

MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2018 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Peter Menzies – Chair
 Ann Prescott
 Andrew O'Malley
 Iain Iveson
 Sandra McDowall
 Mgt Hubbard
 Suzie Harrold
 Bruce Usher
 Mary McKenzie
 Jim Dryden
 Elaine Kuwahara

Elected Members

Cllr Bill Campbell
 Cllr Fraser MacPherson
 Cllr Donald Hay
 Cllr Richard McCready

Members of the public - 5

IN ATTENDANCE; Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Police Officers J Swankie and L McConnachie
APOLOGIES; Alan Young, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson and Inspector Cath Lannon.

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.</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> <p>Matters Arising</p>	
2a	<p>PM - Visit from John Alexander was very interesting. Keen to see how issues relating to West End are taken forward.</p>	
2b	<p>Speeding Issues raised at the last meeting were dealt with very promptly.</p>	
2c	<p>WECC Survey – Iain has created an online portal on the WECC website for residents to share issues with the Community Council. It will give an indication of priorities. It was agreed to get a leaflet printed indicating the link.</p>	PM
2d	<p>Licensing Committee – Sandra reported that the committee had been supportive. The new owners of the Meathouse will be providing food – concerns alleviated. Training on objecting to Licenses has been offered by Dr Emma Fletcher, Public Health. Sandra, Mary and Vanessa to take up offer.</p> <p>HMOs were discussed as Sandra and Mary felt that their objections are falling on deaf ears. Key points from discussion;</p>	VK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr MacPherson felt it was now time to revisit the spread of HMOs across the city, as West End is above the 12 ½% limit. He suggested a letter to City Development Director and Licensing Committee. • Cllr Campbell – need to have somewhere for students to live, but we can spread it across areas. Not all HMOs are students, many single professionals live in them, factoring is the key solution. • Cllr McCready – think it would be good for WECC to form an opinion on this. Also provides a level of comeback that not all private rented property has. Agrees that factoring is the way ahead and that we need to find ways to live with students, they are part of the West End. • Cllr Hay – HMO’s can blight people’s lives. • EK – concerned about the number of HMO’s on some streets. • Students do not always know the rules associated with the property. • Cllr MacPherson – can be consequences to students, need to work with the University. • Police Scotland – put onus on landlord and not students, they have to take responsibility and ownership for their properties. <p>Agreed to take these issues back to the HMO Forum which has not met recently.</p>	Cllr MacP
3	<p>Police Scotland Update Apologies Inspector Lannon cannot attend meeting tonight as a major incident has taken priority.</p> <p>Foot and cycle patrols across the ward, concerns raised about Magdalen Road have resulted in greater attention and a number of drivers have been spoken to. Shaftsbury Road getting lots of attention. Jim reported that it’s a fluctuating situation– quiet some days and on others the pupils can be very abusive, mostly S2 and S3.</p> <p>The officers spoke about the degree of flexibility and the free reign they have to tackle issues amongst the pupils.</p>	Police Scotland/ DCC
4	<p>Westfest</p> <p>PM - concerns raised in the aftermath of Westfest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main areas of concern – lack of communication with local residents about traffic management system and event. • People leaving the arena with alcohol • Stewarding of event not sufficient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Scotland Officers spoke stated that there has been no trouble, but they would be happy to look at future communication. <p>WECC had a board for local issues at the event and those comments captured, included; problems with recycling bins and flytipping. No parking at Hazel Avenue where there is a recycling bin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfest comments on the day, included, no notification about road closure, no recycling on site, 1 comment suggesting alcohol free festival. • EK – very concerned about Westfest and a feeling that its getting worse. If it is about music and drinking then it could be moved to Slessor Gardens. Still local closes being used as toilets, no local residents aware in advance of road system, very expensive for rides and food. Not really representative of the West End community. 	VK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Iveson – a good event, need to be constructive about feedback, this is another community group. • It was felt that it lacked local organisations. • Cllr Campbell – want to commend all the hard work that went into it, but it has lost its character. Feel it should be away from properties and reflect life of the West End, focus on music too much. <p>Peter asked that we have a member of the Westfest committee at the September meeting. VK agreed to talk to the group.</p> <p>Greig, who works under the name of Mr Seagull, asked if the WECC would like him to paint a design onto the bridge leading to Riverside. This was agreed, so long as he sought the relevant permission from DCC.</p>	VK
5	<p>Perth Road/WECC Hitlist</p> <p>The Perth Road Walkabout action plan was circulated. Pictures have been added to help with discussion. Nine actions to be taken forward, there are concerns that some officers want to deal with parking issues during the forthcoming parking consultation. Several actions have been done. There will be discussion at the meeting on the 19th June.</p> <p>Peter intimated that a FOISA request has been put in to deal with the inadequate response to the lighting issue at Magdalen Green.</p>	PM PM
6	<p>AOCB</p> <p>WECC Tea money fund – distributed as £25 to Brown Street Kennels and £25 to Dundee Association for Mental Health.</p> <p>14th July Friends of Magdalen Green are having a fundraiser at Elaine's – tickets £5 from Mary, Jim or Sandra.</p>	
7	<p>DTNM</p> <p>Tuesday 11th September 2018</p>	