

**MINUTE OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT  
LOGIE AND ST JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Community Councillors  
 Peter Menzies – Chair  
 Alan Young  
 Iain Iveson  
 Ann Prescott  
 Innocent Oriaku  
 Lydia Dorward  
 Mary McKenzie  
 Cllr Richard McCready  
 Cllr Fraser MacPherson  
 Cllr Donald Hay  
 Cllr Bill Campbell  
 Cllr Mark Flynn – Vice Convenor City Development  
 Beth Wood – Harris Academy  
 5 Members of the Public

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Police Constables Evans, McConnachie and McLean, J Simpson  
 DC Thomson,

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Campbell, Elaine Kuwahara, Sandra McDowall and Nicky Marra

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and intimated that the meeting would now be adjourned until Mr J Jackson left the meeting. Peter asked the Police Officer to escort him from the building.</p> <p>Mr Jackson left the meeting and the business was continued.</p>	ACTION
2	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting October 2017 and Matters arising</b></p> <p>Minutes approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Anne Prescott and Seconded Alan Young.</p> <p><b>Matters arising;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Graffiti</b> – reminder to everyone to report graffiti and get early removal. Tags can be photographed for identification.</li> <li>• <b>Speeding</b> – Police Scotland have been proactive in their approach to the hot spots. All local community police officers have received their training on use of hand held speed guns.</li> <li>• <b>Harris Academy Issues</b> – there has been significant improvement on recent issues.</li> <li>• Cllr MacPherson spoke about the need to move the bus stop from its present position to a more accessible, safer location in front of the school. It would be better lit and in full view of the school. To be taken up with John Berry DCC Transportation.</li> <li>• Review of this and No 5 bus will also be a benefit for those attending West Park.</li> </ul>	DCC

3	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Letter received from Taypark Hotel. To be discussed under planning.</p>	
4	<p><b>Presentation – West End Parking, Deputy Convenor City Development Mark Flynn</b></p> <p><b>Residents Parking scheme</b> Looking at the issue of parking across the city. There are problems in Coldside, Maryfield and West End. There is a need to revisit the Residents Parking scheme. This was highlighted in Engage Dundee as a major concern within these wards and it was noted that the West End has the added challenge of the University.</p> <p><b>Questions/Comments</b> Concerns over cost, lessons from Menzieshill – if the price is too high then the answer will be ‘NO’. Concerns regarding students and how HMOs will be treated. This needs to be looked at but normally it will be the owner of the property who is registered. Timescale – Summer 2018 for consultation and complete by 2020.</p> <p><b>Parking in District Shopping Centres</b> will also be looked at; Peter highlighted the WECC campaign to improve the parking offer and the frustration felt over recent failed attempts to improve the situation. There is a need to work with the University, they bring a lot to the West End and we need to take into account University plans. It was agreed that the development of the Park and Ride for North East Fife will make a difference.</p> <p><b>Comments/Questions</b> Need to work with students and university to agree parking measures which encourage green campus, but recognise travel needs. AY – will there be something in writing to take the parking issue forward? Cllr Flynn – Yes, hoping to get plans to committee in December.</p> <p>Next stage will be site visits and agreed action plan.</p>	DCC City Dev
5	<p><b>Perth Road Update</b> Things are improving and a draft report has been received. There was a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October which Peter missed through no fault of his. Agreed that in the future, meeting details will be sent to Peter by email. Next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Positive</b> – report, lots of good ideas to make the Perth Road a very positive area to visit, shop and eat/drink. <b>Negative</b> – Parking issues. It was felt this needed a walkabout/site meeting to enable this issue to go forward. No date for meeting yet. Issues to be discussed with CE David Martin include looking at resident parking scheme, using land designated for other developments, discounted parking in town multi storeys for workers. A query was also raised about why we have Evening Parking Attendants – the response is that this was due to residents demands to ensure enforcement happens outwith office hours.</p>	PM/Elected members/VK

	Another query asked why cars with 3 flat tyres were not being moved – answer, so long as they are taxed, mot'd and insured, legal to be on road.	
6	<p><b>Planning Update</b></p> <p>Peter has been approached by 2 residents from the flats at Blackness Road which are under threat of demolition. Both residents had been invited to the meeting to share their concerns. Concerns raised regarding lack of consultation. The main arguments relate to the cost of replacing the stairwells or demolishing and rebuilding. Elected members informed the meeting that DCC pulled a committee report in June for further consultation with owners and tenants. No easy answer, tenants split, some in favour of demolishing some not, others keen to return to the site in the future. Only one owner occupier had come along to the Community Council and they were in favour of demolition due to the costs and lack of future value of property. The chair took a vote from Community Councillors present and it was agreed that no further action be taken.</p> <p><b>Other planning issues;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 HMO</li> <li>• 1 new house at rear of Seymour Lodge – 1 objection</li> <li>• Taxi office proposed for West Marketgait at Methodist Church. Concerned about parking in the slip road. Agreed to ask City Cabs to come along to next meeting.</li> <li>• Overprovision report on Licensing consultation – this was sent to Alan Young. Date for closure is 24<sup>th</sup> November. Alan to put in response from WECC, but will send out the report and questions for comment.</li> </ul>	<p>PM</p> <p>PM</p> <p>AY</p>
7	<p><b>West End Community Council Hit List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the provision of Euro 6 buses on routes and the wider issue of greener buses and modes of transport. Cross party elected members will be tackling these issues in Dundee City Council in December.</li> <li>• The disabled parking space on Peddie Street still has a euro bin on it, can this be moved. To be investigated.</li> <li>• Seymour Street/Blackness Road crossing point – Cllr MacPherson spoke about the results of the recent survey, not enough pedestrians to justify a crossing, need to look at alternative.</li> <li>• Need for benches at a range of sites; Magdalen Green and the play park, nature trail and Seabraes. Need to liaise with Scottish Enterprise and to see if Neighbourhood Service can help.</li> <li>• A discussion was held on the merit of asking MSPs to join the meeting in February or March to discuss the problems associated with begging happening so close to cash machines. After discussion it was agreed that Peter write a letter to the Justice Secretary Michael Matheson asking about a Scottish wide ban within a 5 metre radius of a cash machine.</li> <li>• It was noted that Ryehill Police Station had been saved from closure. It was acknowledged that this building is prime for shared use.</li> <li>• Airport – discussion held over flights direct to London and to the expansion potential. Hoping that the V&amp;A will help the situation, but it is acknowledged that we need to get the balance right.</li> </ul>	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>Cllr Mc/PM</p> <p>WECC</p> <p>N Services</p>

	<p>Lack of public transport to take people to town, it was felt that there was not enough demand as most arrive by car at airport. Alan Young to be added to list for future consultations/meetings on airport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins still causing issues – Councillor Campbell suggested numbering bins, so when there is a problem the number can be quoted. Agreed to take this forward.</li> </ul> <p>As ever contact Peter by email – <a href="mailto:peter@impc.co.uk">peter@impc.co.uk</a></p>	
8	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>The DCC Chief Executive David Martin and Mike Galloway Director of City Development have been invited to come along to the December meeting. A full attendance is required.</p> <p>b Lydia asked if we could write to John Swinney and suggest that children adopt a ‘good deed a day’ into the curriculum.</p> <p>c It was agreed to have the Annual General Meeting in February.</p>	
9	<p><b>DTNM</b></p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b></p> <p><b>No meeting in January</b></p> <p><b>AGM Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.</b></p>	