

# WHITEINCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Conference Room of Whiteinch Community Centre on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7pm.

- 1.0 Present:** Maisie McCrae (Chair) Elizabeth MacDonald (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Brown (Secretary) Michael Harris, Janet Scrymgeour, Colin McGeoch, Illinor Douglas, Isobel McKillop, Neil Robertson, Stephen Biagi (Treasurer) Gillian Morgan, Kath Anderson.  
**In Attendance:** Evelyn O'Donnell, Glasgow City Council Resource Centre. Sarah Brown, Member of the Public.  
**Apologies:** Simon Garforth.

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting with particular mention of the new members, Kath Anderson and Gillian Morgan, who has returned to the Community Council after a break. She also welcomed Evelyn O'Donnell from Glasgow City Council, as an independent person to oversee the elections and Sarah Brown, a member of the public.

- 2.0 Approval of Minutes:**  
The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (28<sup>th</sup> October 2014) were approved.

**3.0 Report by Chair:**

**Result of Ryden's marketing of the Blaes Pitches:** Maisie McCrae informed the meeting that at the closing date, three submissions had been received – Friends of Victoria Park, Broomhill Sports Club and Victoria Park Drive North Residents Association. WCC hosted a meeting in January 2015 at St Thomas Aquinas School and from that meeting there was a further online consultation. A meeting was to be held this week but has been postponed. Over a year later, we are still awaiting Glasgow City Council's decision.

**Wall at Fore Street:** After persevering, the wall was repaired and it is now safe and looking good.

**Oswald Clock:** Bids for the repair of the clock went to tender in October 2014 and it was fully restored. The clock's mechanism is now operating with electricity. It looks splendid and is painted in Partick Burgh's colours - the same as the Jubilee Gates.

**Halloween Drive In:** This was again a great success. Unfortunately, this year it has been transferred to Ibrox as there were many complaints from the residents in Jordanhill.

**Snowdrops Forever:** WCC, FofVP and children from St Paul's and Whiteinch Primary Schools planted snowdrops in November and there was a good show of flowers in February. Hopefully, this year and subsequent years the display will be even better as the bulbs increase each year.

**New Southern General Hospital:** Members attended meetings to clarify transport to and from the new hospital and highlight the shortage of parking for staff and visitors.

**Foodbank:** The Foodbank has moved to Barclay Curle House in South Street. The Whiteinch Centre is still collecting food for the foodbank.

**Replacement Chute:** It was agreed to apply to Partick West and Garscadden and Scotstoun Area Partnerships for a replacement chute and climbing structure for the Park. This was approved and installed in September 2015.

**Community Champions:** WCC agreed to be partners in the working group organising Whiteinch Community Champion Awards and agreed to make a donation of £200. The Award Ceremony took place on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and was very successful.

**Malcolm's Planning Application for Re-Application for a Waste Recycling facility at 865 South Street:** A campaign group was set up in partnership with Scotstoun CC, Jordanhill CC, FofVP, SCARA, Yoker CC and letters of objection have been sent. This application has still to come before the Planning Committee. WCC had 2,000 leaflets printed and distributed in the area highlighting local concerns.

**SS Daphne Memorial Plaque:** Unfortunately this was stolen prior to the Commonwealth Games last year and it was not reported to the Police. WCC agreed that it was important to remember this disaster and we applied for funding from the Area Partnership to replace it. The replacement was installed in September.

**Whiteinch Old Town Hall:** Workmen were on the roof earlier this year to ensure that the pillars at each end were safe and also cleared away some of the overgrown foliage on the roof.

**Community Noticeboard:** We agreed to have a Community Noticeboard which would be sited at the fence at the side of Tesco. This has been approved by the appropriate department but to date has not been installed.

**Zippo Circus:** The Circus was in the Park from 16 – 21 June and there were no objections.

**Fossil Grove:** Another year has passed and still no Heritage Lottery Application has been submitted. LES states that it cannot proceed if Glasgow Life does not take on the day to day management. It would appear that it is not on the work plan of any member of the LES's Management Team. There has only been one meeting of the Fossil Grove Trust this year and the October meeting and AGM have both been canceled. This is a site of scientific interest and one of the major attractions for visitors to Glasgow.

**Integrated Grant Fund:** We applied to this fund for £22,611.00 for local youths, in partnership with Graffiti Artists, to paint the two underpasses at the Library and Nature Walk. We were very disappointed that this application was unsuccessful.

**No 1 Bus:** The new bus stop at Victoria Park on the Expressway has proved to be popular with local residents and people visiting the park. WCC has requested a bus shelter on the park side.

Michael Harris represented Whiteinch Community Council at the Civic Reception in the City Chambers to Commemorate the First World War and also at the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood.

WCC is still very involved in the campaign against Malcolm's planning application for a Waste Recycling facility in South Street. Thanks to Isobel McKillop and Stephen Biaigi for attending these meetings. Thanks must also go to Elizabeth Brown who is very good at researching issues and advising and assisting in writing funding applications.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our members and to Betty MacDonald who has been our Vice Chair for the past four years. With everyone doing a little bit we make a big difference to our local

community. Thanks also to the Councilors who have taken forward any issues we have had and reported back to us. It is important for Whiteinch to have a vibrant and successful Community Council to speak up for the well being of the people living and working in our community.

- 4.0 Approve Treasurer's submission of Independently Examined Statement of Accounts:** Stephen circulated a financial statement which has been independently audited by Eleanor Nelson. There have been some delays in invoices being received by us. However, taking this into account our current balance is £540.
- 5.0 Demit of Current Office Bearers:** The current office bears all stood down.
- 6.0 Call for Nominations for the election of Office Bearers:** Maisie McCrae stood down and handed the meeting over to Evelyn O'Donnell to conduct the election. The following members were duly elected: Maisie McCrae, Elizabeth MacDonald, Janet Scrymgeour, Stephen Biagi, Michael Harris, Colin McGeoch, Elizabeth Brown, Neil Robertson, Gillian Morgan, Kath Anderson, Illinor Douglas, Isobel McKillop.  
**Office Bearers:** Gillian Morgan, Chair, Maisie McCrae Vice Chair, Elizabeth Brown, Secretary, Colin McGeoch, Treasurer. Gillian will also undertake to be the Planning/Licensing Contact.
- 7.0 Call for other Nominations:** Representative on Partick West Area Partnership – Elizabeth Brown; Web Master – Michael Harris; Newsletter for Housing Association – Michael Harris; Representative for Housing Association – Elizabeth MacDonald; Fossil Grove Trust – Neil Robertson. Representative for FofVP – Elizabeth MacDonald.
- 8.0 Nomination to act as Chair at Community Council Forum:** Nil.
- 9.0 Note Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for Next Year:** It was agreed that Eleanor Nelson would act in this capacity.
- 10.0 Appointment of Associate Members:** Simon Garforth and Ali Abram invited to become Associate Members.
- 11.0 Review the Inventory and Additional Resources:** Nil
- 12.0**
- 13.0 Chairperson confirms date of Next AGM:** AGM will take place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**The Chair formally declared the AGM closed.**

