

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

4 MARCH 2019

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

Attending: Cllr John Kane, Scott Hardie (Police Scotland), David Jones, Sukai Secka

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

Minute Taker: John Foster

1. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

These were read by Allan Bell and moved as a correct record by Esme Clark and Wilma Bruce

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

a) **BAE orders**

Await further report from Chris Stephens

b) **Refugees and asylum seekers: right to work**

The Chair had visited the support base in the Pearce Institute and would be maintaining contact.

c) **Coming Home Team**

It was agreed to collect gifts for Easter at the April meeting.

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

Our Chair reported an instance of aggressive driving. The police representative took note of the need for vigilance.

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

Constable Scott Hardie was welcomed to the meeting.

f) **Police issues**

Scott reported that there had been 299 calls to the police in January and a reduced number, 267, in February. They were classified as follows.

Nature of crime reported	January	February
Drugs	13	10
Road traffic	24	20
Disorder	34	26
Acquisitive/theft	24	17

He noted particularly the problem presented to road safety by youngsters on quad bikes, mostly stolen. Some bikes had been recently seized. He urged members to report.

Our Chair instanced an attempted theft he had prevented in the Magpie Nest in Burleigh Street. Scott made a note to look in.

g) Govan Fair Association

The minute secretary had spoken to Peter McCarthy and he would ensure that Flora and Jean were informed of meetings. The procession would commence at Elder Park and end at Copland Road this year and take place on Friday 7 June.

h) East Govan Community Council

Fifteen were reported to have attended the February meeting.

i) The Graving Dock

No further progress – although the dock would be used for a film set over the summer.

j) Govan Community Boxing Club

No further report on permanent premises

k) Blocked gullies and road flooding

Problems remained in Langlands Road – mainly because the machines to clear gullies were blocked by parked cars.

l) Rangers Community Forum

Cllr Kane had attended and noted the extensive work of the Rangers Charity Foundation, particularly among youth and on issues of diversity, and suggested a speaker might be invited to a future meeting. He also noted that there were many objections lodged to the Event Day Parking Scheme.

m) Rents: legal position of pre-1989 Housing Association tenants

Copies of the Petition to the Scottish Parliament, as agreed at the February meeting, were distributed and circulated for signature at the meeting. Once signatures had been collected a submission would be made to the Scottish Parliament for a Hearing at the Petitions Committee.

o) Area Partnership: Cleansing procedures

Cllr Kane reported that new management structures were being introduced, on a neighbourhood basis, but that, in his opinion, responsiveness remained poor. He was also concerned that Environmental Health was now, in managerial terms, responsible to LES. He had raised the question with the Council's Chief Executive as to whether this involved a conflict of interest.

p) Consultation on the Transport (Scotland) 2017 Bill

Daniel O'Neill was drafting a letter to the City Council calling for a response to the recent consultation that strongly reiterated the demand for a Lothian style scheme to be made possible by legally enabling all councils to provide regionally organised public bus services

q) Café 13

Chris Stephens MP reported by email that the meeting held previously that day had identified a security fix that would include an enhanced alarm system with vibration sensors on all windows, the installation of full height entry gates and joinery modifications to both external doors. A mix of funding sources was being investigated.

r) Letter of Support

Sukai Secka attended to thank the Community Council for its letter of support. She had travelled to Liverpool for her interview but had not yet received any response.

3. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Change of signature for the bank account

Our Secretary now had the relevant forms and would seek to secure all necessary signatures with two out of three officers signing.

b) Strategy meeting

Our Secretary would continue with arrangements for a meeting in the early summer and fix the date if possible with the Health Minister Jeanne Freeman and our MP over the next couple of months. It was hoped to 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.

c) Govan Letter

A full draft was circulated. An interview with the Chair of the PI had still to be conducted and it was agreed to include photos from the IWD event at Mary Barbour's statue on Friday 8th March – with the laying of flowers.

d) Computing equipment

Secretary to secure quote for new computer and printer/scanner for next meeting

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Consultation on allotments and sustainable food Either our Secretary or Chair would attend

Digital Fun Day at the Pearce Institute 1 to 4.30 p.m. on Friday 8 March with hands on experience of soldering and building robots

Govan Thriving Places 13 March at 1 p.m. Ibrox Stadium: Our Chair to attend

Lord Provosts Award 2019

It was agreed to nominate May Nicholson of the Preshall Trust, responsible for the SW Food Bank among other activities to assist those needing help.

5. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR JOHN KANE

Councillor Kane's report dealt with:

a) Parking

Concern at inadequate parking provided for in new housing projects and the loss of existing parking as a result of proposed developments at Water Row and the Co-op carpark

b) BBC

Opportunities offered by expansion of programming in Scotland for local work and discussions, which he wanted to develop, with a BBC director on the benefits for the locality

c) Bridge over the Clyde at Water Row

Daniel O'Neill raised whether the bridge could be covered to cope with the inclement weather. Cllr Kane would consult on feasibility and desirability.

d) European In Door Athletics Championship and visit by Jason Gardner

Jason Gardner, Chair of British Athletics, had agreed to visit Govan at some point in the summer to discuss motivating local youngsters' involvement in Athletics.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

- a) Lights burning during day: those in Greenfield Street now off
- b) Trolleys: no progress, instances of trolleys being dumped from vans.
- c) Increase in rat population in central Govan partly result of building work and partly uncollected food refuse.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 1 APRIL 2019 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.