

Whiteinch Community Council

Minutes of Zoom Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 September 2020 at 7pm

- 1 **Present:** A Thomson (Chair) M McCrae (Treasurer) C McGeoch, L Stevenson, I McKillop (Minutes) E Brown, Cllr F Dalton, Cllr A Aibinu, W Walker, F Munro (both Associates)
Apologies: N Robertson & E MacDonald – no computer access, S Bradford
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposer – A Thomson, Seconder – M McCrae
- 3 **Matter arising:**
 - 3.1: **Environmental Issues:** See 9 – AOCB
 - 3.2 **VE Day Commemorations – Discretionary grant fund.** It was agreed that the CC would apply for a grant from the Area Partnership to host an event in the park in 2020 to celebrate VE day.
 - 3.3 **Action Earth:** No further information.
- 4 **Reports**
 - 4.1 **Police:** No information.
 - 4.2 **Councillors:** Cllr Aibinu stated that the Area Partnership has an underspend and that applications for grants should be submitted by 17th October 2020.

A discussion took place with regard to the fate of Whiteinch Library. Although some libraries have re-opened, the only library open in the Glasgow North West area is Partick. The Council have stated that they have no plans to close Whiteinch Library but neither have they said that they would re-open it. This is a cause for concern as it is considered to be a valuable local resource and as winter approaches the building is likely to deteriorate. The Councillors will pursue this matter. The Mobile Library Service has been extended in the meantime.

Cllr Dalton stated that the Council is now up and running again after lockdown although some staff are still furloughed. He stated that there have been a number of complaints regarding refuse disposal (see AOCB) and that there have been complaints regarding broken windows in Partick Burgh Hall.

With regard to Victoria Park, M McCrae told those present that the Pirate Ship in the Children's play area needs repairs to the wooden ramp and that she has been in contact with the Parks Development Team. Development Team. M McCrae said that it may be possible to access EMV2 funds to effect repairs.

The bridges in the park are currently being refurbished. Comment has been made regarding the fact that the tennis courts etc have not been re-opened and that rubbish bins have been removed. This area of the park comes under the remit of Glasgow Life and has been sadly neglected.

The toilet block within the park has been partially re-opened with men using one cubicle in the Ladies Toilet but as the park has seen a considerable increase in use over the past few months, it is hoped that the male toilet can be re-opened, Cllr Dalton said he would raise these issues.
 - 4.3 **Victoria Park Community Trust AGM:** This will take place on 23 September 2020.
 - 4.4 **Friends of Victoria Park:** E Brown stated that there had been a successful AGM. Planting of ferns had taken place and that there were plans to a volunteer clean up when current restrictions permitted.
 - 4.5 **Christmas Lights:** The Community Council has been successful in obtaining a grant for Christmas lights to be installed in front of Summerfield Cottages In Dumbarton Road.
- 5 **Finance**
 - 5.1 **Current Statement:** No change.
 - 5.2 **Preparation of Accounts for October AGM:** We have been informed that this will not be required this year due to current circumstances but M McCrae said that she would provide a trial balance.
 - 5.3 **Defibrillator for Park Update:** I McKillop told those present that permission has been granted to have a defibrillator installed in Victoria Park. The council will not pay for installation but will pay the annual electricity costs. Discussion is ongoing with St John's Ambulance and park staff.
- 6 **Covid 19 Locally:** E Brown asked if the posters currently on display on the park noticeboards, which give details of local organisations offering assistance, could be updated. C McGeogh agreed to deal with this.

Fairshare is available at Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre. Well Fed has new premises in South St,

7 Items to be discussed.

7.1 Opening of Whiteinch Library: See 4.2

7.2 Building Active Citizenship through Local Plans: A brief discussion took place and it was agreed that a sub group should be set up.

Please note that items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 will be carried forward to next meeting.

8 Planning: No applications.

9 AOCB

Concern has been expressed at the amount of fly tipping and general waste which is being dumped in the area. It appears that bulk uplifts are still on hold and large items are being dumped, together with black bin bags full of general rubbish particularly in the Edzell Street/Place area where rats have been seen. Environmental health has been contacted. Cllr Dalton stated that the Cleansing Department is not fully up to strength as yet and that this may contribute to some of the problem. He has received a number of complaints from across the area and will look into the matter. F Munro said that he had noticed white dust on hard surfaces which reached as far as Broomhill and appeared to emanate from the King George Vth dock. It seemed to be either lime or concrete dust being loaded on to ships. He also put forward the suggestion that a clean up by local volunteers might be a way to help with the refuse situation. It was suggested that Karen Venables be contacted for information.

The Council has announced the intention to declare the area at St Paul's Primary School a car free zone. This will be put out for consultation.

The Roundabouts in Westland Drive are an ongoing issue. Cllr Dalton has asked that the CC as well as others keep this item live on the Agenda until it is resolved.

The matter of HGV's using Dumbarton Road rather than South Street was briefly discussed and A Thomson said that vehicles greatly exceeding the speed limit on the A814 was a constant problem particularly as many people cross the Expressway to use the bus stops. Mention was also made of the fact that houses in Victoria Park Drive South are still shaking. This was supposed to have been looked at earlier in the year and is caused by a fault under the Expressway.

10 Next Meeting and AGM will take place on Tuesday 29th October 2020. AGM will start 7pm Usual Meeting will commence at 7.30pm