

# GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**1 APRIL 2019**

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

Attending: Cllr John Kane, Cllr R Bell, Cllr Allan Young, David Jones, Eleanor McMahon (Govan and Linthouse Church), Niall Christie (Evening Times)

Apologies: Allan Bell, Chris Stephens MP, Humza Yousaf MSP

Minute Taker: John Foster

### **1. MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING**

These were read by Flora Pagan 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 would report further at the next meeting.

#### **c) Presence of police at Council meetings**

There was no representative at the meeting. An email had been received via Lee Handlin at Democratic Services from Ross Jackson, the officer in charge of local authority liaison that in future police representatives would only give verbal reports on crime trends as the basis for discussion.

#### **d) Police issues**

No police issues were raised.

#### **e) Govan Fair Association**

A letter was read from the President Dot Courtney on plans for 7 June. The Queen would be chosen by the pupils at Lorne Street school and be crowned at 6 p.m. in the Pierce Institute. The procession would leave Fairlie Street at 7 p.m. and proceed to Langlands Road. Flora Pagan noted that the committee needed some new, younger members.

#### **f) The Graving Dock**

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

#### **g) Blocked gullies and road flooding**

Problems remained in Langlands Road – access to the gullies was no longer blocked by parked cars.

#### **h) Rangers Community Forum**

Cllr Kane reported that there had been no further meeting since February.

**i) 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. A submission had now been made to the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee for a Hearing at the Petitions Committee and the petition would appear on the Scottish parliament website for signature. Once the petition was live, it was hoped that Evening Times would give publicity to an issue that was Scotland-wide.

**o) Area Partnership: Cleansing procedures**

Cllr Kane reported that it was hoped to secure attendance by a senior officer from LES to discuss issues of refuse collections and street sweeping.

**p) Consultation on the Transport (Scotland) 2017 Bill**

The letter drafted by Daniel O'Neill would be despatched by the minute secretary on behalf of our Secretary by next post.

**q) Café 13**

Eleanor McMahon reported that the staff in Café 13 had been reassured by the support shown and that a number of physical changes to the entrance would make it more secure.

### **3. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION**

**a) Change of signature for the bank account**

Our Secretary now had the relevant forms and the changes would be made within two weeks.

**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 by the end of May. 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**

The March issue had been circulated and included coverage of the wreath laying on International Women's Day at the statue of Mary Barbour. Cllr Kane suggested that next year invitations be circulated more widely across Glasgow.

**d) Computing equipment**

Secretary had secured a quote, including a printer/scanner, for approximately £500 and would proceed with the purchase.

**e) Signed copy of the amended constitution**

Our Chair would return this to the City Council once he was back from Arran.

### **4. PLANNING**

**Access to St Mary's (Govan Linthouse Parish Church)**

Eleanor McMahon, representing the Church, attended to express concerns at the current plans for the Water Row development and to explain why the Church had lodged an objection. The Church had two main concerns. One was that there was inadequate access to the Church for funerals and weddings (previously along Napier Road). The second was

that the loss of the existing parking at Water Row would cause serious problems when major events were held in the Church and several hundred people attended. The Church was also concerned that no arrangements were made, despite its request, for a special hearing by planners of these issues.

After discussion the meeting AGREED to support the position of the Church in terms of the need for adequate access via Napier Road and, more generally, in terms of the lack of provision for parking that would also affect other local institutions such as the Pearce Institute.

**McDonalds, Helen Street.** Opening hours extended to 5 a.m. No objection.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Consultation on allotments and sustainable food** This had yet to take place

### **Lord Provosts Award 2019**

It was announced with great sadness that our nominee, May Nicholson of the Preshall Trust, had died the previous week.

### **Govan Stones**

Three new stones had now been discovered as a result of the archaeological excavations in the Old Govan Churchyard. Brian McQuade mentioned that there was a possibility that the lid of St Constantine's sarcophagus, removed from the church during the reformation, might yet be recovered.

## **6. REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS**

### **COUNCILLOR JOHN KANE**

On cleansing he had been liaising with LES officers and believed that there had been some improvement. He also noted the progress with new housing site at Harmony Row (opened by the Scottish Justice Minister) and the pledge by the builders that the new Elderpark HA offices in the restored Hills Trust building would be ready by Christmas.

### **COUNCILLOR RICKY BELL**

The Director of Cleansing had taken a tour of G51 and witnessed a number of the difficulties encountered with refuse collections/recycling. An Action Plan is promised.

### **COUNCILLOR ALLAN YOUNG**

Councillor Young stressed the need for continued reporting of instances where there were problems with recycling and noted the difficulties created by the limited character of the City's recycling programme.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 13 MAY 2019 at 7pm in the Workspace Board Room.**