

Whiteinch Community Council

Minutes if meeting held on Tuesday, 30th May 2023 at 7pm in Whiteinch Community Centre

Present: M McCrae (Chair/Treasurer) E Brown, N Robertson, E MacDonald, C McGeoch, I McKillop, M Cannell (Associate Member) Cllr L Reid-McConnell, PC M Pollock (Police Scotland)

Apologies: W Walker, N Kelly (Associate Member) Cllr E Jassemi

In attendance: A Bruce and D Cairns, local residents.

The meeting was initially given over to local resident, A Bruce, who had requested to attend to ask for support for a campaign to obtain permission for the staff/children of Whiteinch Primary School to use the vacant green space which is immediately adjacent to the school. The primary school has limited space and many of the children are from deprived backgrounds. It is hoped to use the space for a fenced play area for the children and also to perhaps grow some vegetables and plants. The members of Whiteinch Community Council have on several occasions tried to engage with the staff at the school with no success. While the idea of utilising the green space for this purpose was unanimously agreed, it was also agreed it would be appropriate for the Head Teacher to liaise with the Community Council on this, and other, matters.

The meeting was then addressed by the other local resident present, D Cairns. Mr Cairns is deeply concerned with the areas of deprivation in the area and the fact that fresh fruit and vegetables are not available locally. He is involved with the Alexandra Rose charity which aims to provide vouchers which can be exchanged for fruit and vegetables. This is mainly aimed at low income families with young children. It is hoped to set up a Food Market at Whiteinch Cross which would take place on one day each week and each Saturday. Funding is in place and it is anticipated that the market will start in August this year. The Summerfield Centre, which is adjacent to the Cross would also be prepared to offer other services to complement the market, such as debt counselling etc. It was suggested that Mr Cairns and Mr Bruce liaise with each other as both projects are mutually aligned and James Ward from WHSHA is also on board. The members of the Community Council were happy to support this project and offer any help.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved – N Robertson, Seconded – C McGeoch.

3 Additional Item – See first paragraph.

4 Matters Arising.

4.1 VPCT May Event: This took place on Sat. 20th May and was very successful.

4.2 Spring Clean: A litter pick in the lanes took place on Saturday 29th April.

4.3 GCC License Issues: The CC had written to the Council earlier this year re the lack of consultation on the granting of a liquor license to Tesco. No reply has been received. A reminder email will be sent.

4.4 Civic Trees: 3 trees have now been planted in the expressway at Victoria Park Drive South.

4.5 Burgh Hall: Work is still on- going. The building is now on the GCC website pending finalisation of work.

4.6 Social Media: The Community Council is seeking help with social media in order to raise awareness.

5 Reports:

5.1 Police: PC Pollock reported that youth disorder is down in comparison with other areas, however with the longer, light evenings groups are beginning to gather mainly on the cycle path. There was one crime of violence and a drugs raid for which people have been arrested and there have been two instances of shoplifting for which enquiries are on-going.

5.2 Councillors: Cllr Reid-McConnell informed those present that artists interested in street art have been contacted and it is hoped to have some sort of art installation at Whiteinch Cross in order to improve the appearance and environment. Applications for funding will be made.

With regard to the Thornwood Roundabout, plans are continuing. There is talk of reducing the off ramps down to one lane and a possibility of a pedestrian crossing at the land adjacent to the Arnold Clark building.

Whiteinch CC are working in conjunction with Thornwood CC and other agencies on this matter.

St Paul's Primary School are looking for funding to provide secure fencing on the land at the back of the school.

5.3 Area Partnership – No information. Next meeting still to take place.

5.4 Fossil Grove: E Brown stated that Glasgow City Council have finally acknowledged responsibility for the Fossil Grove which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Meeting will take place 31st May.

5.5 FOVP: AGM took place on 18th May. Volunteers are still helping out on a regular basis, bat walks are planned and it is anticipated that a Ukrainian family event day will take place in August.

5.6 Victoria Park Community Trust: We have been asked to support VPCT with an objection to the recent news That use of the tennis courts will incur a charge in future and will have to be booked through an app. Members of the CC agreed to support this objection. The Still Game bench has been finished and it is hoped obtain extra funding for shrubs to improve the surrounding. Several events are planned to take place during the summer. It is planned to have the toilet block repainted but as there may be a new block installed this will be held back until more information is known.

5.7 WSHA/Whiteinch Community Centre: A meeting took place on 30th May with 3 representatives of WCC and James Ward, Chief Executive Officer WSHA. Information was shared about all the events planned for the Whiteinch area. A register of all events to be put on to the calendar organised by Ecotrust to avoid duplication. Liaison will take place between WCC and a nominated housing officer. Also agreed that we would have free accommodation for our meetings for the next 3 years.

6 Finance: No change.

7 Correspondence/Community Council Business

7.1 Community Events: No information.

7.2 Thornwood Community Council partnership working: See 5.2

8 Licensing: No applications.

9 Planning Applications: None.

10 AOCB: Nothing of note.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 7.00pm in the Whiteinch Centre.