

WHITEINCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Council Meeting held on 28th April 2014 at 7pm in Whiteinch Community Centre

- 1 Present:** Maisie McCrae (Chair), Elizabeth Macdonald (Vice Chair) Isobel McKillop (Minutes) Neil Robertson Illinor Douglas, Stephen Biagi, Jaqueline Matthew, Janet Scymgeour, Cllr Kenny McLean
Apologies: Michael Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Simon Garforth
In attendance: Acting Sergeant John Marshall Police Scotland

- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved.

- 3 Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 Foodbank:** The Foodbank appears to be operating well in the new premises which gives more privacy. Donations are still welcome and can be handed in at the Community Centre.

 - 3.2 Blaes Pitches:** No further information at present.

 - 3.3 Oswald Clock:** The restoration of the clock is progressing well and it is hoped that it will be in place in June 2015. Maisie has been sent some photographs of the progress.

 - 3.4 Community Champion:** The deadline for submissions has been extended until 1st May 2015.

 - 3.5 SS Daphne – Grant:** The cost of replacing the stolen plaque would be £1,198. The plaque would be made of resin and covered with a bronze powder rather than being cast bronze. It is hoped that this would make it less likely to be stolen. While we are eligible to apply for a grant from the Area Partnership, it is not known as yet if this will be approved. The Parks Department staff would install the plaque and make it more secure.

 - 3.6 Community Noticeboard:** Michael has provided the co-ordinates for the location of the new noticeboard.

 - 3.7 Action Earth – Scottish Bluebells:** We have applied for a grant of £250.00 to purchase Scottish Bluebells to be planted in the park. It was agreed that if we receive this grant we should purchase them “in the green” at a cost of £110.00 per 1,000 bulbs plus VAT and postage. It is proposed to purchase 2,000 bulbs. Any monetary shortfall will be made up by the Community Council. If successful in obtaining this grant Maisie will speak to staff in the park regarding making arrangements for planting as they should be planted in May.
 - 3.6.1 Leafletting re Malcolm’s Planning Application:** As considerable concern was being expressed by various organisations in Whiteinch and the surrounding areas regarding this application, it was decided to have a leaflet printed and distributed throughout Whiteinch to inform people of the proposed development and to provide a template letter which could be sent by individuals to the Council expressing objections. This was in line with leaflets sent out by Scotstoun CC, SCARA etc. Two volunteers, suggested by Whiteinch Community Centre, were paid the sum of £50 each to distribute 2,000 leaflets within the local area. We were informed that one of the volunteers was attacked by a dog while performing this task and sustained substantial injury to his hand. This incident is deeply regretted and Maisie has been kept updated as to the current condition of the volunteer who is on sick leave at present. There has been a good response to the leaflet.

- 4.0 Reports:**
 - 4.1 Police:** Within the past 4 weeks there had been no Serious Assaults, 4 Common Assaults, 3 possession of drugs 1 Breach of the Peace relating to drinking. There was one attempt Housebreaking, one reported theft of a pedal cycle and 3 reports of thefts from motor vehicles. There is an ongoing initiative at present with regard to housebreaking and those present were reminded that care should always be taken to keep valuable items out of sight whether within the home or in a vehicle. Police Scotland recommend registering property

(phones, laptops, jewellery etc) with **immobilize.com**. This is a website, independent of, but endorsed by the police. It greatly increases the chance of recovered stolen property being returned to its rightful owner.

4.2 Housing: No recent information.

4.3 Councillors: Cllr McLean stated that he had some information with regard to planning at the western edge of the Glasgow Harbour development. Although, technically, this is not within the Whiteinch area, it is of relevance. Planning consent has been granted for building blocks of flats for private rental with limited parking. The Chief Executive of the Clyde Port Authority has stated that they are looking at developing various parcels of land along the riverside together with other interested partners. Cllr McLean also informed those present that Tesco will not now be building a new store on the South Street site.

4.4 Fire: 1 rubbish fire reported in Curle Street, 1 False Alarm/Good Intent – Dumbarton Road and 1 Other Special Services in South Street.

5.0 Financial Report: We have received the grant of £16,000 to be used for the replacement chute within Victoria Park. LES require to send us an invoice.

6.0 Planning: Holi One will be taking place again this year in the Park – no planning consent required. Zippo Circus has applied to use the park between 16 – 21 June 2015 – no objections.

7.0 Correspondence :

7.1 Integrated Grant Fund Review Meeting: Glasgow Council is intending to change with way budgets are handled. Meeting on 15th May 2015.

7.2 CC's Discussion Forum: Maisie had attended a meeting regarding this. The Council are trying to make the system more "user friendly." Next meeting is on 9th May 2015.

8.0 AOCB:

8.1 Maisie stated that we had received information regarding a Volunteers Event. This is a project to support and provide resources for volunteers.

9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on 26th May 2015 at 7pm.

