

Whiteinch Community Council

Minutes of Community Council meeting held 24/11/15 in Whiteinch Centre at 7pm.

1 Present Maisie McCrae (Vice Chair), Gillian Morgan (Chair), Elizabeth MacDonald, Elizabeth Brown (Secretary), Neil Robertson, Kath Anderson, Isobel McKillop, Janet Scrymgeour, Stephen Biagi (Treasurer), Colin McGeoch ,Michael Harris, Cllrs Bartos (from 7.55) and Dalton.

In Attendance: J. Marshall and C Thompson: Police Scotland

2 Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed N. Robertson and seconded by M. McCrae.

The Chair welcomed every one to the first meeting of the new Council and expressed her desire and intention to fulfil the role of Chair in a positive and effective manner.

3 Matters arising

3.1 Foodbank: Donations and volunteers are still required.

3.2 Air Quality Management- South St & Environs. S. Biagi had provided Cllr Bartos with information about pollution monitoring. M McCrae and I. McKillop would attend the next meeting of the Working Group and report back. M. Harris would put information about monitoring sites on the website.

3.3 Fossil Grove Trust: E Brown had been appointed at the AGM to represent WCC, along with N. Robertson. Concerns centre on the present condition of the Fossil grove and future proposals to develop it. Information was being collated by new members of the Trust and it was hoped a meeting would be held soon ie before the meeting set for February.

3.4 Pathway on Dumbarton Rd at Scotstoun St: been patched and to be fixed in 2016.

3.5 Harris Fencing: no improvement.

4 Reports

4.1 Police: 28/10/15-23/11/15 136 incidents, 27 crime reports. 2 common assaults, both detected, 2 domestic assaults, both detected and 3 breach of peace, all detected. 5 drug dealing, all detected. There had been a number of cars vandalised- all advised to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

4.2 Councillors: Cllr Dalton reported on the continuing discussions about the reduction in the number of Area Partnership meetings from 6 to 4. Parking issues were ongoing. He discussed the lack of social housing in the area for young families .Cllr Bartos was continuing to pursue the issue of Council self-insurance especially in relation to the parks.

4.3 Friends of Victoria Park: E. MacDonald reported on recent meeting. WCC has been asked to write to officers asking for information on results of the consultation and to raise concerns about the cancellation of the meeting that had been arranged to discuss results. G. Morgan would take this forward.

4.4 Whiteinch ROC /Mental Health and Poverty: C. McGeoch reported on meeting he had attended. He also reported that there was discussion about a community garden on the stalled space at Northinch Street. G. Morgan indicated that this had been previously investigated as part of a Green Mapping Exercise and it had been concluded that it would be unsuitable for a community garden.

4.5 Housing: Next meeting 2/12.

5 Community Council Business: The Chair stressed the importance of working on behalf of all in the community and reminded all members of the Code of Conduct. All declared interest for the Register of Interest (see separate document) - those not present to supply this information. It was noted that C McGeoch had been replaced by S. Biagi as Treasurer. C. McGeoch and G. Morgan were meeting with Community Safety to discuss car vandalism, dog fouling and patrols in the area. C. McGeoch would be organising a clean-up in the area next year. E. Brown had attended the Area Partnership meeting and provided a report –including information that grant funding was still available. M. Harris was writing an article for WSHA- he would add funding information to it. He had also updated the members' details on the website.

6 Planning Applications: no objections to 2 applications.

7 Correspondences

7.1 Apprentice Boys Parade: 12/12/15, details noted

7.2 Winter Maintenance Plan: details received and added to website.

7.3 Fairer Scotland Planning Event: no one attended

7.5Town Centre Survey/Bookmakers/Pay day Loans: M. McCrae to complete

7.6 Helipad noise: Bill Kidd had written to ask if we had received any complaints about noise since the helipad had changed site. No one had, though all felt it was noisier.

8 AOCB

8.1 Leaves: any areas needing cleared to be reported to Chair. I. McKillop reported Victoria Park Drive South- area around Library

8.1 Snowdrops: LES planting the 20,000 bulbs we obtained.

9 DTNM 26/1/16, 7pm Whiteinch centre

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