

Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting on **Wednesday August 17th** 2016 at 7pm at Kinning Perk

In attendance: Connal Cochrane (Rangers Charity Foundation), Shona Craven, John Foster, Anne Henderson, Archie Henderson, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, David Jones, John Kane, John McKinstry, Jamie Murray, Margaret Prunty, Grace Smith, Bailie Fariha Thomas

Apologies: James Adams, Stephen Dornan

Chairman **John Foster** opened the meeting and the previous month's minutes were approved. Iain Henderson passed on the thanks of former community councillor Bill Copleton for his send-off at July's meeting.

John introduced **Connal Cochrane** of the Rangers Charity Foundation, who outlined the organisation's engagement and partnerships with numerous charities. It is looking to engage more with the very local community and to contribute to participatory budget events. RCF's broad areas of engagement are education, health, employability, environment, and diversity and inclusion. Anne Henderson spoke about summer holiday projects she had been involved with many years ago, which can be used as a "hook" to engage young people and help boost their employability. Other projects mentioned included the food bank at Ibrox Church, memory clubs for people with Alzheimer's, sleep-outs at Ibrox for Glasgow City Mission and a summer football camp that attracted 114 young people. **Bailie Thomas** said the recent feedback from the last of these had been very positive.

Connal offered to feed back any other Rangers-related issues to the club, while emphasising that his role was restricted to the charity foundation. Residents expressed concern about litter, public urination and parking problems on match days. The prospect of event-day parking was raised again, and **Archie Henderson** suggested shuttle buses could be part of the solution to congestion problems. Bailie Thomas advised that such a service would either need to be funded by Rangers or by a bus company that assessed it as commercially viable. Rangers attended a recent public meeting organised by Dumbreck Community Council and were given a hostile reception. Consideration will be given to how to engage positively and constructively with the club.

The upcoming Summer Sessions concerts were discussed, with residents encouraged to phone help lines to report and problems, and leave messages if necessary. Following consultation, stewards are to focus on the two Subway stations. There will be extra toilets and extra trains running from Dumbreck.

Grace Smith informed that she had secured three planters from Bellahouston Nursery. The three-tier planter discussed last month would have proved too challenging to maintain due to its size/height, whereas Grace is willing and able to maintain these smaller planters, which will each contain a small central tree surrounded by shrubs. It was agreed the planters should bear signs saying "Maintained by Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council".

Suggested sites were: Cobbled area near new Clys Community Hall; near Cessnock Subway (consult with Walmer Crescent Association); near Iain Henderson's crossing; corner of Edmiston Drive/Paisley Road West; North Gower Street; corner of Ibrox Terrace/Copeland Road.

John Kane and Fariha Thomas said attention was being paid to problems with bulk uplift in the area, with housing associations taking increasing interest. There was also a recap of the ongoing strategy for dealing with the rat problem – Environmental Health is to be given dossiers of information on particular closes.

There was a positive update on the crumbling tenement building on the corner of Paisley Road West and Langshot Street – there is majority agreement of flat owners to proceed, and work is to begin on bringing this back up to a safe standard. The Ibrox Street tenement building discussed at our previous meeting is

now empty. Govan Housing Association is looking to take it over but the landlord does not want to sell. Another problem close is mostly owned by a single landlord who is carrying out repairs privately. Glasgow City Council has moved in to make improvements to another property at the far end of the street, as the building was dangerous.

Work is continuing on the Thriving Places project and the community council can have a representative to attend meetings. This position can be flexible depending on who is available to attend each of the meetings, which are likely to be held during the day.

There was an update on the Skene Road housing development plan, which went to committee. The proposals were approved with condition attached, including a £70,000 payment reflecting non-compliance with the City Plan in relation to green space. The report addressed the material considerations raised by the community council. The colour palette is still being discussed and will need to be agreed between planning officers and the developer. The Ibroxholm 2 development plans have not yet been assigned to a committee. There are new development plans for the graving docks at the end of Whitefield Road, involving flats, a hotel and a restaurant.

It was confirmed that Kinning Park is due to close in September and new tenants will be moving in and refurbishing the space. This coincides with the community council moving to the new Clyde Community Hall, starting with our September meeting. A visit to the new hall followed this month's meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at Clyde Community Hall.