

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2023, via Zoom, 7.30pm

Present: Ruth Gillett (chair), Tom Johnstone (secretary), Derek Manson-Smith, Gerry Doyle (treasurer), Stewart Leighton, Clare Crawford (minutes)

In attendance: Ailish McCafferty

Tom Johnstone announced that the Zoom recording of the meeting is to assist the minute-taker only and will not be made publicly available.

1 Apologies: Diane Mitchell, Councillor Wardrop, Councillor Andrew, Kaukab Stewart MSP

2 Police Report

This was taken as read. Tom Johnstone reported that Operation Mother, the policing of Kelvingrove Park, will start on 17 March, and the police claim there will be proper consultation with community organisations and city councillors.

3 Minutes of 11 January Meeting

The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Tom Johnstone, seconded by Derek Manson-Smith.

4 Matters Arising

Derek Manson-Smith said that his contact in Park Terrace had left the area and he had forwarded that information to Councillor Wardrop. Clare Crawford said that the street lights on Great Western Road that she had reported had been fixed, but the one on Barrington Drive had not and that she had gone on a walkabout with the Woodlands Women's Group in January and every street had at least one light not operative and frequently two or more.

5 Trinity College Tower

Nothing new was reported.

6 Councillors' Reports

As there were no councillors present there were no councillors' reports.

7 Hillhead Area Partnership Report

Stewart Leighton said that a report commissioned by Glasgow City Council from a consultant, Jacob Steer, had been presented to the Hillhead Area Partnership meeting in November. The report investigates the possibility of providing publicly provided bus services, looking at five bus routes. At the recent HAP meeting he had made comments relating to enhancing bus services including electronic information at bus stops and onboard information systems that would be linked. The five routes will still have to contend with the 1985 Transport Act, a UK-wide piece of legislation, excluding London, although the Greater Manchester Authority had in 2022 taken a case to the Royal Courts of Justice and won, giving it the right to franchise bus routes and to subsidise socially necessary routes. There is to be an in-person meeting on HMOs and short-term lets towards the end of February, which Tom Johnstone can attend. It is possible to nominate other representatives to the HAP and he will discuss with Councillor Wardrop the possibility of nominating the West of Scotland Housing Association. There was an update on Hillhead infrastructure funding relating to private lanes and discussion about replacing granolithic concrete with blacktop, which can be less secure on inclines during winter. There was information about changes in representation on the committee relating to Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue and that Frankie O'Rourke will be the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability representative. Jean Charsley has been nominated as the substitute on the Northwest Sector Partnership. He had suggested other sources for finance for the Cameron Memorial Fountain, e.g. Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust and the Glasgow Heritage Trust. There was an update on spending on gullies and drainage, LED lighting and resurfacing of roadways from the Hillhead Infrastructure Fund. There was concern about black bag rubbish being left on footpaths and flytipping, and it was suggested that a site visit and walkabout with the relevant officer be organised. There were reports on roads investment, options for use of local parks and open spaces, the Kelvin Walkway and fencing the Flint Mill, and completion of restoration work around the Stewart Memorial Fountain in Kelvingrove Park, tree planting time scales and refurbishment of the play area. Jean Charsley had raised the issue of Parks staff being used for Cleansing duties. A report from Fire and Rescue said there had been 42 fires, 19 deliberate and 13 accidental, and 122 false alarms. Councillor Andrew had raised an issue about a fatality in the vicinity of Maryhill Fire Station. After discussion, it was agreed to ask NRS for bollards and other parking restrictions in the area. There was discussion of the implications for Cowcaddens Fire Station of the Cowcaddens Consultation

Plan that were raised by the Cowcaddens District of the City Centre. Police Scotland gave a verbal report. There is a consultation questionnaire, deadline 12 February, on local police plans. There was a list of crime categories: antisocial behaviour, public nuisance calls, engagement with licensed premises, bike thefts, burglaries and drug crimes. There was mention of a road safety plan in relation to problem areas, particularly car-free school zones. There was a report on the third sector within the northwest of the city and that applications for funding vastly outweigh resources. The allocation of £49 million is for the whole of the northwest and is spread over three years, causing concern about the inevitable impact on voluntary bodies. The report on the area budget for the financial year 2022–23 showed that £59,329 had been spent of £61,840 allocated, leaving a balance of £2,510, which it was agreed would go to Police Scotland for high-quality bike locks. The committee also considered applications for funding from the area budget for 2023–24, subject to availability of funding. Hillhead Primary School was awarded £5,800 for a residential trip to Ardentinn Outdoor Centre for Primary 7 pupils, with the caveat that it should not be a precedent. Other awards approved were £1,950 to Glasgow Women's Aid and £2,100 to the Breakthrough Youth Project. At Ruth Gillett's suggestion, Stewart said he would email a report on HAP meetings before the following community council meeting. He pointed out that the police report to HAP meetings, like police reports to the community council, contained no analysis.

8 Kelvingrove Park

Ruth Gillett said that as the Stewart Memorial Fountain has been repaired pressure must be put on to ensure the water is switched on as soon as the weather improves. The planned tree planting project is continuing, but very slowly as there have been several hold-ups. The Summer Nights programme for the bandstand has been announced. Tom Johnstone said that the outcome of the workshops on lighting has still not materialised and, as mentioned under item 2, Police Report, we have notice of Operation Mother. There was discussion about lighting.

9 Dropped Kerbs

Nothing was reported.

10 Park Circus Lane

Nothing was reported.

11 Citizens' Panels

Nothing was reported.

12 Cleansing

Tom Johnstone said he had noticed a slight improvement. Derek Manson-Smith said the blue bins in his area had been collected a day early.

13 Correspondence and Licensing

Licensing: Tom Johnstone said there was one new HMO licence application, as usual with no planning permission. There was an email about a Proposal Application Notice for St Georges Road from the Alumno Group. Such a notice is not yet a live planning application so can be discussed in front of councillors. There are to be two exhibitions at the Mitchell Library on Thursday 23 February and Thursday 23 March between 2pm and 7pm. It has appeared in the weekly planning list for a second time, this time with a date of 14 April for the planning application.

Correspondence: before the meeting Tom had circulated a list of correspondence, including emails, with the items he thinks likely to be discussed printed in red. Eon Energy had written on 23 January about saving money on energy-efficient public lighting. On 23 January a lady he is slightly wary of as she started writing to us around about the same time as

14 Finance

15 Electric Charging Points

Nothing was reported.

16 Air Pollution

17 AOCB

18 Planning

This was covered under item 13, Correspondence and Licensing.

19 Date of Next Meeting

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