

Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting on **Wednesday May 18th 2016** at 7pm at Kinning Perk

In attendance: Shona Craven, Chris Fyfe, Anne Henderson, Archie Henderson, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, David Jones, John Kane, John McKinstry, Margaret Prunty, Bailie Fariha Thomas

Apologies: James Adams, John Foster, Stephen Dornan, Grace Smith

Vice-chairman **Mark Hughes** opened the meeting in the absence of chairman John Foster, who was on holiday. Minutes of last month's meeting were approved.

Mark confirmed that Bill Copleton has made the decision to resign from the community council due to failing health. An election will be held to replace him and Mark has written to community council members who have not attended for some months to confirm whether they wish to continue. **Shona Craven** agreed to replace Bill as Mark's substitute for the Govan Area Partnership.

Updates were provided on the closure of the Subway in July. Smart ticket holders have now been emailed full information, including options for accessing the replacement bus services. For all other passengers the bus will cost £1 single/£2 return for adults and 50p single/£1 return for children. Scottish Water works have begun on Govan Road beside Festival Park, which will last five months.

Bailie Thomas provided an update on the meeting about Summer Sessions on May 3rd, which no community councillors were able to attend. Unfortunately there was also no police presence at this meeting, which limited discussion of safety and security measures. The tendering process for security staff for the concerts is ongoing. Craigton Community Council made representations but no objections. A number of "local forum meetings" are to be held, with dates to be confirmed. There should be representatives from the police and the security staff at these.

The Mary Barbour Award was discussed and residents were encouraged to nominate women who have been involved with campaigning in their communities. The award ceremony will be held in the Pearce Institute. It was suggested the original deadline for nominations of May 31 would be pushed back.

An Environmental Task Force is to be launched by the council to target problem areas. This is described as a "new way of doing things". Areas of focus will be selected based on the number of council complaints received, and it was pointed out that residents of middle-class areas with relatively minor environmental problems make a disproportionate number of complaints. **Shona Craven** pointed out that detailed suggestions for improvements/efficient to cleansing services had been sent to Paul McGrath following his attendance at the community council meeting last year, but he had not replied to this email or got back in touch as promised regarding either publicity plans for the roll-out of food recycling or any of the various "city reviews" etc he had mentioned.

Chris Fyfe raised the problem of crumbling buildings, specifically that on the corner of Langshot Road and Paisley Road West. **Bailie Thomas** confirmed that owners of the tenement flats had been offered grants but were refusing to co-operated. She mentioned the extra powers of acquisition the council has been granted to tackle chronic housing problems in Govanhill, which has been designated an "enhanced enforcement area". Residents were advised that when phoning

to report complaints about the behaviour of a tenant (ie dumping rubbish) they should insist on the complaint being logged against the landlord's name. Council staff should be able to look this up themselves on the landlord register.

The possibility of a bookmaker's in the Bank of Scotland building and a possible "gentlemen's club" in Paisley Road West were raised, but there were no updates on either. Currently the change of use from a bank to a bookmakers does not require planning permission - it was suggested that Iain Henderson raise concern about this at the Community Council Discussion Forum, as the proliferation of bookmakers is likely to be a matter of concern for many other communities.

Treasurer **John McKinstry** provided any update on progress with the new bank account, which is now set up. The old account has been closed.

Iain Henderson provided his report from the latest Community Council Discussion Forum, at which statistics on cleansing were presented and boundary changes affecting community councils were discussed. There was also discussion of efforts to promote community councils across the city.

Mark reported that the recent community budgeting event, Govan Decides, had been a success, with 17 applications for shares of the £10,000 funding and 55 votes cast. He advised that the event was a very useful way of finding out about what's going on in the area. There are plans to run another event later this year.

Mark advised that he is now chairman of the board of trustees for Clyde Community Hall, and that refurbishment work is ongoing by City Building apprentices. This is taking slightly longer than expected and a "soft" launch of the hall is expected at the end of July. The staffing situation is still to be confirmed. The community council could potentially hold our July meeting in the new hall.

There was discussion around expanding the community council mailing list to ensure all of the new Glasgow MSPs are invited to our meetings. **Shona Craven** explained that she had created a MailChimp mailing list but that to use this successfully the community council would require a custom url and email account. Various options for the url format were discussed, taking as a starting point the most popular formats used by other community councils in Glasgow, and it was agreed we should purchase www.ibroxandcessnock.org.uk.

The Skene Road and Ibroxholm development plans are still pending consideration.

The meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday June 15th at Kinning Perk Cafe.