

# GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

3 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Allan Bell, Esme Clark, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Reinhild Gorniack, Daniel O'Neil, John Foster

Attending: Cllr John Kane, Cllr Ricky Bell, Cllr Stephen Dornam

Apologies: Wilma Bruce, Flora Pagan, Jean Melvin, Cllr Allan Young, Chris Stephens MP, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute Taker: John Foster

### I MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

These were read by Allan Bell and moved as a correct record by Esme Clark and Robert Preston subject to the correction of the spelling of Fumni's name and of Reinhild's.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

a) **BAE orders**

No further news on the Type 31 contracts

b) **Refugees and asylum seekers**

Minute Secretary had visited Fumni about her future housing needs – currently rehoused temporarily in G33 (which created big difficulties for the local schooling of her three children) and discussions had now taken place with a local HA.

c) **Coming Home Team**

Thanks were given to our Chair Alan for his magnificent efforts. A Christmas card was signed by all present.

d) **Traffic hazard in Shaw Street/Harmony Row**

There was no further report from CGAP on what steps might be taken to secure a one way system. It was hoped that the opportunity of the £750,000 public realm expenditure on roads and pavements in Central Govan would also be used to create a safer traffic system.

e) **Presence of police at Council meetings**

Our Secretary and Chair had both sought to secure a police presence. Our Secretary had spoken to the responsible officer Caroline Mulcahy who gave pledges on attendance earlier in the year. Efforts would be maintained.

f) **Police issues: diversionary activity for young people**

Our Chair reported that he had been in discussion with the owner of Spicy Govan about diversionary activities for children. Currently it appeared that there was no comprehensive listing and it was AGREED that we should come back to this issue and whether an initiative could be taken by either Glasgow Life or one of the Housing Associations.

g) **Govan Fair Association**

A further meeting had taken place on 6 November. Some new members were urgently needed.

**h) East Govan Community Council**

The Council had now been officially convened.

**i) The Graving Dock**

Currently there was no discussion between New City Vision and the Jim McColl team either about the McColl scheme going ahead or a hybrid. New City Vision have said that they had no intention of selling the land.

**j) The Pearce Institute**

Discussions were continuing about re-establishing the café and two potential catering organisations had been interviewed.

**k) Govan Community Boxing Club**

No further report on permanent premises

**l) Asda Night-time deliveries**

The Chair reported that there had been no further contact.

**m) Blocked gullies and road flooding**

The issue of flooding in Langlands Road at the Park and Arklet Road had been taken up by Cllr Allan Young. The relevant section of LES had replied that gullies and drains would be cleared on 12 December and that a further visit would take place in pluvial weather to test the effectiveness.

**n) Award for the Chief Executive of Elderpark Housing Association**

This was from the Chartered Institute of Housing Association Management. Mention should be made in the next Govan Letter. Our Chair would supply a photo.

**o) Rangers Community Forum**

Cllr John Kane reported that there had been useful discussion of the measures being taken to combat sectarian behaviour and need for these measures to be better publicised.

### **3. REPORT FROM SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Govan Loves Christmas**

Govan Loves Christmas was taking place on Wednesday 5 December at 3 to 6 p.m.. Our £100 donation had been handed over and our Chair had additionally managed to secure an array of gifts and prizes. A photo of the handover had been taken (by Govan HA) and would be featured in the Govan Letter.

**Area Partnership: Cleansing procedures**

Esme reported that the main item had been a presentation from Steve Scott on changes in Cleansing procedures. Cllr Kane noted that Commercial Waste collections would take place through waste bins being placed on the pavements at specified hours; there was also discussion of an eight day rota for the household refuse collections. He thought this would be productive of serious confusion if the day changed every week.

### **4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION**

**a) Accounts for 2017-2018**

These were still with the auditor. Our Chair was contacting on the day following.

**b) Treasurer**

Our Treasurer, Gina, would be relocating away from Govan and hence no longer be eligible to be a full member of the Council (she wished to continue as an associate). We would need to come back to the issue of a new Treasurer – and the change of signatures with the bank would have to wait till then.

**c) Strategy meeting**

It was agreed to reconsider that date of the Strategy meeting at the January meeting – still seeking to secure a time when both Health Minister Jeanne Freeman and our MP would be available (possibly the Easter break). The meeting would discuss the QEUH and include a representative from either UNISON or RCN. It was also agreed that we should seek a representative from UNITE for the item on bus services and powers for Councils to establish Lothian style operations. Rents in the private and HA pre-1989 tenant sectors should also be on the agenda.

**d) Govan Letter**

We should plan the next issue for late February to build support for the Strategy meeting and also, hopefully, to promote the four by-elections now needed for Council membership. An initial draft of ideas will be brought to the January meeting and a fuller draft for the February meeting

**5. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS**

COUNCILLOR JOHN KANE

**Bridge to Partick**

Cllr Kane reported on the design of the bridge and confirmed its landing point in Partick would be the Museum. This gave rise to discussion of the very poor transport links between the Transport Museum and Partick Cross or Partick underground.

**City Deal: redevelopment of Broomloan Road corridor**

John described plans for housing development on the east side and facilities for the new subway trains on the west side.

**Housing and rents**

The question of very high rents in the private sector was raised – and also the current policy of the Housing and Property Chamber (appeal committee for pre-1989 HA tenants) to increase rents in the HA sector to the level in the private sector. Cllr Kane reported that he had again raised the issue with the Commission. The urgency of a resolution was agreed.

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN DORNAN

**Public Transport**

Cllr Dornan raised the general issue of transport, the declining number of buses and the degree to which the redevelopment of land currently used for car-parking would worsen the problem.

ARISING from this it was AGREED to make a submission to the Scottish Parliament's consultation on the current Transport Bill, and to seek to secure submissions from the City Council and other Community Councils, in favour of the Lothian model. For the City council letters should go to the leader Susan Aitken and to councillors with relevant responsibilities Anna Richardson (Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction) and Kenny Mclean (Convener for Neighbourhoods). The letters should stress the problems created for poorer communities in Glasgow (where there was also low car ownership) by

diminishing bus services and rapidly increasing fares and hence the need for the Lothian model of comprehensive regional transport democratically responsible to the council. This option was not currently in the Bill. Daniel O'Neill would provide additional material on this.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 14 JANUARY 2019 at 7pm in the  
Workspace Board Room.**