

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 14 MAY 2018

Present: Allan Bell (chair), Esme Clark, Flora Pagan, Robert Preston, Georgina Preston, Jean Melvin, Daniel O'Neill, John Foster

Attending: Cllr Richard Bell, Cllr Allan Young, Ian Hopkins (Coming Home Centre)

Apologies: Wilma Bruce, Reinhild Gorniak, Cllr John Kane, Cllr Stephen Dornan, Humza Yousaf MSP, Chris Stephens MP

Minute Taker: John Foster

1. Minutes of 9 April

These were agreed as correct.

2. Presentation from Ian Hopkins of the Coming Home Centre

The Centre provided all forms of support for veterans of the armed forces and their families. Formed five years ago it was now based in the Pearce Institute and had 400 registered users (with 123 joining in the past year). The Centre sought to ensure that all those who needed it received one good meal a day and that issues of benefits, pensions, medical requirements, employment and housing were dealt with in a friendly and helpful way. Some funding came from the Lottery, some from the Scottish government and much from local fund-raising. Food was supplied by local supermarkets. Ages of members ranged from 23 to 94 including some veterans from WW II and the Centre provided a safe and friendly place to meet others and to socialise.

Members of the Council made gifts of food and expressed admiration for the work done.

3. Matters arising from minutes of 9 April General Meeting

a) Show People at Water Row

It was agreed to return to the issue at our June meeting at which Tara Beale wished to review progress. It was reaffirmed that our general position was to support the Show people and their presence in Govan. City Properties will be asked for a briefing on progress beforehand.

b) Collective Architecture presentation on plans for Water Row/Govan Cross

Our Chair and Secretary had attended a further consultation. It was noted that one issue that had been raised, particularly by those living in Beith Housing, was the height of the proposed buildings on the river front and how far they would block light. It was agreed that as a Community Council we should ask that consideration be given to relatively low level housing.

c) MoD orders for the Clyde yards

The minute secretary was asked to forward the response from the MoD to Chris Stephens.

d) Rights of Asylum Seekers

Chris Stephens had forwarded wording for a petition to the government calling on it to relax the rules prohibiting paid employment for those seeking asylum. It was AGREED to put the petition on line, to distribute to other community councils and to churches and local organisations.

e) Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Two issues were raised.

Closure of minor injuries clinic over the weekend: concern was expressed at the closure of the clinic over the weekend with patients obliged to travel to Gartnavel.

SPT Travel passes

Currently the boundary point for the pass for zones 1 and 2 expired just before the hospital and put pass holders at additional expense. Councillors agreed to raise this with SPT.

f) City Bus Transport

Our Secretary had written to our MSP Humza Yousaf reminding him of the urgency of proceeding with legislation that would permit local authorities to secure regional bus transport franchises on the Lothian model.

g) East Govan CC

No progress reported.

h) Graving Dock proposals

The proposal from Ferguson Marine was proceeding and there had been a presentation to the Area Partnership. It was noted, however, that the land was still owned by New City Vision and that the Ferguson Marine plans for a working dock would leave about half the site unused.

i) Lyceum Building

Glasgow City Council was now 'in principle' supporting a purchase by Govan HA if necessary through compulsory purchase.

k) Shaw Street-Langlands Road circuit: traffic hazard

A response had been received from James Roden and would be read at the next meeting. It was reported that speeding and two way traffic was continuing to create potential for serious accidents.

l) New Gaelic School

Douglas Morrison, Chair of the Parents Council, would attend our June meeting.

6. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

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

Work was continuing.

b) Community Council By-elections: nominations to close on 4 May

No applications had been received – despite being advertised in a widely distributed issue of the Govan Letter. It was understood, however, that there had been one potential application that had not been submitted because it failed to meet the due date. It was agreed to liaise with Democratic Services over a new by-election immediately prior to our 2018 AGM in October.

c) April Govan Letter

1,000 copies had been fully distributed. The invoice for £205 had been paid.

7. PLANNING

a) Govan Fair in Elder Park

Application for 36 rides in Elder Park between 12 noon and 9 pm on 1, 2 and 3rd June. No objection.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Dorothy Courtney, Chair Govan Fair, details of the 2018 Fair: crowning at Victory Centre, 6 p.m. on Friday 1 June: procession leaves 6.45.

9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Bell reported that he had asked Community Safety Glasgow to intervene against the dumping of rubbish in the area of 158 Craigton Road and more generally along Craigton Road.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 4 JUNE 2018 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room. It was agreed to consider the dates of meetings over the summer at the June meeting.