

Ibrox/Cessnock Community Council

Approved minutes of meeting on Wednesday **August 19th** at 7pm at Kinning Perk

In attendance: Bill Copleton, Shona Craven, John Foster, Chris Fyfe, Iain Henderson, Mark Hughes, David Jones, John Kane, John McKinstry, Charles Mulholland, Margaret Prunty, Ray Prunty, Denis Ruddy, Grace Smith, Bailie Fariha Thomas

Chairman **John Foster** opened the meeting and the minutes of June's meeting were approved. Six new community council members were welcomed subject to the submission of two revised nomination forms. John McKinstry was nominated and seconded as Treasurer.

John gave an update on the proposed Ibroxholm Oval development and cleansing problems in the area. He also advised that a development is proposed for the gap site at Hinshelwood. There will be a public consultation event by Glasgow Housing Association on Thursday September 17th at Ibrox Library.

Also discussed was the Summer Sessions concert series in Bellahouston Park. Councillors Kane and Thomas outlined the car parking, marshals, toilet (portaloo) facilities and shuttle buses to be provided as part of the agreement with the concert promoters. There will be a debriefing afterwards, to which the community council will be invited.

This led on to discussion about the problems caused by the influx of people to Ibrox on match days and problems with litter dumping and urinating in closes. It was suggested that the community council contact Rangers directly about these issues and possible solutions. It was also suggested that local police commander John Haines be invited to a future meeting to discuss concerns.

Shona Craven raised the issue of bin bags from litter bins being left uncollected on pavements for long periods, and said she was pursuing this with the council through its website and complaints procedure and would provide further update at the next meeting.

Denis Ruddy provided further update on progress with smartening up the back courts bordered by Harley Street, Middleton Street, Elizabeth Street and Ibrox Street that were targeted by the community council's Back Court Blitz. He showed pictures of flower planters that had been added to the central area, and reported continuing progress regarding bulk uplift and pest (rat) control. The impending introduction of food recycling bins was discussed, with concerns raised that this was likely to increase problems with rats and foxes. Bailie Thomas advised that in pilot areas some of the bins used had been bitten

open by foxes, but that the council had no option but to introduce these as the Scottish Government has passed legislation requiring them.

Bill Copleton praised the council's cleansing service, saying he had not encountered any problems.

Iain Henderson enquired about Whitefield Hall and was advised by Councillors Kane and Thomas that the refurbishment was taking longer than planned due to the discovery of numerous problems with the building, including the roof, electrics and possible asbestos. The refurbishment work will cost £50,000 and is due to commence on August 31. The hall's Integrated Grants Fund funding has been retained due to the importance of the hall to the local community. The hall is owned by the council but will be managed by a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), and the community council will have the opportunity to have a representative.

Mark Hughes raised an issue of flickering lights near his home in Clifford Street, and of unsuccessful efforts to have the council fix the problem.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 17 at Kinning Perk.