed a letter be written.

l) Future of Govan Shipyard

The secretary had consulted with Pat Cassidy of Govan Workspace about a public event in the Fairfields Building to discuss the new developments. The recommendation was that this should take place in the early summer of 2016, the anniversary of the announcement of the continuation of the yard, and that it should involve some of the apprentices who had been taken on this year.

m) Govan Fair

It was noted that at the previous meeting the Community Council had recorded its opinion that the Fair should be organised by a committee that was responsible to local community organisations as had been the case in the past.

Councillor Dornan noted that the key issue was that a new limited company had been registered prior to the AGM without legitimate agreement. It also appeared that the assets of the Govan Fair

had been transferred on 13 August 2015 without the sanction of the members. Jimmy Stringfellow claimed that these changes had been carried out with due consultation. It was, however, reported that the information carried on the relevant websites indicated that the company was incorporated at Companies House on 28 July 2015 and documentation lodged with OSCR on 13 August – before the AGM on 22 August. The initial application had been lodged with Companies House dated 5 February prior to discussions with the City Council about any changes in the legal form of the Committee which had been scheduled for February and March 2015. Councillor Kane noted that, as the 22 August AGM had been abandoned prior to discussion of the new proposed constitution, the current position was that the pre-existing constitution remained the only legitimate one.

Arising from the discussion the following motion was put by the minute secretary and seconded by the Secretary:

‘that the Officers of the Community Council meet to make recommendations about how to ensure that the Govan Fair proceeds on the basis of its existing constitution, as prior to the 2015 AGM, and with full community involvement and that the officers consult with whosoever they deem relevant to secure this objective’.

This motion was put to the vote and approved by all members of the Community Council present.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Membership of the Community Council

The minute secretary reported that the Community Council had been contacted by Stephen Dowling of the CCRC to indicate that the membership forms made available arising from the two places advertised as of November 2014 could no longer be considered valid as a result of the lapse of time.

In response it was agreed that a new advertisement for the THREE current vacant places take place in time for the places to be filled either through election or by confirmation by the Community Council (if only three applications are received) on the day of the 2 November General Meeting. CCRC was to be informed immediately.

The meeting apologised to the two applicants who had received the cancelled application papers.

b) Govan Letter

A final draft was tabled and was agreed. This was due at the printers on 6 October and would be available on Friday 9 October. The price of £205 for 1,000 copies was agreed. Members were asked to help with the distribution from 3 p.m. on Friday from Forward Graphics in Elderspark Workspace. The Secretary reported that cheques had been received from Elderspark Housing and Govan Workspace to cover adverts in the previous issue.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Johann Lamont MSP: surgery dates for the autumn.

Glasgow City Council: consultation on increased financial support for Community Councils: an increase in the administration grant in 2016-17 and an additional discretionary grant of up to £400.

6. PLANNING

Uist Street: installation of new windows: no objection

31 Burleigh Street: application for a bookmakers – objections had already been lodged by neighbours on the grounds that there was already one bookmakers premises and a public house within 30 yards in the same street. It AGREED to object on the basis of amenity and the consequent worsening of existing issues of late evening noisy congregations and occasional disorder in what is a residential street.

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Dornan reported that the completion time for the Govan Cross bus station had been brought forward to May 2016, that two new Community Councils were being established in Craigton and Drumoyne, that the Central Govan Action Plan was examining two 'stalled spaces' (the Lyceum and the Graving Docks) and the Govanites group was celebrating the achievements of local women (including Betty Kennedy). Councillor Dornan also raised the deficient street cleaning across Govan and the need for intervention on this front and that he had raised the problem of Asda shopping trolleys with Environmental Protection.

Councillor Adams reported that consultation on local government boundaries would end on 22 October (it was proposed that Drumbreck and Craigton be transferred from Govan Ward to Pollokshields). He also reported on the current stage of actions to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1915 rent strike and to commemorate Mary Barbour. These would include the unveiling of a blue plaque at 10 Hutton Drive (the site of an attempted eviction in 1915) and of cairn at Kilbarchan, the birthplace of Mary Barbour. The project for a statue of Mary Barbour was proceeding with the selection of maquettes. Though funding would not be forthcoming from Creative Scotland, it was hoped to secure the rest of the required finance over the next six months.

Councillor Kane reported on the Govan Loves Christmas programme for 2015. The switching on of the lights would be on 2 December. There would be events in the Elderpark Library, the Pearce Institute and the Riverside Hall.

8. REPORT FROM CHRIS STEPHENS MP

Chris Stephens distributed details of his surgeries which have organised on the basis of particular topics (Carers and Welfare) as well as general issues. Issues that were currently being raised included asylum provision and welfare rights. He was particularly concerned about the provisions of the Immigration Bill currently before parliament which would remove Section 4 support and lead to destitution. He was also visiting local employers, including BAE, to push for enhanced employment of local people.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7PM IN THE ELDERPARK WORKSPACE BOARDROOM.