

Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council

Minutes of meeting on **Wednesday April 20th** at 7pm at Kinning Perk

In attendance: Bill Copleton, Shona Craven, Stephen Dornan, John Foster, James Gardner (SPT), Anne Henderson, Archie Henderson, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, John McGoldrick (SPT), John McKinstry, Margaret Prunty, Lesley Rodgers (SPT), Grace Smith, James Soper (Walmer Crescent Association), Andrea Thompson (SPT), Avril Williamson (Walmer Crescent Association)

Apologies: Chris Fyfe, John Kane, Fariha Thomas

Chairman **John Foster** opened the meeting and asked deputy chairman Mark Hughes to provide updates on matters including the Summer Sessions (August 26-27 – tickets are on sale but the licence has not yet been granted) the possibility of organising a meeting about Orchard & Shipman, the letting agents to asylum seekers, and the potential creation of an event-day parking zone (our area is now second on the priority list for this).

The minutes of our last meeting were approved. Parking problems on match days were raised by some residents, as well as anti-social behaviour on our streets and a particularly concerning incident involving an elderly woman being abused on the Subway. Suggested responses for SPT to consider included CCTV in Subway carriages, stewards in carriages and posters in and around the Subway advising people to report criminal and anti-social behaviour by passengers. It was pointed out that in future the Subway trains may be driverless, further reducing opportunities for reporting problems. It was suggested that the return of police officers on bikes would improve the policing of match days.

Police Scotland have re-launched their online survey in response to feedback from the public. This will now be open all year round, and residents were encouraged to participate.

There was discussion about the planned Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in Bellahouston Park, with some residents expressing concern about noise levels from summer concerts and the associated anti-social behaviour that could cause upset to those residing in or visiting the hospice. Councillor **Stephen Dornan** advised that he would be raising objections accordingly. A consultation on Summer Sessions will take place on May 3, with **John McKinstry** and **Grace Smith** due to attend from the community council. Only a city councillor or the local community council (in this case Craigton) can object at this stage, as the application is being submitted only six weeks ahead of the event. Cllr Dornan advised that promoters do not submit their applications earlier because this allows other individuals to object.

John McGoldrick of SPT spoke in some detail about the Subway refurbishment and took questions from residents. The contract for the works is still out to tender but due to be awarded soon. Penalties for delayed work have been written into contracts. Concern was raised by the Walmer Crescent Association members that vibrations from the work could disturb residents and SPT confirmed that noisy work was to be scheduled for daytime hours. There was some confusion over the hours, as 7am-6pm are hours in council rules for contractors whereas 8am-8pm is currently specified in SPT contracts. James Soper pointed out that any damage caused will need to be repaired by SPT as the Walmer Crescent residential building is A-listed. John Foster raised the need for better maps and signs at Subway stations, and the potential for community information space to be incorporated into the refurbishment works. **Shona Craven** pointed out that there had

been no direct communication with passengers (including Smart Card holders) to advise them that the Subway was closing. **Andrea Thompson** advised that passengers were due to be informed the following week.

Deputy chairman **Mark Hughes** opened the second half of the meeting and invited residents to raise issues of concern. **Anne and Archie Henderson** raised some concerns about commercial developments in the area. **Anne** had been informed that the former Bank of Scotland branch was to be turned into a bookmakers' and **Cllr Dornan** said he would object to such a change of use on the basis that it goes against the regeneration plan for the area. Other bookmakers can also make an objection on commercial grounds. Archie raised concern that a ground-floor flat opposite the former Swallow Hotel, formerly a "sauna", was being converted into a "gentlemen's club".

The practice of passengers using the area around Cessnock Subway as a free park-and-ride was raised. **James Soper** of the Walmer Crescent Association said his group was investigating this and would keep us informed on any developments. It was suggested the Albion car park beside Ibrox Stadium could be used for weekday park-and-ride since it is currently only used for parking on match days.

John McKinstry provided an update on progress with the community council bank account, and **Iain Henderson** gave his report from the monthly Community Council Discussion Forum at the City Chambers in Glasgow. **Mark** spoke about the recent Govan Area Partnership (GAP) meeting he attended, and the move from four meetings per year to six. Land and Environmental Services are due to leaflet residents about food recycling after the GAP chased this up. The new Govan-to-Partick foot bridge is to be built by summer 2019. The boundary for Thriving Places is to be changed to include Ibrox, Cessnock and Govan East. SPT will attend the next GAP meeting after **Mark** raised concern about the shutdown.

Mark spoke about Govan Decides, a community budget exercise taking place as part of a pilot project. 20 projects from across the Govan Ward will compete for funding of £10,000, with all local residents eligible to vote. £5,000 has been contributed by the GAP with another £5,000 from the Scottish Government. **Mark** strongly encouraged all residents to attend the event on Monday April 25 at the Pearce Institute.

Mark also advised of his attendance at a Digi CC event focusing on social media and communications by community councils (and the creation of a Dropbox-style Knowledge Hub), and progress with the new Clyde Community Hall, which is due to open in June.

John Foster confirmed there were no updates to report on the Skene Road or Ibroxholm 2 developments, as these are still being examined by planning staff at the council and have not yet been assigned to committees.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at Kinning Perk Cafe.