

MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Peter Menzies – Chair
 Ann Prescott
 Sandra McDowall
 Mgt Hubbard
 Suzie Harrold
 Bruce Usher
 Jim Dryden

Elected Members

Cllr Fraser MacPherson
 Cllr Donald Hay
 Cllr Richard McCready

Members of the public - 4

IN ATTENDANCE; Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Police Officers Lee McConnachie and Andy Caufield, Russell Pepper

APOLOGIES; Alan Young, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson, Elaine Kuwahara, Mary McKenzie

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introduction to Community Police Officer Andrew Caufield.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Margaret Hubbard and seconded by Sandra McDowell.</p>	
2	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
2a	<p>Community Fridge – Peter spoke about the meeting held with traders to discuss The Gate’s Community Fridge proposal. Traders and one resident were not happy and there has been negative press coverage. Keen to see the project happen, but maybe not in this particular area. WECC have the ability to use the website to do a further consultation and make it more representative of the West End.</p>	PM
2b	<p>Licensing – with regard to notification of extended hours of 172 Caird, Peter states he was not notified.</p>	
2c	<p>HMO Forum – the forum in its present shape was not meeting the needs of the area. It has been agreed that the LCPP shall form a sub group which will look at private rented accommodation, including HMO. KM spoke about the difficult as a landlord to gain access to contact details for other landlords. This is due to data protection and inability to share information.</p>	VK
2d	<p>Shaftsbury Avenue – JD felt that there has been a good start to the school term. The shop at bottom of Blackness Avenue now selling food, so litter has increased.</p>	
2e	<p>Parking at Blackness/Abbotsford</p>	

<p>2f</p> <p>2g</p>	<p>B Usher highlighted problems with cars parking 3 deep at Abbotsford and Blackness Road. This is due to school pickups. Bruce concerned that drop off and pick up areas were not designed when school was being built.</p> <p>PC McConnachie – safety is very important and Police Scotland can do joint patrols with Parking wardens. This is a problem at key times at every school. Re iterated that Police Scotland not responsible for enforcement.</p> <p>It was noted that 30 parking places were created in Glenagnes Street and are very close by. It was agreed that this is a societal issue and more work has to be done to educate and encourage walking etc.</p> <p>Bins/Recycling NM – highlighted issues with overflowing bins in the area. This has been a cause for complaint for some time and elected members have dealt with many concerns. There are many factors which affect the West End, including flytipping from student accommodation and numbers of tenements. It is felt that in the main if we can get the frequency of collection right then we should see improvements.</p> <p>Westfest Issues have been raised and will be fed into the new committee. Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th September at 7pm in Blackness Library.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Police Scotland Update – Lee McConnachie Concentrating on speeding issues in the West End over the next month or two. There have been several drug warrants served on local addresses. Complaints been received about both Shaftsbury Avenue and the Western Cemetery.</p> <p>Attention will now be given to local primary schools.</p> <p>Q SH – is there more police around the area when the carnival is on? A No, there had been a missing person in the area</p> <p>SH spoke about the number of cars that park on the grass. BBQ was also held on the bandstand recently, they moved after being spoken to. Cllr McCready feels the signage is inadequate and that more needs done. Agreed to share the Parking Enforcement Officer number for out of hours – 43xxx</p>	<p>Police Scotland/ DCC</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Russell Pepper – Open Close</p> <p>Russell Pepper here to pitch an idea to the WECC which will promote active travel along the Perth Road. Scottish Govt through Sustrans have a pot of money which groups can apply for funds to do a feasibility study. Ideas include; place making – making areas look more attractive encouraging folk to relax, it can include; planting, seating, artworks and create safe routes. Russell is proposing that the WECC would be the steering body and apply for the funding.</p> <p>Q How far does the feasibility extend to? A Perth Road shopping district.</p> <p>It was agreed that a sub group be formed; Peter, Elaine, Anne and Mary and they will work with Russell.</p>	<p>RP</p>

5	<p>Independence March</p> <p>SH – The main problem was lack of communication from DCC beforehand. Concerns raised with David Martin that this should be shared with WECC. David Martin informed Suzie that those who would be cut off would be informed, this did not happen.</p> <p>PM – there were 14 points of contact made before any answers given. MP did not respond either.</p> <p>Cllr MacPherson did receive complaints after the event. It was agreed that there was a lot of learning to be done from this event.</p> <p>Roger Mennie had produced a very helpful paper</p> <p>The Community Council agreed to take this forward through Health and Safety (clause C).</p>	WECC
6	<p>Perth Road Update</p> <p>Peter explained about his FOI request regarding the Action Plan from the February Walkabout. Peter feels the West End has been penalised and he feels the FOI paperwork reiterates that.</p> <p>Cllr MacPherson – has had an update and funds need to be identified.</p> <p>Cllr McCready – not asking for anything that we don't want other areas to have, working with the community on priorities.</p> <p>It was agreed that Peter meet with Sandy Flight and take forward concerns, about;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes agreed • Process and cost • Progress on residents parking scheme and timeline for consultation taking place. 	PM/SF
7	<p>Planning – Sandra</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Expecting more footfall at the weekend for opening of V&A, can we get more bins?</p> <p>Xplore – changes to bus services have been put off until 2019. Encourage everyone to write to Xplore who is affected. Xplore manager can be invited to future meeting.</p>	
9	<p>DTNM</p> <p>Tuesday 9th October 2018</p>	