

## WHITEINCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm held in Whiteinch Centre and on Zoom.

- 1 **Present:** M McCrae (Chair) I McKillop (Minutes) E MacDonald, L Stevenson, C McGeoch, Cllr L Reid McConnell, N Kelly & M Cannell (Associate Members) Cllr E Jassemi (By Zoom)

**In Attendance:** Mr James Ward, Chief Executive, Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association.

**Apologies:** W Walker, E Brown, N Robertson

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed – Mc McCrae. Seconded – L Stevenson.

3 **Matters Arising:**

- 3.1 The meeting commenced with a report by Mr James Ward, recently formally appointed Chief Executive of Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association. Mr Ward stated that the Association was well established in supporting tenants and the local community but wished to see this expanded by engaging with local community groups and agencies to provide wide ranging information regarding availability of services in the area. It is hoped to launch a Community Investment Strategy within the next 6 months using gift aid from subsidiaries to support the community. There will be a Participating Budget with local groups able to submit applications for funding and this will be voted on at an event giving details of the various projects. It is hoped to increase the number of available staff to promote visits to all tenants to ascertain problems, needs etc. and provide information and support if required. The main office will be accessible Mondays – Thursdays with a restructured reception area to make it more user friendly and drop in surgeries, which will provide information about services available, will be set up. A Videographer has been appointed for a year to film various aspects in the community and general area to promote the Housing Association and to provide an overview of the area. M McCrae thanked Mr Ward for a most interesting and informative talk and stated that we look forward to hearing more in the months to come.
- 3.2 **Defibrillator:** The defibrillator is fully operational again and a note has been attached stating that if taken out, whether used or not, the Community Council should be informed. I McKillop to contact the Circuit to ascertain if it is possible for them to notify us if the machine is accessed.
- 3.3 **Library Christmas Event:** This will take place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. There will be games and activities for children and refreshments will be provided. There will also be music and small prizes given out for the best Christmas jumper and there will be an opportunity to donate to the local foodbank.
- 3.4 **Vision for Glasgow Libraries:** A consultation and survey will take place to refresh the vision for the future of the libraries. This will be on line and hard copies will be available. A meeting of the SWL group will take place w/c 12 December.

4 **Campaign to Save Whiteinch Library**

- 4.1 **Actions to date:** This is ongoing. It is recognised that the Participation request is different to normal and this is being discussed to find a way forward. A building feasibility report has been produced and a meeting will be held in January to discuss this. All options to be on the table. Lend and Mend Project now to start in Spring 2023.

5 **Reports**

- 5.1 **Police –** No Police in attendance. Report on crime trends states youth disorder has decreased again although there are concerns regarding the cycle path. Two motor cycles and one car have been stolen in the area. Residents are requested to be extra vigilant. Officers are still in attendance at local schools.

- 5.2 **Councillors:** Cllr Reid McConnell stated there will be a meeting at Thornwood Roundabout on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 regarding safety issues. C McGeogh and M Cannell will attend. Flooding from the Expressway at the Balshagray underpass is also a problem as is Flytipping in South Street. This will be brought to the Area Partnership next year. A meeting will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding the Community Garden and the allocation of £5,000. Cllr Jassemi stated there has been a problem with children fighting in local schools. He is intending to have a meeting with the Head Teacher of Whiteinch Primary School.
- 5.3 **Victoria Park Community Trust:** The Participation Request has been signed off. Carol Monaghan MP has spoken of possible funding from the Law Tennis Association which could include Victoria Park. Members of the Trust have not been made aware of this. The Trust will be looking at a tree plan for main path in the park as existing trees are aging. The World Cycling Championships will take place in Glasgow in August 2023 and some events will take place in the park. The Trust will ask for funding.
- 5.4 **Friends of Victoria Park:** No information.
- 5.5 **Area Partnership:** A report has been prepared regarding travel by the Glasgow Bus Partnership. Community Consultation will take place and Bus Drivers will also be consulted with regard to better connectivity and possibly cheaper travel. Grants have already been approved for the Still Game bench and mural for the toilet block. Left over money will be spent in Thornwood on benches and trees. New Community Development Structure is part of Glasgow Life Libraries Strategy and Team Structure. We have requested a presentation on this and would like to ask the officer, Jonny Howie, to a Community Council Meeting to discuss this.
- 5.6 **WSHA:** See 3.1.
- 6 **Finance:** Current balance is £374.52
- 7 **Planning: Granny Gibbs sale of alcohol** – No objections.
- 8 **AOCB**
- 8.1 **Police Survey:** Members have been asked to completed a police survey.
- 8.2 **Expressway Bus Stops:** A request has been made by local residents to have the bus stops on the Clydeside Expressway reinstated at the top of Inchlee Street. The Community Council agreed to send a letter regarding this matter.
- 8.3 **Christmas Lights:** Christmas lights have again been installed in Whiteinch.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 7pm.**