

Whiteinch Community Council

1.0 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 31st October 2023 at 7:30pm in Whiteinch Centre

Present: M McCrae (Chair/Treasurer), N Robertson, E Brown, N Kelly, E MacDonald, C McGeoch, I McKillop, L Stevenson, W Walker (Secretary), R Cunningham, Cllr E Jassemi

Apologies: M Cannell (Associate Member), Cllr L Reid-McConnell, M McColgan (Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator)

In attendance: L Forbes (Intern)

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed: I McKillop, Seconded: L Stevenson

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Social Media/Internship: Group introduced to L Forbes, successful candidate at recent interviews for Social Media Intern with WCC. This is a 12-week placement to support development of WCC website and social media channels.

3.2 WCC Xmas Gathering: Whiteinch Community Council is hosting an informal fun community get-together with local voluntary organisations on the 29th of November in the Buffs Club, Whiteinch. An invitation will be circulated to all organisations and a sub-group has been set up to organise event (C McGeoch, N Kelly, I McKillop).

3.3 Library Christmas Event: After success last year, planning to hold event in Library again with music, coffee, gifts for children. The event will take place on 9th December after Book Bug.

3.4 Democracy Matters: M McCrae & W Walker will complete this Scottish Government consultation to help shape future local democratic systems and processes.

3.5 Defibrillator: New transformer purchased and fitted by local electrician for free. Defibrillator re-instated on circuit. WCC will send letter of thanks.

3.6 Thornwood Roundabout: To be discussed at next meeting.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Police: PC Pollock sent apologies for meeting but provided a report in advance of meeting. Local community officers have been carrying out visits to local shops in relation to sale of fireworks. Some reports of people trying to gain access to car doors in area. Also reports of shoplifting, vandalism, and drug related arrests.

4.2 Councillors: Cllr Jassemi provided an update on the Burgh Hall. Safety elements are being assessed for weed re-growth and a list of interested parties is being created. WSHA still has leading interest.

- 4.3 Area Partnership:** No meeting has taken place.
- 4.4 Fossil Grove:** No meeting has taken place.
- 4.5 Library:** A supporting officer has retired. Available use statistics exceed expectations.
- 4.6 Friends Victoria Park:** Planning ongoing for service for Remembrance Sunday. Hoping to have some Ukrainian involvement. Whiteinch Primary School Art events were a success.
- 4.7 Victoria Park Community Trust:** AGM taking place soon with S Nelson presenting.
- 4.8 WSHA/Whiteinch Centre:** Whiteinch Community Association held their AGM on the 27th October 2023 and formally approved the transfer of the Whiteinch Centre to WSHA. WSHA will consider the long-term future and business plan of the Centre at the committee meeting scheduled for the end of November 2023. An advisory group will be launched to help shape the future of the centre and provide support and feedback to WSHA. A Christmas event will take place again on 2nd December. Still working towards the end of January 2024 for concluding feasibility study of Burgh Hall. Permanent site for Whiteinch Pantry has been identified and will be announced in November. WSHA have secured £10k to support the fit out and opening of the pantry from the National Lottery. WSHA have secured £9k of funding from Connecting Scotland to purchase laptops, tablets and Wi-Fi boxes to support a digital lending library which will be operated by the Whiteinch Centre. WSHA have secured £30k of funding to provide support tenants with cost of living. The group were also shown details of the forthcoming café tender.

5.0 Finance: Current balance is £541.54.

6.0 Licensing: Application for renewal of Street Trader's Licence on North side of South Street. No objections.

7.0 Planning Applications: none

8.0 AOCB: Cllr Jassemi will investigate reports of Scotstoun Stadium swimming pool staff being transferred to work in other areas meaning families could not use swimming facilities. Also asked to investigate potholes and flooding on Dumbarton Road. Whiteinch Church of Scotland moving to new premises in Summerfield Centre and first service will take place on 19th November.

M McColgan (Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator) provided report for meeting and group agreed this should be added to agenda moving forward. Testing of redeployable cameras taking place in 4 locations in Whiteinch as minuted at previous meeting. City Makers job request has been submitted to weed and cutback shrubbery in Whiteinch. Rogue bins within ward have been removed. Discussions ongoing around land next to Whiteinch Primary.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 28th November 2023 at 7:00pm.