

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 4 JUNE 2018

Present: Allan Bell (Chair), Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Reinhild Gorniak, Danny O'Neill, David Jones, Wilma Bruce, Jean Melvin, Flora Pagan.

Attending: Cllrs. Allan Young and John Kane, Dr. Douglas Morrison Apologies: John Foster.  
Minute Taker: Esme Clark

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising.**

**Presentation from Ian Hopkins** of the Coming Home Centre at the Pearce Institute: — Praise for the work Ian is doing there. Esme suggested that we collect some festive gifts/produce to donate for the Christmas period. This was agreed and we will do this in November. Anyone who has visited the Centre has commented on the homely atmosphere, all down to Ian and his team. We are glad to have him in Govan.

**Show people at Water Row** — no further definite news. We will come back to this next month.

**QEU Hospital.** Cllr. Kane was at a board meeting of Cordia who are under an enormous amount of pressure due to the way the hospital is functioning. Staff shortages means bed closures, means that patients who should be admitted are being sent home, leading to huge extra demand for Cordia's services, before these patients have to be readmitted into hospital and the whole cycle starts all over again. The Council asked the Secretary to write to the Health Minister to ask about bed closures and the staffing situation at the Hospital.

**Rights of Asylum Seekers** — Extra copies circulated of Chris Stephens' petition to the government calling on it to relax the rules prohibiting paid employment for those seeking asylum

**Shaw Street-Langlands Road** — traffic hazards. Secretary will retrieve the email she received from James Roden. Report on further chaos in Govan Road with delivery vans doing u—turns and double parking. Chair himself had nearly been involved in an accident there. There was concern at the new development at the car park where part of the land nearest Shaw Street is to be given up for ' housing. There is the potential for a serious accident here already. If we had a police presence we could discuss this with them. Chair has the contact here and will follow it up.

**Govan Fair in Elder Park.** There had been no floats in the little parade and apparently the parade had been so delayed as to be nearly an hour late in arriving at the Cross. The Govan Fair Association had been let down by those who had failed to turn up, apparently concerned about the weather forecast predicting thunderstorms. Apparently they will be having an AGM — we will see how this progresses but Dot Courtney deserves praise for soldiering on.

**Lyceum** - Govan Housing Association have put in an offer to buy in line with the valuation and are waiting for the owner's response.

**East Govan CC** - No more progress to report. Apparently some of the people interested in joining are not eligible because they do not live within the boundaries of East Govan CC.

**Minutes** were agreed as correct, prop. Daniel, seconded Flora.

### **2. Speaker Dr. Douglas Morrison from the proposed new Gaelic School in Govan.**

Dr. Morrison was eager to reach out and connect with the Community Council to give background to the move from the other side of the city to Govan where there has always been a strong sense of Gaelic heritage. The intention is to move into the current Cartvale School site which will by then be vacated as planned by GCC. The results of a bilingual education are reflected in highly satisfactory academic achievements from pupils, and Dr. Morrison shared with us some of the plans ongoing for 2018/2019.

**SPT** - Esme reported on a problem with the electronic signage — not for the first time. This time she boarded a no. 26 bus and remarked to the driver that although she was very pleased to see him, according to the signage, he was not due for another 10 minutes. He simply replied "Holiday Service". Esme explained to those who were not regular bus passengers that this means a Saturday or Sunday service, or on some routes, no service at all. Out of the past 6 weekends, with Easter and two May Holidays, she wondered if this means that for 50% of weekends, when many people were out and about, the signage was giving out inaccurate and useless information. The school holidays were approaching too, when reduced services were running on many routes. She was given permission to write to SPT and ask that the signage was checked in future so that only accurate information was displayed.

**Project with Mobility Scooters** — Chair reported on a test project in Elder Park with older members of the community who had been originally reluctant to get involved being paired with some young people who aided and encouraged them to try out the scooters. This appeared to be a great success.

**Correspondence:** - Letter received from Glasgow City Council's Director of Governance about General Data Protection Regulations. (GDPR). Copy to be kept on file.

Councillors' reports: -

**New housing for Govan.** As well as the Water Row site, the car park at the shopping centre and/Hills' Trust sites, other sites are being considered, particularly brownfield sites. While we would welcome new people coming into Govan, with new life in the area and an influx of people into local shops, Robert Preston reminded the meeting that schools in Govan are full.

After discussion it was decided to hold a meeting at the beginning of July - 2nd July, and then take a break in August.