

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

In attendance: Margaret Barclay, Ricky Bell, Marta Calanca, PC Craig Cameron, PC Larissa Cooper, Shona Craven, Councillor Stephen Dornan, Chris Fyfe, Serena Hay, Anne Henderson, Archie Henderson, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, Councillor John Kane, Janet Keddouh, Barbara Little, Kirsty McDowall, John McKinstry, Jamie Murray, Jim Nichol, Margaret Prunty, Jackie Welsh, Avril Williamson, Pam Wilson

Apologies: Grace Smith, Fariha Thomas

John Foster opened the meeting and introduced police officers Craig Cameron and Larissa Cooper, who provided comparison crime figures for February 2016 and February 2017 (Appendix 1).

It was noted that the earlier police presence on match days had made a significant difference, with people keeping moving rather than hanging around areas such as Merrick Gardens.

The minutes of February's meeting were proposed by Chris Fyfe and seconded by Iain Henderson.

Matters arising from minutes

John Kane confirmed there was ongoing dialogue about car parking at petrol stations. The blocked drains reported at our last meeting have been cleared of leaf mulch.

John Foster paid tribute to Iain Henderson's contribution over many years as minute secretary. Iain is continuing as a community councillor and looking to develop a new role. He will continue to attend the regular Community Council Discussion Forums.

Mark Hughes provided an update on the community council election. Nominations were received from Avril Williamson, Serena Hay and Kirsty McDowall. These nominations were ratified, meaning all three are now community councillors. The next normal election will be in 2018, and it is hoped our number can be increased to the full complement of 12.

Correspondence

Chris Stephens MP wrote to advise that he had made enquiries about issues raised at our last meeting. He advised that bins were being collected to the correct schedule in Clifford Lane and Cessnock Lane, but there were major fly tipping problems as well as scavenging by members of the public in bin sets that was creating a mess. He has been advised that these areas and Merrick Gardens have been identified as "hot spot" locations by Land and Environmental Services. He further advised that all refuse squads were being spoken to about the importance of securing close doors and that supervisors would be carrying out checks. He confirmed the cleaning of streets, roads and gullies affected by the debris/mulch problem.

It was confirmed that the next Summer Sessions concert (Eminem) will be staged on August 24th. There will be community consultation with DF Concerts, and it is hoped feedback from previous events will be taken on board. No additional dates have been confirmed yet, although normally there are at least two concerts per year.

Mark Hughes highlighted that an exhibition showing potential designs for the Graving Docks in Govan will be held on Saturday March 25th at Riverside Hall. He also advised that information about the Central Govan Action Plan – in particular Govan Cross public space improvements – was available on the [Get Into Govan website](#).

Councillor updates

Fariha Thomas provided an update on plans for the introduction of event-day parking, advising there will be a statutory consultation period. The community council hopes to have the chance to properly give feedback before it goes to the statutory consultation stage. Concern was raised that £10 visitor permits for event-day parking may be traded.

Plans for a third Gaelic primary in the city were discussed, as one of the surplus schools in Govan may be refurbished for this purpose. It is not within our boundary but is within walking distance. Plans will go to statutory consultation.

John Kane reported that Paisley Road West and side streets had been given a deep clean after the hiring of additional staff. He summarized the outcomes of the budget meeting held the day after our last community council meeting, a full breakdown of which is available at www.glasgow.gov.uk/budget. He reported that residents were happy to see an increase in council tax to pay for better services, and that a 3% increase for four bands will deliver an extra £7m to the council. 600 hours of increased childcare provision is due to be delivered in the summer. John also reported that an announcement was due in the next few weeks of a leaner, more efficient Land and Environmental Services system.

Stephen Dornan advised that the developer of the graving docks has provided assurances that the three dry docks and basin will be retained, and there is flexibility on the location of housing. He reported that he had sought clarification regarding event-day parking and visiting carers, and that as far as he was aware they would be given permits.

A well-attended street food event was held recently and another is due to be held on March 25th in the warehouse across from the former location of Sunny Govan Radio.

Community councillor business

John McKinstry reported that he was still waiting for bills from Clyde Community Hall, but John Kane advised that all of our meetings are in the diary.

Iain Henderson raised the possibility of having a physical newsletter for the community council. John Foster advised there was budget for this and asked if anyone supported the idea. Anne Anderson suggested media studies students might be interested in producing a newsletter.

Resident Jackie Welsh raised the issue of lack of awareness of our meetings. Mark has produced glossy posters and leaflets covering three months' worth of meetings for display in local shops. Clyde Community Hall now has a noticeboard after successful Govan Decides bid, which is due to be installed shortly.

Licence applications

John Foster advised of three street trader licence applications. Questions were raised over how these interacted with the event-day parking plans, and it was suggested the licences issued may be shorter as a result. Serena Hay highlighted that the application relating to Fairley Street would obstruct visibility for people entering and exiting garages. Stephen Dornan advised that it was possible for a representative to appear at the licensing court to communicate objections.

The Rolls Royce social club on Beech Avenue is asking for the ability to continue to sell alcohol on the premises. No objections were raised by residents.

Hustings event

It was agreed that all candidates standing for election to Govan Ward will be invited to our hustings and that this will take place on Tuesday, April 25th. It was confirmed that we may lay down rules including that the focus must be on local issues rather than national or constitutional matters. Serena Hay highlighted that our area usually has a low turnout for local elections, and John Foster said there was a lot of confusion over what these elections were about. Mark Hughes, Shona Craven, John Foster and Iain Henderson agreed to form a sub-committee to plan the hustings. Invitations to candidates will be sent out soon after the application deadline of March 29th. Questions will be solicited in advance and options for filming the event will be explored.

Community Council Discussion Forum

Iain Henderson provided his update from the forum on February 25th, which focus on improving the quality of the forums, increase in attendance and promoting them more effectively. The current average

attendance is 25 to 35 councillors, and there are more than 80 community councils in the city. The CCDF also heard from Chief Inspector Morag Stewart on problem-solving policing. The next forum's invited speaker is Frank McAveety, discussing the Environmental Task Force.

Govan Area Partnership

Shona Craven provided an update on the last meeting of the Govan Area Partnership, at which issues discussed included the recent ward boundary changes and what these mean for area partnerships and community councils, South Glasgow Youth Bank's pilot scheme in Govan and Craigton, a statistical report about the Environmental Task Force, and City Deal development plans. She relayed plans for improving connectivity between Cessnock Subway and Festival Park, with compulsory purchase a potential tool for achieving this.

It was noted that Govan East still has no community council, and it might be possible to split the area between our community council and Govan Community Council. It was proposed we arrange a meeting with Govan CC to discuss.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 19.