

Whiteinch Community Council

Minutes of meeting-on Tuesday 25th April, 2023 at 7pm

Present: M McCrae (Chair/Treasurer), I MacKillop, E Brown, E MacDonald, C McGeoch, N Robertson, M Cannell (Associate Member), Cllr Lana Reid-McConnell

Apologies: W Walker, Cllr E Jassemi

In attendance: R McKay Jordanhill CC/Victoria Park Community Trust

It was agreed that our condolences and flowers be sent to Wendy on the passing of her father, to be sent several days after the funeral.

2.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by I McKillop and seconded by N Robertson.

3.0 WRAP (Western Road Action Plan) – R McKay

Robert gave an interesting outline of the work by the above group. This highlighted how the creation of the Clyde Tunnel and the road network supporting it has separated the surrounding communities from the park and created various access problems. This group, under the auspices of VPCT and JCC, asked for our support in trying to alleviate the problems. After much discussion, we agreed in principle, but felt that as we are represented in the Eco Trust Active Travel work and will be involved in its Travel Forum that all transport discussions, negotiations etc should be channeled through this forum to avoid duplication.

4.0 Matters Arising:

4.1 VPCT May event in Victoria Park. It was agreed that we would take a table at this event to promote our work, at a cost of £75. Our logo to be included in the event's promotional materials. Attending our stall will be Neil, Isobel and Maisie.

4.2 Spring Clean: for the Conservation Area organised for Saturday 29th April.

4.3 GCC License Issues: a reply was received from GCC regarding the Inflatable Village. It was agreed that Elizabeth should respond stating that they must consult us in future, in line with our statutory right, before authorising any events. GCC will also be reminded that the response regarding the alcohol license for Tesco is outstanding. Linda has agreed to be our representative on all licensing issues.

4.4 Civic Trees: at last, 3 replacement trees are going to be planted along the Expressway.

5.0 Campaign to Save Whiteinch Library:

5.1 Updating business plan with difficulty as the named officer has been transferred, negotiations for continued support are ongoing. Report to be

written and submitted to the various committees for potential authorisation and funding.

6.0 Reports:

6.1 Police – no report again

6.2 Councillors Report: A written report was received from Cllr Jassemi informing us that the scaffolding round the Burgh Hall was to ensure safety while the dangerous lintels are removed, as they are loose and in danger of falling. Work to support viewings soon.

6.3 Councillor Reid-McConnell reported:

- a. Westland Drive resurfaced from Dumbarton Road to Expressway and on 31st May Expressway from Westland Drive to Scotstoun Roundabout will be resurfaced.
- b. City Garden awarded to Eco Trust for the back of Whiteinch Centre, and seating at Jordan Park.
- c. Old railway line adopted by GCC. Network rail and pay back team are looking at better lighting, street art murals and clean ups.
- d. Public bus meeting has been organised, along with Cllr Murray with the First Bus No.4 Campaign and Robert Bevan their Engagement Officer.
- e. Pedestrian Crossing at Movement Park not a priority for GCC.
- g. Summerfield Centre would like to see an affordable market – funding to be found. Also looking at Whiteinch Cross

6.4 Area Partnership: Glasgow City Community Fund, Cllr Dalton sent in a letter of complaint about the process and outcomes. He received a standard letter in reply, he is pursuing this further. AP: new model being proposed on community engagement.

Christmas Lights: it was agreed to keep the lights. EB to report back.

Roads funding money: to be part of the new AP model along with the new method of engagement. No action on new ideas and it is business as usual. Further meeting to be organised by Council officer.

Parks money: second year that we have been waiting on the installation of the dirt track. Now due later this year.

Thornwood roundabout improvements are being assessed for future community consultation.

6.5 Fossil Grove: an initial Expression of Interest to Historic Environment Scotland has been successful. However the issue of a lease between FG Board and GCC remains an issue and discussions are ongoing. Council officers have been reminded that this is a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest)

6.6 Friends of Victoria Park: AGM taking place in St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School Thursday 18th May.

6.7 VPCT: Tennis Courts upgraded with a lockable gate. Book via an app, free from Monday to Friday up to 6pm. Pay in evenings and weekends. Courts cost to be determined, possibly £10 an hour and operated by Glasgow Life. VPCT are in discussions regarding this.

6.8 WSHA: changes are taking place within Housing and the Whiteinch Centre.

7.0 Finance:

Current balance is £1,045.25. No invoice received for rent, this will be requested.

8.0 Correspondence:

8.1 Community Council Development session Saturday 20th May, anyone can attend.

8.2 Civic Conversation on Glasgow's Slavery & Colonial Legacy. Awareness raised.

9.0 Licensing: None

10.0 Planning: None

11.0 AOCB:

West Lothian CC have a blueprint future of community councils and are holding an information sharing event on Saturday 10th June 2023.

Brown Bins: Cllr Reid-Connell reported that trials will take place to assess the impact of payment before it is rolled out throughout Glasgow. No date for trials yet.

Next meeting Tuesday 30th May at 7pm