

Minutes of meeting on **Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2016** at 7pm at Clyde Community Hall

**In attendance:** Archie and Anne Henderson, Shona Craven, Councillor Stephen Dornan, Chris Fyfe, PC Laura Gillen, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, Councillor John Kane, Kirsty McDowall, John McKinstry, Jamie Murray, Grace Smith, Bailie Fariha Thomas, Avril Williamson

**Apologies:** James Adams, John Foster

**Shona Craven** opened the meeting and introduced police constable **Laura Gillen**, who gave a report on crime in the area including assaults, thefts (with collection tins targeted) and drug offences. She advised that the police were aware of the family responsible for the recent spate of thefts and housebreakings in Paisley Road West. There is now a “problem-solving team” of four officers dedicated to our area.

There will be plain-clothes police patrols on match days to address problems caused by football fans such as urinating in closes and dumping litter. It was suggested that the local officers brief any additional police about the problem areas on match days to ensure a co-ordinated presence.

Resident **Avril Williamson** highlighted the obstruction being caused by construction workers carrying out modernisation work at night at Cessnock subway station.

**Mark Hughes** arrived and took over chairing duties, and the minutes from last month's meeting were approved (Iain Henderson) and seconded (Chris Fyfe). **Avril Williamson** raised as a matter arising the nationwide plans for the expansion of childcare provision, suggesting this amounted to the privatisation of early-years care and raising concern about capacity. **John Kane** advised that councils would not be receiving additional funding for new nursery buildings and highlighted the difficulty of predicting future demand.

Proposals by Rangers FC to create a “fan zone” around Ibrox Stadium were raised by **Stephen Dornan**. Further clarification was required and it was suggested Rangers could be invited to our January meeting to provide more details. There was also an update on plans to introduce match-day parking, with Ibrox now at the top of the list for implementation.

Some problems with food recycling were raised – specifically the fact that not all households had received new wheelie bins and that in other areas (ie Walmer Crescent) there were too many.

**Shona Craven** agreed to attend the forthcoming Community Council Discussion Forum after **Iain Henderson** advised that he was unavailable. Future topics of discussion for 2017 forums include the Environmental Taskforce, hate crime and council budgeting.

Attendees were reminding of the forthcoming Govan Loves Christmas event at Govan Cross on December 7 from 3.30pm to 6pm. The Govan Area Partnership will have a stall, and **Mark Hughes** advised that he was preparing flyers and business cards to hand out. The community council approved the spending up to £50 on these materials.

Govan Area Partnership now has a new website with links to documents discussed at meetings. Another “Govan Decides” community budgeting event is planned for early next year.

**Mark Hughes** has also revamped the community council's website with a wealth of new resources such as links to weather and transport updates and councillors' web pages, and is boosting our Twitter and Facebook presence. **Anne Henderson** highlighted the importance of reaching out to the local student population.

**John McKinstry**'s provided his treasurer's report and confirmed Clyde Hall bookings up to January 2017. John advised that he would check the main hall was booked for forthcoming meetings, as we were in a

small meeting room this month that is inadequate in terms of size and creating an accessible meeting environment. Other venue options may need to be explored if booking of the main hall cannot be guaranteed.

**Mark Hughes** provided an update about increasing the community council's capacity, suggesting we aim for 12 members rather than simply filling the existing three spaces. This allows us to increase in size while keeping the number of members required for quorate meetings at four. This was agreed, and the number of vacancies will be confirmed at the next meeting once non-attending members have had a final opportunity to respond to communications about their interest in continuing. The possibility of associate and co-opted members (ie from Walmer Crescent Association) was also discussed.

The new planters secured from Glasgow City Council are now in place and being maintained by **Grace Smith**. There was discussion about sourcing plaques bearing the name of the community council and/or Glasgow City Council, to raise awareness of our role in sourcing these for the community.

**Fariha Thomas** advised that the leaflets about the Great Scottish Run road closures went undelivered due to a problem with a subcontractor, and that changes to arrangements would be made for next year.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday December 21 at Clyde Community Hall. However, due to the fact that four community councillors were not available to attend on this date, this was subsequently cancelled and the next meeting will be on Wednesday January . 18th