

**Whiteinch Community Council
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Conference Room at
Whiteinch Centre on Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 7pm.**

1.0 Present: Maisie McCrae Chair, Elizabeth MacDonald Vice Chair, Stephen Biagi Treasurer, Janet Scrymgeour, Isobel McKillop, Elizabeth Brown.

Apologies: Jacqueline Mathews, Neil Robertson.

2.0 Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the previous annual general meeting were accepted as being correct proposed by proposed by Elizabeth MacDonald and seconded by Isobel McKillop.

3.0 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4.0 Chairs Report:

- In October we had the for the first the Halloween Open Air Cinema in Victoria Park and despite resident's fears it went very well and will take place at the end of this month.
- Whiteinch Foodbank moved premises this year from Whiteinch Burgh Halls to the Community Centre. Local people are supporting the foodbank and local people are using the foodbank. Thanks must go to the Church of Scotland for continuing to provide this service. We will continue to keep this item on our agenda.
- In November 2013 we first heard about Ryden's Report to market the blaes pitches at Victoria Park. Since then both WCC and Friends of VP has campaigned against the blaes pitches being leased for commercial purposes. On the closing date 26th September 2014 for official bids to Glasgow City Council, only 2 were received one from Friends of Victoria Park for a Community Orchard and Broomhill Sports Club for sports facilities. We will hear GCC's decision within the next few weeks.
- Fossil Grove: Progress on a Heritage Lottery Application has been very slow and disappointing. The working group has missed the June and October deadlines this year and the application for 2.5million will now not be submitted until next year.
- Zippo Circus was again very successful.
- Inflatable Village – On week at a time seems to be more acceptable for local families due to the costs involved.
- Commonwealth Connections: We applied to the Lottery's Celebrate Fund and to Glasgow City Council for funding to organise an event in Victoria Park on Saturday 16th August 2014. We received £5,196 from the Lottery and £1,200 from Glasgow City Council's Partick and Scotstoun/Garscadden's Area Partnerships. The event was run in partnership with Whiteinch Centre, Scotstoun & Jordanhill CC', Scotstoun Church, Dumbarton Road Corridor Environmental Trust and Friends of Victoria Park. The day was a great success in spite of the weather and special thanks must go to Isobel for taking the

minutes of the working group and keeping me right. Thanks also to Betty and Elizabeth for their contributions.

- Major Walters of the Salvation Army came to our meeting in January to recognise 125 year partnership between Whiteinch and the Salvation Army.
- In February New Park Management Regulations were circulated and caused a great stooshie. WCC submitted our objections.
- In March the Police reduced their Public Counter Service and Partick Police Station now operates between 7am and midnight.
- WSHA Energy Adviser informed us about smart meters and that the housing association has some electricity monitors to be lent out to housing tenants.
- In April CSV Action Earth 2014 Campaign was launched and we applied for a grant of £250 to plant Snowdrops in Victoria Park. This was agreed we will plant 5,000 Snowdrops on Friday 7th November 2014 at 1.30pm with pupils from Whiteinch and St Paul's primary school, volunteers from FofVP and DRCT.
- Ward 12 Flood Prevention Schemes: We enquired about this due to the flooding in England and we were assured that this area is deemed very low risk (1/500 years) and prevention measures are in accordance with this.
- Earlier this year Whiteinch Nursery received a glowing HMI report.
- Security of the park has been of concern and we have been assured that Community Safety enforcements officers are in attendance at times. However I was at a meeting with them last week and they were unaware of this. On Thursday 23rd the SS Daphne memorial plaque has been stolen again.
- Commonwealth Games: Glasgow City Council has to be congratulated on hosting excellent games. The city looked fabulous and everyone felt very proud to be Glaswegian. The park was transformed for the Commonwealth Baton Relay in Victoria Park on Monday 21st July. It was a beautiful day and enjoyed by 5,000 people who applied for tickets.
- Oswald Tower Clock: It has been decided not remove the location of this clock and at present there is a tender out for the restoration work.
- Re-development of football/playing fields at St Paul's PS. WCC sent a letter of support – unfortunately I do not know the present position.
- Whiteinch Newsletter: A group of volunteers has set up a community newspaper. To date there has been two publications - we will continue support this project.
- Holione paint ball event: In spite of the communities fears this event went very well and enjoyed by all 4,999 who attended.
- Volunteer Minute Secretary Becky Hogg was thanked for her work as minute secretary and we wished her well in her studies in London.
- Throughout the year we had 2 other speakers one on Christian's Against Poverty and Make Sectarianism a History Lesson both speakers were interesting and made us think.
- Lowering of kerbs: This was raised some time ago but last week GCC lowered the pavements from Bield Housing down to Dumbarton Road. Great for people with mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pram pushers.

- Planning Applications: No 79 Victoria Park has withdrawn their planning application and the house has been sold.
- Our website has been kept up to date and thanks must go to Michael Harris for this and for agreeing to continue in this role.
- All in all it has been a busy year. Thanks must go to you all for the help and support that I have received over the past year. Thanks also to the Councillors who have followed up issues on our behalf.

4.0 Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer circulated copies of the financial statement showing a balance of £580.70. The accounts were approved by Elizabeth MacDonald and Isobel McKillop. It was also agreed that our website co-ordinator be given an honorarium of £75.

5.0 Election of Office Bearers:

Chair Maisie McCrae and Vice Chair Elizabeth MacDonald agreed to stay on.
Secretary: Candidate Elizabeth Brown proposed by Isobel McKillop and seconded by Elizabeth MacDonald.

Treasurer: Stephen Biagi stood down as treasurer – will continue until we find someone to replace him.

6.0 Independent Examiner for next year:

It was agreed to appoint Eleanor Nelson to examine our books for the financial year ending in October 2015.

7.0 Vote for new member:

Michael Harris (although absent agreed prior to meeting) proposed by Isobel McKillop and seconded by Elizabeth Brown agreed.

8.0 Review of Inventory:

1 Laptop Computer and 1 Printer.

9.0 Date and time of next AGM:

The next AGM will take place on Tuesday 27th October 2015.

10.0 Close of Meeting:

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and throughout the year.