

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1 OCTOBER 2018

Present: Allan Bell, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Jean Melvin, Wilma Bruce, Daniel O'Neil, John Foster

Attending: Chris Stephens MP, Cllr John Kane, Cllr Ricky Bell, David Jones, Jimmy Stringfellow

Apologies: Flora Pagan, Reinhold Gorniack, Cllr Stephen Dornan, Cllr Allan Bell, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute Taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM

These were read and moved as correct by Esme Clark and Wilma Bruce

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK FOR 2017-18

A comprehensive report of work was tabled and spoken to by Allan Bell, the Chair for 2017-2018. This covered strategic issues, presentations to the council, organisation, planning and other continuing issues.

On strategic issues members highlighted the continuing problems at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (structural faults, loss of doctors and nurses and the further £65 million cuts to be absorbed by the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board over the coming year for health and social care) – these issues would be discussed with the Health Minister at a meeting in February (RCN also to be invited). The loss of Type 31 orders at BAE was a continuing concern and it was agreed to invite a member of the management to a meeting in the New Year. The petition on the Right to Work for Asylum Seekers had been presented and the pending case at Court of Session against SERCO had stalled local evictions. Accommodation for refugees and failed asylum seekers had been temporarily arranged at the Hamish Allen Centre and our Chair was offering advice on catering. The Council had recorded its displeasure at the failure of the new Transport Bill to include provision for 'Lothian style' publicly owned regional transport and would ask our MSP to make representations.

The Council also indicated its disappointment that the Lottery Funding for the Elderpark Community Hall had not been successful (although alternative funding was now possible). Council stressed its continuing support for the Coming Home Team and its intent to organise some kind of gift at Christmas. It was hoped that Dr Morrison would give a further progress report on the Gaelic School.

The Community Council would liaise with Democratic Services over elections to fill the three current vacancies.

The report was moved by Robert Preston and Wilma Bruce and accepted.

4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-2018

This was postponed till the November meeting: one bank statement was still to be secured prior to submission to audit. The Treasurer was thanked for her work.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cllr John Kane took the chair at this point.

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| Chair | Allan Bell was nominated by Esme Clark and Gina Preston and elected nem.con. |
| Vice Chair | Flora Pagan was nominated by Jean Melvin and Esme Clark and elected n.c. |
| Secretary | Esme Clark was nominated by Danny O'Neill and John Foster and elected n.c. |
| Treasurer | Gina Preston was nominated by Esme Clark and Allan Bell and elected n.c. |
| Minute Sec | John Foster was nominated by Gina Preston and Wilma Bruce and elected n.c. |

This ended the business of the AGM

Allan Bell was welcomed to the Chair to transact Community Council business for October

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

a) Show People at Water Row and Pearce Lane

Mr Stringfellow attended to explain the position of the Show People on the Pearce Lane site. He complained that so far the City Council had made no substantial offer of alternative sites locally and had queried the legal status of the existing site. The Chair expressed the hope that the situation would improve and that an adequate site would be found.

b) Health Provision and the QEUH

Our MP confirmed that it would be likely that the Westminster parliamentary recess would coincide with that for the Scottish Parliament in February and that he would be able to attend the strategy meeting.

c) Traffic hazard in Shaw Street/Harmony Row

There had been no progress in securing a one way system – at a time when scaffolding work for window replacement will still further reduce access space. It was reported that CGAP was considering what steps might be taken.

d) Presence of police

Our Secretary has been seeking to contact Sgt James Jamieson but so far no secured attendance. Our Chair offered to help and it as suggested that an approach to Sgt Bob Anderson might be helpful.

e) Govan Fair Association

A meeting of members was taking place on Tuesday 2 October at the Africa Centre

7. REPORT FROM SECRETARY AND PLANNING ISSUES

a) East Govan Community Council

No further news.

b) Proposals for the Graving Dock

No new developments. New City Vision might be considering building higher quay walls to meet the SEPA concerns about flooding.

c) Paul McAlinden and the Pearce Institute

Paul had now taken over as chair of the management committee and it was hoped he would inject new vision. Cllrs Bell and Young had also joined the board. The café was now closed and other potential providers were being sought. Mr Stringfellow raised the question of the three waste bins from the Institute that were deposited in Pearce Street and collected at 7 p.m. in the morning – creating noise that set his dogs barking.

d) Govan Community Boxing Club

No further developments over permanent premises were reported. The club was temporarily based at Govan High School.

8. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

ASDA Planning Permission: night-time deliveries.

Allan, our Chair, had maintained liaison with the ASDA team but had not yet secured any firm pledge on the collection of trolleys. Cllr John Kane visited the houses in Craigton Road. He had found one firm objection, others unconcerned, and reported these findings to City Council planning. There had so far been no outcome.

9. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Bank account

Our Chair had taken charge of arranging for a change of signatures.

b) Strategy meeting

The Secretary would seek to identify a date in February for our annual strategy meeting. As well as attendance by the Minister Jeanne Freeman on issues of health provision and the QEUH, it was agreed cover two other issues: Bus Transport (and powers for Councils to establish Lothian style operations) and Rents in the private and HA pre-1989 tenant sectors.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Concerned Parents: Notre Dame

There was a request for the opportunity to address the Council on the proposal to end the school's status as girls only. It was felt that, while there was an issue to consider (which would also involve hearing the other side of the proposal), the very small number of pupils living locally did not make this a valid issue for our community council.

b) Scam mail

A communication from the Royal Mail was read warning residents of spam mail – particularly that claiming the recipient had won money.

c) Mental Health Street Triage

It was agreed to return to this at our November meeting – a service to supply immediate psychiatric help to those involved with the police who required such assistance.

6. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

CHRIS STEPHENS MP

Most issues had been dealt with in the course of the meeting but notice was given of a Macmillan Coffee Morning in his constituency office on Friday 5 October 11 am.

There would be a Universal Credit event on the 3rd October at the Pearce Institute where Money Matters, Citizens Advice, and Housing Associations will be in attendance to assist individuals with concerns or problems with their UC entitlement

Chris also reported on his Early Day Motions calling attention to five local organisations and charities –Starter Packs, Unlock Employment, Make Do and Grow, Maslow and Gilded Lilly – which would assist with subsequent fundraising.

COUNCILLOR JOHN KANE

Introduction of Universal Credit

Govan Housing Association had held a seminar on the implications on 6 September and produced a very useful guidance booklet. Money Matters would provide a mobile office outside the Job Centre and the City Council had earmarked £2m for use by CAB and Glasgow Life.

Anti-Social Behaviour in the Harhill Scheme

A joint approach by Housing Associations and Police had reduced the level of anti-social behaviour and a Residents' Association was being formed. The police were hampered by a lack of resources. It was intended to merge the Harhill and Elderpark interventions in order to maintain momentum.

Our Treasurer noted the speedy response by police to an incident at KirkCare Housing.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2018 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.