

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

14 JANUARY 2019

Present: Allan Bell, Esme Clark, Flora Pagan, Jean Melvin, Wilma Bruce, Robert Preston, Gina Preston, Reinhild Gorniack, Daniel O'Neill, Brian McQuade, John Foster

Attending: Cllr Allan Young, Cllr Stephen Dornam

Apologies: Chris Stephens MP, Cllr John Kane, Cllr Ricky Bell, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute Taker: John Foster

1 MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

These were read by Allan Bell and moved as a correct record by Esme Clark and Robert Preston.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

a) **BAE orders**

No further news on the Type 31 contracts

b) **Refugees and asylum seekers**

The Secretary had received a card of appreciation to the Community Council from Fumini for assisting her bid for refugee status: she would respond. She has also now been rehoused within Central Govan thanks to the intervention of Govan Housing Association. We should continue our campaign to secure asylum seekers the right to work.

c) **Coming Home Team**

The gifts had been handed over by our Chair and Secretary. It was hoped a photograph would be available.

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

No action had yet been taken – though it was hoped that the £750,000 public realm expenditure on roads and pavements in Central Govan could be used to create a safer traffic system.

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

Our Chair had sought to make contact with the responsible officer Sgt Caroline Mulcahy Cllr Young offered to do so as well.

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

Our Chair reported that he had been in discussion with youth providers locally and hoped to be able to create a comprehensive register of activities available.

g) **Govan Fair Association**

A meeting had taken place the previous week and new officers had now been elected – including Dot Courtney as Chair and Peter McCarthy. It had been agreed to revert to the earlier structure, to write to the Scottish Charity Commission OSCA to dispense with the limited company and, on the day, to keep to the old route. A fund-raising dance would take place later in March.

- h) **East Govan Community Council**
The Council was meeting on 15 January.
- i) **The Graving Dock**
No further progress.
- j) **The Pearce Institute**
The café had been reopened under the management of Stephen Barry. Reports were very favourable.
- k) **Govan Community Boxing Club**
No further report on permanent premises
- l) **Asda Night-time deliveries**
Cllr Dornan reported on discussions at Planning. Early morning deliveries were not favoured unless through the Helen Street entrance.
- m) **Blocked gullies and road flooding**
It was unclear whether the gullies had been cleared – although it was reported that the puddles had gone.
- n) **Rangers Community Forum**
No further report
- o) **Rents: legal position of pre-1989 Housing Association tenants**
Councillor Young reported that the Council's DRS department was in dialogue with the Scottish government and hoped to get a response in the near future.

3. REPORT FROM SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE

Govan Loves Christmas

Officers had attended – it was successful although the weather was very wet.

Area Partnership: Cleansing procedures

There were reports of very poor and spasmodic bin collections over the past month and the failure of refuse staff to distinguish between refuse and recycling. It was AGREED, on the suggestion of Councillor Dornan, that a representative of LES be invited to the Area Committee to explain.

Consultation on the Transport (Scotland) 2017 Bill

Our Secretary read the letter to the leader of the City Council calling on the Council to call on the Scottish government to amend the Bill to include provision for a Lothian style public ownership of bus transport. It was AGREED to lobby other Community Councils to make similar representations.

Café 13

Our Secretary read the email from our MP Chris Stephens and reported on the meeting held on Friday at CGAP regarding the break-in at Café 13 which considered options for securing the café against break-ins. The landlord (the church) and CGAP were supportive of some physical means of better securing the premises – although the condition of Heritage funding had been that the café itself should not have security shutters. It was AGREED that the Community Council should support the allocation of funds to physical protection of the premises to the maximum and should write to CGAP expressing the importance of the café

for the process of regeneration of the Water Row area and the need for better physical security.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Accounts for 2017-2018

These had been audited and had been sent to the City Council prior to Christmas. Thanks were recorded to our Secretary and Chair.

b) Election of a new Treasurer

The vacancy had been declared at the December meeting.

Reinhild Gorniack was nominated by Flora Pagan and seconded by Wilma Bruce. There were no other nominations and Reinhild was elected with the votes of all members present.

c) Associate member

It was unanimously agreed that Georgina Preston, our previous Treasurer, should become an associate member now she has moved out of the area.

d) Change of signature for the bank account

The officers were asked to expedite the change of signatures on our account with the Royal Bank of Scotland in the names of the current officers.

e) Strategy meeting

It was agreed to put back the meeting to the early summer but to fix the date if possible with the Health Minister Jeanne Freeman and our MP in the course of February. 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.

f) Govan Letter

We should plan the next issue for late February or early March to build support for the Strategy meeting. A list of possible topics was tabled. These included campaigning issues such as bus transport, rents and hospital conditions, community events such as the Govan Fair, the Elderpark HA prize, the Coming Home presentation, an interview on the Pearce Institute development plans (Paul McAlinden), housing of asylum seekers and the end of the SERCO contract, Café 13, Hills Trust and Water Row.

5. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN DORNAN

Cllr Dornan reported that a) Geraldine Cotter of Money Matters had been given the Woman of the Year award for Scotland b) the plans for the Water Row development remained at outline stage and that there was a meeting of CGAP in the coming week to consider their appropriateness for a conservation area – he believed that more stress should be given to shops and restaurants than to simply more housing for this development and also for the proposal to build houses on part of the shopping centre car park.

COUNCILLOR YOUNG

Cllr Young reported that the City Council would set its budget later in the month and it was expected that the administration would ask for cuts of up to £60m – more than twice the amount imposed last year.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked if there were other issues which members wished to raise.

Street lights burning during the day

Members from Langlands Road and Drumoyne raised the number of street lights that remained on during the day. Streets mentioned were Elderpark Grove, Ardruthie Road and Uist Street.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2019 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.