

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

5 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Allan Bell, Esme Clark, Flora Pagan, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Reinhold Gorniack, Jean Melvin, Daniel O'Neil, John Foster

Attending: Cllr John Kane, Cllr Ricky Bell, Cllr Allan Young, David Jones, Keiran Stockwell, Jimmy Stringfellow

Apologies: Wilma Bruce, Chris Stephens MP, Cllr Stephen Dornan, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute Taker: John Foster

I MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

These were read by Allan Bell and agreed as a correct record

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM OCTOBER MEETING

a) **BAE orders**

There had been no further news on the Type 31 contracts

b) **Refugees and asylum seekers**

The meeting was very pleased to hear the news that Numni had been given leave to stay and sent their good wishes and congratulations. Our Secretary was thanked for her work in writing supporting letters. Minute Secretary to visit and to ascertain her accommodation situation.

c) **Coming Home Team**

It was agreed that members should bring contributions to a Christmas hamper to the December meeting.

d) **Elderpark Library**

£1m had been awarded to the Elderpark Library to develop a community facility and to upgrade the building.

e) **Show People at Water Row and Pearce Lane**

Mr Stringfellow attended to explain the threats to the sites of Show People across the country from property developers. The Chair expressed the hope that the situation would improve.

f) **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.

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

Our Secretary had spoken to the Police and efforts would be made to secure a presence in future. Cllr Kane suggested phoning Sgt Bob Anderson at the Sergeants Desk at 0141 532 5454 before meetings.

h) Police issues

Cllr Kane reported on efforts to tackle youth disorder in the Harmony scheme (a bottle had been thrown at a police car at the end of October). In general partnership working with the Housing Associations had helped calm the scheme. Our Chair mentioned seeing boys throwing stones at a bus in Govan Road at the Trustee Savings Bank. Cllr Kane stressed the need to report incidents to secure police resources.

i) Govan Fair Association

The meeting on 2 October had been poorly attended. Another was being held in the Pearce Institute on 6 November at 6 p.m.

j) East Govan Community Council

Forms had been sent out to potential members.

k) The Graving Dock

An email was read from Hamish Rhodes of the Govan Docks Regeneration Trust outlining consultation on the Trust's perspectives for the docks. Cllr Kane brought the Council up to date with the current stage of negotiations between the City Council and developers. He also noted the dangerous and unsecured nature of the site following a visit with police last month.

l) The Pearce Institute

There was a report on discussions to develop the Institute and ensure the re-establishment of the café. It was felt that Paul McAlinden as Chair was likely to supply much needed energy. Some concerns were expressed at the lack, on occasion, of PI personnel at the front of the building and the potential for vandalism.

m) Govan Community Boxing Club

Kieran Stockwell spoke on the Club's efforts to secure permanent premises. It was currently housed at Govan High School but lacked facilities enabling it to store equipment. It had recently affiliated to Boxing Scotland which should assist it in securing further grants. He noted the Club's success in taking forward one youngster to the Scottish semi-finals and its work in developing training for girls and adults three nights in the week.

The Council welcomed the Club's work in providing activity for young people – in a community where such facilities were limited – and agreed to provide letters of support for its fund raising initiatives. In terms of the search for permanent premises Cllr Kane suggested the Shed on Govan Road and some of the vacant business premises on Broomloan Road.

n) Asda Night-time deliveries

No further information. It did not appear to have been discussed at the Planning Committee.

3. REPORT FROM SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE

Govan Loves Christmas

A letter was read from Govan Housing Association outlining plans for this year's Govan Loves Christmas on Wednesday 5 December at 3 to 6 p.m. and appealing for sponsorship. This year it would include pipe bands, fireworks, choirs and a funfair as well as the usual festivities and gifts for youngsters. It was AGREED to donate £100 towards the costs of the event.

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4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) **Accounts for 2017-2018**

These were circulated and agreed for presentation to the auditor prior to submission to the City Council.

b) **Strategy meeting**

The Secretary would now seek to agree a date in February with the Health Minister Jeanne Freeman to discuss the QEUH and to enable steps to be taken to secure 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.

c) **Govan Letter**

We should plan the next issue for late February to report on the Strategy meeting and also, hopefully, to promote the three by-elections for Council membership.

5. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR JOHN KANE

Bridge to Partick

Cllr Kane outlined plans for the new bridge to Partick. This would link the current ferry terminal on the Govan side to the Transport Museum on the north side of the river. Drilling would shortly commence on the river and river banks and construction begin in 2020 and finish in 2021. The bridge would be 6m wide and 95m long.

Rangers Community Forum

Invitations had gone to Community Councils to send two representatives to a forum on 14 November at 12 noon to discuss issues of traffic and parking on match days.

Hills Trust redevelopment and associated housing scheme

Contracts had now finally been signed and work would commence in the New Year

COUNCILLOR ALLAN YOUNG

Area partnership

This was meeting in two weeks. He hoped that there would be good representation in order to focus attention on Cleansing services and the current widespread failures.

COUNCILLOR RICKY BELL

Councillor Bell also stressed the need to identify the lapses in service by Cleansing. A new Management Structure was being created that would include community liaison officers and it was important to identify lapses at this stage.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Blocked gullies and road flooding

This was raised by Flora Pagan – instancing Langlands Road at the Park and Arklet Road as both being partially flooded.

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.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2018 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.