

Whiteinch Community Council

1.0 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 29th August 2023 at 7pm in Whiteinch Community Centre

Present: M McCrae (Chair/Treasurer) E Brown, N Robertson, E MacDonald, C McGeoch, I McKillop, L Stevenson, W Walker (Secretary), N Kelly & M Cannell (Associate Members), Cllrs F Dalton & E Jassemi

Apologies: None

In attendance: S Stair & L Whitehouse (Glasgow Liveable Neighbourhoods), PC Pollock (police report only), M McColgan (Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator), 2 members of public.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by C McGeoch and seconded by I McKillop

3.0 Glasgow Liveable Neighbourhoods update: group were presented with 2nd stage proposals – 8 proposals for area were shortlisted. The second phase ends 1st October where report will be compiled for engineers. Funding is currently in place until concept design phase only. Proposals include ideas such as removing underpass to park at Library and replacing with crossing, creating more pavement space on park side of road. Also, junction tightening, reducing rat running in avenues, reducing speed, increased greenery, traffic calming.

4.0 Neighbourhood Liaison Co coordinator Mark McColgan: M McColgan introduced himself to the group. Reported roads/infrastructure funds are the focus just now and a walkabout will take place shortly with Whiteinch Housing Association. Group raised concerns about commercial waste in Dumbarton Road. Agreed all communications will go through WCC mailbox.

5.0 Local resident /tenement issue: member of public attended to discuss ongoing issues with tenements in Whiteinch vibrating and solutions to this. Councillors agreed to investigate this.

6.0 Matters Arising:

6.1 Social Media: a meeting took place in Glasgow Caledonian University on Wednesday 12th July with C McGeoch and M McCrae attending regarding a graduate intern to manage social media for WCC. Currently there is no employability insurance. Steven Dowling to investigate.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Police: Reports on slight increase in public nuisance complaints and youth disorder during school summer holidays but numbers remain low for the area. Now schools have reopened, police attending car free zones daily, alternating between both primary schools. Police attended recent successful Ukrainian fun day. Shoplifting on the increase, particularly with introduction of alcohol sales in Tesco. 1 report of serious assault in Tesco in August.

7.2 Councillors: Cllrs Jassemi & Dalton reported on the Ukrainian fun day in Victoria Park and the group noted thanks to C McGeogh for all his work making this a success. Works on Burgh Hall complete to make it safe for a survey to be taken internally. Some litter has been generated which will be cleared. A question was raised about existing barriers surrounding hall. Marketing has paused as some interest in the feasibility study. Victoria Park play area will receive some Scottish Government Playpark funding.

Victoria Park tennis courts up and running. Analysis on booking app is taking place now there is a charge.

7.3 Area Partnership: Meeting taking place at beginning of September. Roads infrastructure meeting taking place this week.

7.4 Fossil Grove: SCIO Tier 1. Meeting to vote on this.

7.5 Library: awaiting completion of the draft business case. A supporting officer has retired. Whiteinch Library Participation Request case study going to Scottish Government.

7.6 & 7.7 Friends Victoria Park/Victoria Park Community Trust: Ukrainian Day will hopefully take place next year as well. Noted use of a van would be useful for future events. Potential opportunity to twin Victoria Park with Ukrainian Park although this is still in early stages. Also potential for Ukrainian memorial. EcoTrust Cycling Day took place during UCI championships. Schools involved in bug hotels project.

5.9 WSHA/Whiteinch Centre: Centre is currently mapping external funding and developing new business plan. Should be complete October 2023. Secured some longer-term tenants. WSHA successfully secured funding to support feasibility study on Burgh Hall. Will continue until January 2024. New cycling storage facility opened in Curle St in August. Community partnership funding updates include money for St Paul's Primary and development of Employability Project in local area.

8.0 Finance: Current balance is £786.25

9.0 Correspondence/CC Business:

9.1 Visitor Levy Bill: Scottish Government proposed new law which would allow local authorities to introduce an additional charge when someone pays for overnight accommodation. A vote was taken and it was agreed to support a Tourist Tax and Elizabeth would complete the questionnaire on our behalf.

9.2 CCDS 16/9/23-Transport: next CCDS confirmed for 16th September. WCC will have representation.

9.3 Glasgow Licensing Board Policy Statement Consultation: City of Glasgow Licensing Board Policy Statement public consultation now live. L Stevenson to participate on behalf of WCC.

9.4 AGM and full Election: 10 nomination forms will be submitted to Glasgow City Council by 8th September. October AGM will take place on October 31st at 7pm in Whiteinch Centre.

10.0 Licensing: no new applications

11.0 Planning Applications: none

12.0 AOCB: None

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th September at 7.00pm