

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2015

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

Attending: Cllr Fariha Thomas, Councillor John Kane, Councillor Stephen Dornan, PC Kirsty Douglas, PC Stuart Wilson, James Stringfellow, Reinhild Gorniak, Allan Bell, Anindya Majumda, Iain McGillivray, Liz Gardiner

Apologies: Cllr James Adams, Helen Duffy, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Moved as correct by Wilma Bruce and Jean Melvin and agreed.

2. POLICE ISSUES

The Police representatives provided a written crime report for the period 7 November to 6 December:

Breach of Peace	8
Theft	5
Vandalism	7
Drugs	10
Assault	4
Dog Fouling	1
Illegal vending	4

Issues raised were continuing loitering around 1006 Govan Road (not a crime unless damage done) and, from Mr Majumda (loitering of young people; loss of refuse bin from 130 Craigton Rd: to be raised with LES). Abdul Dean raised the need to specify whether any of the reported crimes were aggravated by race or other form of hate crime given current circumstances. It was agreed that any crimes of such a character should be identified in the report to the next meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER MINUTES

a) Asda shopping trolleys

There had still been no response to our letter.

b) Hate Crime Awareness Week

It was noted that a serious incident involving more than one person had occurred in Govan Shopping Centre on 18 November (police crime record GA02630915). The target was a mother and her seven year old daughter. There had been one or two other reports of a similar character. It was agreed that the work of the Race Hate Working Party, and associated initiatives, remained important.

c) Alcohol Awareness

Andrew Brown (who had responsibility for liaising with Community Councils on licensing issues) had sent a message indicating ill-health. It was agreed to issue another invitation for February.

d) Bus services

Cllr Kane reported that a revised lay-out was being developed for the Stag Street stop serving the Govan C scheme. This would be shifted a short distance and positioned so that there was room for the passage of wheel chairs along the pavement.

e) Cuts and People's Assembly against Austerity

Councillor Kane reported that figures for 2016-17 would not be available from the Scottish government before January but that the Council was preparing for cuts of £74m for the coming year and £54m for 2017-18. There would be a further report for the next meeting.

f) Graving Dock

The Community Council reasserted its support for the rescue and redevelopment of the site – though recognising its success would depend on it becoming part of the wider heritage project coming out of the Charrette discussions in which the City Council would have to play the leading role. The Charrette report was now available at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDNTI2UUT812U>. Iain McGillivray reported that there were 7,000 signatures on the website petition for a heritage centre: he noted that the ownership of the site, nominally New City Vision, was in the hands of Irish Government's NAMA debt agency who would be seeking to maximise its recovery value. Cllr Kane noted that discussions were continuing following the Charrette report as part of the City Deal implementation.

g) Southern Hospital: signage

A letter had been sent regarding the need for additional signage for the buildings at the south of the new building such as the neurosciences Block J.

h) Future of Govan Shipyard

Chris Jones from BAE had phoned our Secretary to report on the confirmed order of 8 Type 26 frigates and two patrol vessels together with R&D funding to design a simpler and less expensive frigate for the export market. Questions were raised about the feasibility of commercial shipbuilding and it was noted by Cllr Thomas that for the medium future the security costs associated with defence contracts would make such work uncompetitive – although in the long-run this might be feasible.

i) Govan Fair

Jimmy Stringfellow sought to distribute forms for membership of the new Govan Fair limited company. Jean Melvin asked what rights such membership would bring. She was told that after a year she would be eligible to be chosen by the existing Board of Directors for membership of the Board should they see fit. Liz Gardiner noted that there was also an 'operational' committee that was responsible for the organisation of the Fair.

Others indicated that such a structure did not match the usual democratic procedure for community-based organisations in which an AGM would democratically elect an executive committee.

j) 31 Burleigh Street: application for a bookmakers

This had been approved despite strong arguments against in general amenity terms. Legally, however, the arguments had been weakened by the current nature of planning law in Scotland that did not distinguish betting offices from other offices, such as solicitors' offices, under category 2. Given the current Scottish Parliament consultation on planning regulations, it was agreed to write to our MSP Johann Lamont requesting that betting offices be recategorised and local government given greater powers to take into account social factors such as proximity to other betting offices and public houses and the residential character of the street.

k) Potholes: Crossloan/Craigton Roads

Councillor Thomas reported that LES were in the process of repairing. It was noted that recent rains resulted in significant accumulations on some roads locally as a result of drains blocked by leaf fall. There was discussion as to how far the allocation of LES resources was appropriate – both in

terms of giving priority to the city centre or to those areas prone to serious flooding elsewhere in the city.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Membership of the Community Council

Elections for the three vacant places were taking place that day and the results would be declared the following morning.

b) Govan Letter

The few remaining copies were distributed at the meeting.

c) Accounts for the past financial year

These were being audited currently and would be available for despatch to the City Council very soon.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Johann Lamont MSP:** surgery dates for December and January

b) Blocking of access in Rathlin Street and Wardrop Streets

The Secretary would visit to assess how far GHA vans were blocking access in Wardrop and Rathlin Streets

c) Bus Services

Gordon MacKay had written reporting correspondence with SPT on the temporary terminus arrangements for No 3 and No 34 First Buses in Helen Street which had involved prospective passengers having to wait at the stop while the buses themselves were parked stationary at fifty yards' distance. SPT explained that there was only space for one bus at the stance but they would instruct drivers to use it whenever vacant.

6. PLANNING

There was none.

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Kane gave the report. The major issue of Council cuts had already been noted. Immediately he wanted to thank people in Govan for their support for the Mary Barbour project and their participation in the assessment of maquettes for the statue. These were on tour across the City and were an active part of the fund-raising process. There had been a number of outstanding fund-raising events in association with Govan Loves Christmas.

It was also noted and welcomed that a Community Council had been formally reconstituted in Drumoyne.

8. AOCB

Tickets for the Lord Provost's Pensioners Christmas lunch

Jean Melvin asked how the Reminiscence Group could secure tickets. It was noted that the usual procedure was for an organisation to write to the Glasgow Old People's Welfare Committee via the Lord Provost's Office.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2016 AT 7PM IN THE ELDERPARK
WORKSPACE BOARDROOM.**