

Minutes of meeting on **Wednesday February 15th 2017** at 7pm at Clyde Community Hall

In attendance: Margaret Barclay, Marta Calanca, Craig Cameron,, John Cork, Shona Craven, Councillor Stephen Dornan, Chris Fyfe, Joseph Gallagher, Serena Hay, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, David Jones, Councillor John Kane, Janet Kendouh, Kirsty McDowall, John McKinstry, John McLaren, Margaret Prunty, Grace Smith, Bailie Fariha Thomas, Avril Williamson, Pam Wilson

Apologies: James Adams, John Foster, Ray Prunty

Mark Hughes opened the meeting and introduced police officers Craig Cameron and Joseph Gallacher, who highlighted three main crime issues in the area: match-day antisocial behaviour, housebreakings and drug offences. They advised that their shift patterns have been altered to allow them to combat problems on match days, working both in uniform and plain clothes. A new initiative last weekend involved stewards and police working together. They advised that housebreakings were likely to be an ongoing problem as one suspect still at large is thought to be behind 20-30 cases of housebreaking and vehicle crime. The officers highlighted the fact that crime on the Subway is within the jurisdiction of the British Transport Police, not Police Scotland.

The community council had received a request from **John Cork** to film the evening's proceedings (video only – no audio) for a film about the work of city councillors. On further questioning by members of the community it emerged that the video was about the work of Councillor John Kane, and was to be shown at the upcoming Labour Party Conference. It was decided that this constituted party-political activity and therefore the community council could not agree to the filming. Furthermore, multiple individuals expressed by a show of hands that they were unhappy to be filmed, so in any case permission could not be granted as the filming would have compromised the meeting.

The minutes of January's meeting were approved with minor amendments.

Matters arising included the safety risk posed by car parking on petrol station forecourts. John Kane raised this matter with Land and Environmental Services, who will speak to garages to find out whether they are encouraging this practice or charging for it. Avril Williamson advised that they definitely are.

Fariha Thomas had enquired about the colour palate for the Skene Road flats development and advised that a decision has not yet been made. She said the architects were keen to engage and advised us of contact details for the senior planning officer.

Correspondence had been received about the city-wide Budget Conversations process, and **John Kane** went through this, highlighting some of the suggestions made for income-generation by the council. These included road tolls, congestion charging, litter fines, charging residents and businesses for bulk uplifts, charge non-residents for museum admissions etc, and a "tourism tax".

A resident who was new to the area asked about the frequency of bin deliveries and highlighted the small number of blue bins provided for large numbers of flats. Fariha Thomas advised him that additional blue bins could be requested. **Avril Williamson** raised the issue of calling to report missing bin collections and being told it could take a week for workers to get to them. There was further discussion about access problems for bin men, involving missing key and padlocks for gates and security doors being left open (a matter of particular concern given the recent and ongoing spate of housebreakings).

Resident **Kirsty McDowall** raised problems with ankle-deep tree-leaf mulch blocking drains on Paisley Road West, and John McKinstry advised of a similar problem in Merrick Gardens. John Kane advised that additional staff had been assigned to street-cleaning duties in the last 4-5 weeks but that he would ask for these problem areas to be prioritised.

John Kane also highlighted efforts by housing associations to gain a foothold in the area (including pilot

schemes involving closes where they don't own any properties) that may help get rid of undesirable landlords and address problems with bin areas.

Treasurer **John McKinstry** highlighted problems contacting Clyde Community Hall in order to pay for our venue hire. **Shona Craven** advised there had so far been no response to efforts by the community council to formally engage with the hall and little information made public about its activities. She also raised the problem of noise levels elsewhere in the venue making the evening's meeting difficult. John Kane advised that a group of children had been forced to use the hall for the evening as a planned swimming trip had been canceled at short notice. He further advised that the hall was interviewing for a full-time post and that a new "community kitchen" was due to be up and running in a couple of weeks.

Mark Hughes clarified that nominations for the five community council vacancies must be submitted by March 3, and that if fewer than five people put themselves forward then all will be appointed. If there are more than five, there will be an election at our meeting of March 15.

The possibility of the community council hosting a hustings ahead of the forthcoming local elections was raised. Kinning Park Community Council used to do this, and Govan also usually does. The list of candidates will be confirmed in mid-March. It was suggested a hustings could be a good way to raise the profile of the community council. Fariha Thomas advised of the importance of selecting a date and getting the word out.

There was an update on the planned video by Rangers highlighting community responsibility. **Grace Smith** advised that a player who grew up in the area would be used, along with a local resident. Thus far no residents have advised the community council they are willing to appear on camera. Shona Craven advised that she had contacted Rangers directly with a suggestion for the video and volunteering to take part but had received no reply.

A good turnout was reported for last month's Event Day Parking consultation, with a wide range of issues raised including access for carers, visitor passes, multiple permits for community organisations/businesses, and whether Paisley Road West would be included. The next step is statutory engagement.

In planning matters, the meeting was advised that someone wishes to remove a chimney breast and carry out roof works to a tenement on Clutha Street.

Shona Craven provided a brief report on November's Community Council Discussion Forum, which involved discussion of licensing (alcohol and gambling), the implications of changing being introduced as part of the Community Empowerment Act, and the handling of negative comments made by a previous discussion forum chair about a council officer.

The meeting heard that the Govan Decides community budgeting event in January was a great success, with all of the organisations bidding for funding receiving some money and most receiving the full amount requested. PB Scotland blogged about the event [here](#).

The meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 15th.