

WHITEINCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30TH September 2014 in the Whiteinch Centre at 7pm.

1.0 **Present:** Elizabeth Brown (temp Chair), Elizabeth MacDonald (Vice Chair), Isobel McKillop (Minutes) Stephen Biagi, Illinor Douglas, Simon Garforth, Cllr Feargal Dalton, Cllr Martin Bartos.

Apologies: Maisie McCrae (Chair), Jacqueline Mathew, Neil Robertson, Janet Scrymgeour

2.0 **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Approved.

3.0 **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **Whiteinch Foodbank:** no up to date information.

3.2 **Oswald Tower Clock:** the contract to restore the clock, in its current location has been awarded.

3.3 **Commonwealth Connections "Thank You" Event on Monday, 15th September 2014:** this event was held to express the appreciation of the Community Council members to the many volunteers who took part and helped make it a success.

3.4 **Letter sent to LES regarding the wall at Fore Street:** Concern had been expressed at the lack of maintenance of the ground in front of the wall at Fore Street. It had been unclear who actually owned the ground but correspondence had been received stating that while Scotrail owned the wall and ground behind it, the ground on the road side of the wall was the responsibility of the Council. A letter had been sent to LES and Illinor informed those present that action had been taken to tidy up the ground.

3.5 **Invitation to NHS Community Engagement Team:** as concerns had been expressed regarding the new South Glasgow Hospital, the Community Engagement team have been invited to attend a Community Council meeting. They have agreed to attend the November meeting.

4.0 **Reports:**

4.1 **Police:** no Police in attendance.

4.2 **Fire:** no current information.

4.3 **Councillors:** Cllr Dalton stated that he had attended the Partick West Area Partnership meeting and had objected to a proposal to limit the meetings to four per year. He, and other Councillors, had requested that the status quo be maintained ie meetings every six weeks. They had requested that LES staff attend every other meeting but they had refused to agree to this and stated that they would attend twice a year. The Councillors did not accept this and further enquiries will be made. The issue of parking, around Scostoun Leisure Centre and the Auction House was raised at the Partnership meeting and a survey will be carried out before the next Partnership meeting. Cllr Dalton stated that he had been approached by some local residents regarding the lack of cleanliness of local streets. While litter is lifted, there are areas where considerable amounts of soil are accumulating and weeds growing. He said he would raise the matter with LES. Parking issues had also been brought to his attention but this is an ongoing problem and it was difficult to obtain clear cut guidelines on this matter.

Cllr Bartos concurred with the above and informed those present that he was trying to have more rubbish bins installed.

4.4 **Friends of Victoria Park:** Elizabeth said that FoVP had been pleased with the Community response to the protest held in the Park against the potential leading of the blaes pitches to private enterprise. Submissions had to be with the Council by 26th September but it is not yet clear who will make the

decision or indeed when the results will be published.

4.5 Report Sent to Lottery for Commonwealth Connections: Maisie has submitted a final report on the Commonwealth Connections event to the Lottery Commission and the City Council.

5.0 Financial Report: Stephen was unable to give an update as Maisie currently has the cheque book but he will provide a report at the AGM in October.

6.0 Planning Applications: None.

7.0 Correspondence:

7.1 Community Empowerment Bill: Elizabeth provided an “easy read” copy of the Community Empowerment Bill and a brief discussion took place.

7.2 CC AGM in October: As previously stated, the AGM will take place in October and the CC accounts will be finalised and will require to be audited. Cllr Bartos reminded the meeting that a Council officer could be asked to attend and act as Chair.

7.3 Glasgow Life Annual Review: Elizabeth provided a copy of the Glasgow Life Annual Review for Council Members.

7.4 Bill Kidd MSP Surgery times: the Community Council had received a note of Bill Kidd’ surgery times for Whiteinch, ie the 4th Saturday each month at 11am.

8.0 AOCB:

8.1 Simon stated that concern had been expressed regarding an article in the local Whiteinch newspaper which had highlighted the possibility that the cycle path was to be lowered and a road built for the Fastlink. No local residents had been consulted. The Community Council had been aware of this and had responded some months ago with an objection.

The subject of the missing street lamp at the corner of the cycle path was raised again. This matter has been reported to the Council on several occasions.

9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting: the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th October 2014 at 7pm. The AGM will also take place.