

WHITEINCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th October 2014 held in the Whiteinch Centre at 7.30pm

1.0 **Present:** Maisie McCrae (Chair), Elizabeth MacDonald (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Brown (Secretary), Isobel McKillop (Minutes), Janet Scrymgeour, Stephen Biagi, Cllr Kenny McLean

Apologies: Neil Robertson, Michael Harris, Jacqueline Mathew, Cllr Bartos

In Attendance: Constables Jason McCartney and Linda Donaghy

2.0 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved

3.0 **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **Whiteinch Foodbank:** No current information.

3.2 **Result of Ryden's marketing of the Blaes Pitches:** Maisie informed the meeting that at the closing date only two submissions had been received – Friends of Victoria Park and Broomhill Sports Club. Details can be found on the websites. No decision has been reached yet but it is hoped that Community Groups will be informed as soon as possible.

3.3 **Wall at Fore Street:** There appears to be some confusion over this item. Les has cleared the ground in front of the wall and the ground behind it is owned by Scotrail but ownership of the wall itself appears unknown and it is not known if repairs are required or not. To be clarified.

3.4 **Oswald Clock:** Bids for the repair of the clock are currently out to tender.

4.0 **Reports:**

4.1 **Police:** For the period 29th September 2014 to 26 October 2014 crime figures are down. However, there has been a noticeable increase in the theft of pedal cycles and those present were given security advice. Particular emphasis was placed on noting the serial number as this helps to identify individual bikes. Overall figure were Incidents - 148, Crime Reports - 39.

Maisie informed the officers that the plaque commemorating the sinking of the SS Daphne, which is sited within Victoria Park, has been stolen for the second time. She was unsure if Parks staff had reported same.

4.2 **Fire:** For the Whiteinch area – statistics are as follows: Accidental dwelling house fire – 1
Rubbish Fire – 1; Malicious Fire alarm – 1; False alarm/good intent – 2.

4.3 **Councillors Report:** Cllr McLean spoke about the Fossil Grove Bid (which is yet to be submitted) and the above mentioned Ryden's Report. He also stated that he had received numerous complaints regarding the missing fence at the north west corner of the park (Westland Drive.) The fence was removed some time ago to allow access to large vehicles and has never been reinstated. It would seem, in fact, that it is missing completely. However, there are some spare lengths of fence within the park yard and it is hoped that it will be possible to have this problem fixed. Maisie mentioned the fact that large lorries are having problems negotiating the double roundabout at Westland Drive and that perhaps consideration could be given to re-siting the gate.

4.4 **Friends of Victoria Park:** Maisie informed those present that the Area Partnerships has funding to be used for local projects. After discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would bid for funding to provide a chute and roundabout for the children's play area and that FOVP would also make an application for funding to provide extra picnic benches within the park.

4.5 **Snowdrops Forever:** The Community Council had applied for and received a grant to purchase snowdrop bulbs to be planted in the park. This will take place on Friday, 7th November 2014 at 1.30pm. Local school children from St Paul's and Whiteinch primary schools will be involved, as well as FoVP, members of DRCE and members of the Community Council. Adults will lift the turf and the children will plant the bulbs.

4.6 **Demographic Changes in Glasgow City and Neighbourhoods:** Maisie had received a report which had been issued as a result of data collected from the last census. Briefly, the population in the area seems to be getting younger and there are more children. This will obviously have implications for education, employment, housing etc. There are still areas of extreme poverty within the city which will require to be addressed.

- 5.0 Financial Report:** Stephen provided those present with a balance sheet for the past year's income and expenditure. To date the Community Council has £580.70 as a credit balance although this should increase when the grant for the snowdrop bulbs is received.
- 6.0 Planning Applications:** 56 Jordanvale Avenue – Sub-division of disused workshop to forms gymnasium – no objections. 29 Victoria Park Street – proposal for single storey extension – no objections. 865 South Street –“ Alteration and diversification of existing waste, recycling facility to incorporate an energy recovery facility through use of existing building and with provision of an associated flue and Infrastructure.” – Some concerns were raised re this application and a representative from the company will attend the next meeting to explain the proposals. There will also be a public meeting on 3 December 2014 at Heart of Scotstoun.
- 7.0 Correspondence:**
- 7.1 Creative Writing Grants for young People:** Maisie told those present that these grants were available for young people in the area should there be any interest.
- 7.2 Request from BSc Psychology Student** - Mhairi McKay has asked if the CC would grant permission for her to have a link on our website. She is doing a project on "the Glasgow Effect." There were no objections.
- 7.3 Community Planning Partnership Structures:** We had received an invitation to take part in a working group but it was felt that this would be a duplication of existing Groups.
- 7.4 Halloween Drive in Movie:** This will take place again this year in the park 29/10 – 2 November 2014.
- 8.0 AOCB**
- 8.1 Glasgow City Council Invitation:** Maisie stated that she had received an invitation for one member of the Community Council to attend a Civic Reception on 11 November to commemorate the start of the first world war. It was agreed to offer Michael Harris the opportunity to attend.
- 8.2 Parks Management Rules:** A meeting will be held in the City Chambers on Saturday, 15th November 2014 0930 – 1.00pm to discuss the results of the consultation of the Park Management Rules.
- 8.3 Letter from Alan McWilliams:** - Maisie has received a communication from Alan, who is the Minister of Whiteinch Church. He is asking for support to hold a Gala event to celebrate Community Life prior to Summer 2015. There would be an opportunity to nominate Community Champions and there would be a working group set up to set out criteria etc. This matter was discussed and it was felt again that there was an element of duplication as there is a scheme presently in operation. Maisie will write to Alan explaining this and represent WCC at the meeting.
- 9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 25th November 2014 at 7pm

