

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 12 February 2020, Albany Centre, 7.30pm

Present: Ruth Gillett (chair), Tom Johnstone (secretary), Stewart Leighton, Gerry Doyle (treasurer), Derek Manson-Smith, Clare Crawford (minutes), Kay Scott, Alasdair Gerrie, Johnpaul McCabe

In attendance: PC Barry McGlynn, Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Martha Wardrop

1 Apologies: Diane Mitchell, Kay Scott

2 Police Report

PC McGlynn reported that he could not provide figures but he could provide information on crime trends within Beats 17, 18 and 19. *Crimes of violence:* assaults have decreased, which is encouraging. *Crimes of dishonesty:* there has been a slight increase this month because of shoplifting in Sainsbury's on Woodlands Road. There are two officers based at Partick who deal with retail crime. There has also been a slight spike of bike thefts. *Crimes against property:* the trend of theft by housebreaking remains about the same. *Drugs use and abuse:* there has been a slight increase this month but this is mostly for minor possession. *Road traffic matters:* road traffic offences have increased slightly this month due to several vehicles being struck and damaged. Parking is at a premium in this area and inconsiderate parking causes problems. People are advised to report such instances to Glasgow parking wardens. PC McGlynn said that Inspector Paul Daley would like to attend a community council meeting at some time. Derek Manson-Smith reported that periodically cars and trade vehicles are parking in an unadopted lane in the Park area in such a way as could block emergency vehicles, and Tom Johnstone reported an increase in cars speeding along Woodlands Road late at night. PC McGlynn said he would follow both matters up. PC McGlynn said that there is an action plan targeting Woodside for reducing incidences of crime and he hopes it will filter through to Woodlands and Park.

3 Minutes of 8 January Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were proposed as a correct record by Tom Johnstone, seconded by Gerry Doyle.

4 Matters Arising

Councillor Wardrop said that there is an issue with bins in Park Quadrant concerning owners and factors but she has a plan of action. Tom Johnstone said that as he had not heard further from Councillor MacLean about not getting hearings at the planning applications committee he will send a reminder to Councillor MacLean. Councillor Andrew said that a member of North Kelvin Community Council has written to Anne-Marie O'Donnell complaining about the way that planning is conducted, particularly appeals. She has responded, saying that she will investigate. Tom said that he had followed up the point of the regulation of Air BnBs but sees no scope for applying it to HMOs because all that the Scottish Government is proposing is to have a mandatory licensing scheme and to not pay attention to planning permission. In discussion about Air BnBs, Tom quoted from a newspaper article about Andy Wightman MSP: 'It is clear that no licences should be issued unless proper planning consent is in place. It is disappointing that the Scottish Government doesn't seem to share this view.' At Gerry Doyle's suggestion, it was agreed to discuss Glasgow City Council's Annual Self-Assessment (RAG Analysis) for Community Councils, a draft of which Tom had circulated before the meeting. It was agreed that Tom's draft be submitted as the formal RAG Analysis with a RAG status of green, and Tom said that he would send it in before the end of February to ensure payment of the administrative grant in due course.

5 Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wardrop reported that she had checked on the ENV2 money to come from the development of the site at 163 St Georges Road and it will be £71,400 to be allocated to children's play, sport and allotments. ENV2 money from Park Quadrant, to be spent on the same things, should come through in this financial year and she hopes it will be spent locally. She has requested that the project at Hillhead Primary, where there is no traffic in Westbank Quadrant and Otago Street at the start and end of each school day, be made permanent.

Councillor Andrew reported that there has been a lot of trouble with Peppe's fried chicken outlet at 126 Woodlands Road. The residents have sent a formal letter of complaint to Glasgow City Council, which he has endorsed, to ask when Environmental Health will take the issue of the state of their back court seriously. Neighbours have also complained about permission being requested for change of use of a shop at 188 Woodlands Road to become a pizza takeaway. Tom Johnstone left the room at this point as the applicant and the owner of the premises at 188 Woodlands Road are both coproprietors of his and he depends on their

cooperation for the maintenance of his building. Councillor Andrew said that he agreed with the neighbours and he has submitted a formal objection on the grounds that there is an oversupply of such establishments in Woodlands Road. It was agreed that Stewart Leighton would do his best to lodge a holding objection on behalf of the community council by the following Friday, 14 February. Councillor Wardrop said that she would also be lodging an objection. It was noted that the scaffolding on the building had nothing to do with the proposed takeaway. Stewart Leighton said that one way of blocking such an application would be for owner-occupiers or landlords in the building to write to the agent and/or solicitor to advise that they would not permit any physical alterations that would affect the exterior of the building. Tom Johnstone then rejoined the meeting.

6 Lanes Project

Tom Johnstone reported that the fixing of the signs was supposed to have been started the previous week and he does not know why it has not and has sent a reminder. Councillor Wardrop said that an online back lanes strategy is being worked on by Karen Venables and Frankie O'Rourke and that Tom's experience in dealing with the signage for the Woodlands back lanes would be useful to them. Tom said that the big nuisance was having to get planning permission, which means paying fees for that and also having to use an architect to handle the applications, but he would be happy to talk to them. He said another community council had been in touch with him after noting the planning applications going in.

7 Park Quadrant Site

Nothing further was reported than under item 5, Councillors' Reports.

8 HMO Consultation

Nothing further was reported than under item 4, Matters Arising.

9 Millennium Park

Nothing was reported.

10 Kelvingrove Park

Tom Johnstone and Ruth Gillett reported on a meeting that they had attended that evening about the programme of events for the Bandstand, a copy of which was circulated. Disorder in the park and parking problems had also been discussed at the meeting. There was discussion about who now owns the café at the park entrance in Eldon Street. Ruth reported that using an audio consultant has made a big difference and that none of the trouble in the park last year had anything to do with the bandstand.

11 Cleansing

Councillor Wardrop said it would be useful to have feedback on the online calendar and whether it is working properly. Tom Johnstone said he uses it regularly and it works perfectly for the green bins, which are then put back where they came from. The blue bins are always collected a week late—he has to complain every fortnight—and are not put back where they came from. Councillor Wardrop commented that the on-street recycling bins do not seem to have been getting emptied, possibly because of sickness absences. Alasdair Gerrie reported that there is a collection of bins in what was the forecourt of Arnold Clark's garage. They don't seem to be getting used and could be a target for fire-raisers.

12 Correspondence, including Planning and Licensing

Three of the planning applications were dealt with under item 5, Councillors' Reports.

The bulk of the HMO licensing applications do not have planning permission and two have been declared unlawful. Two of the items highlighted in yellow and red by Tom in his list of correspondence circulated before the meeting related to the RAG Analysis, which was discussed under item 4, Matters Arising. Since the list was circulated, Tom said emails had been sent from the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council on corona virus guidance and from Derek Manson-Smith on new arrangements for GPs and out of hours health services. That day there had been an email about the spring clean 2020. There had been an email about the 'Wee Green Grant', which could be of interest as applications are made only in associations with 'friends of' parks. Tom said he assumed everyone had completed their diversity and equality survey, which was due in by the end of January.

13 Finance

Gerry Doyle reported that a payment of £35.05 had gone into the community council's account on 29 January as part of the admin grant and that he had received an invoice from GCVS for room hire for January.

Tom Johnstone said that he and Gerry had worked out a way of sending the MS1 report in without breaching any accounting principles.

14 AOCB

Tom Johnstone said that the Otago Lane Conservation Trust, of which he is a member, and Planning Democracy are setting up a meeting to create a federation of community councils and other groups that are unhappy about planning decisions and the way that they are being made. Ruth Gillett proposed Tom as the community council's representative at that federation, seconded by Derek Manson-Smith.

Tom said that now that the community council's website has been updated, Johnpaul McCabe has pointed out the need for a data controller for the purposes of the data protection legislation and general data protection regulation in general. It was agreed that the best way of circulating the minutes henceforward will be for Clare Crawford to email them to Tom who will then bcc them to everyone on his list.

There was discussion about dropped kerbs, and it was agreed that Tom would organise a walkabout of the area with Alex Gavin of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability and that this would involve Diane Mitchell and anyone else interested. Derek Manson-Smith reported that he had received an email update on Connecting Woodside at 6pm that evening, which he would forward to the community council.

There was discussion about about the Primary Care Improvement Plan and the triage method of health management.

Councillor Wardrop said that it was Councillor George Roberts who had initiated the creation of the mural beside the Kelvin Walkway at Kelvinbridge on a transport theme and the community council organised the money and the artist with the help of the area partnership at the time. She thinks it cost about £10,000 originally and reckons it must have been around 2011 and is trying to find appropriate minutes as she is keen to see it freshened up. Tom said that the mural under the steps from South Woodside Road to Great Western Road is in remarkably good condition.

15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Albany Centre.