

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Peter Menzies – Chair
Ann Prescott
Beth Wood – Harris Academy
Elaine Kuwahara
Andrew O'Malley
Iain Iveson
Sandra McDowall
Mary Mackenzie
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Elected Members

Cllr Bill Campbell

Members of the public -9

IN ATTENDANCE; Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, David Martin Chief Executive Dundee City Council, Mike Galloway Dundee City Council, J Simpson DC Thomson, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson

APOLOGIES; Alan Young, Cllr MacPherson, Cllr MacReady, Cllr Hay

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting, particular thanks to David Martin and Mike Galloway for attending. The agenda was being re organised and presentations would be delivered before minutes of previous meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Police Scotland Update – Community Sergeant Elise Wilson</p> <p>There have been some local changes to the West End Community team, we now have a new team member Kirsty who is the new contact for Harris Academy. Also new team dealing with Drugs and ASB. Drug intelligence has led to recent drug arrests. Focusing on crimes after dark – home security and making visits. Priorities for 2018 – drugs and speeding. All community officers trained in use of speed gun and targeting specific hot spots. Elise explained that that they were taking an educational approach in the first instance. Some Christmas leaflets and car scrapers were available to take away.</p>	
3	<p>Chief Executive Dundee City Council David Martin Executive Director City Development Mike Galloway</p> <p>Peter set the context, both had been asked to attend due to a frustration on the part of the Community Council to issues not being dealt with and a feeling that Dundee City Council were often ignoring their communication.</p> <p>Peter introduced the discussion with the question “What role do you see the Community Council having within this city?”</p> <p>David Martin – happy to be here and listen to concerns and the same applies to any</p>	

member of the DCC management team. Community Councils play a great role in Dundee. Don't always agree with each other but they are entitled to a timely response to queries.

Mike Galloway – not always a yes answer. Officers often feel that it is not easy to say no to the community. But you are entitled to a clear answer.

Q MMc/SM – Barnetts Garage and Riverside Flats are both blocking view of river and now office block at V&A. Does DCC have no concept of heritage for future generations?

A MG – two issues here, not on DCC land and both garage and flats covered by planning process. We cannot take into account the 'right of a view'. The other issue of the office block this is on council land and this has been part of the masterplan for the Waterfront. Slot views were in the design and always have been. Everything is connected, Slessor gardens for green space, but also for people walking, working, living, eating and relaxing. Consultation on masterplan had a very good response and this is delivering on that plan.

Q – Does it have to be 5 storeys?

A – Nothing taller than the Malmaison, but smaller and it wouldn't be financially viable – classed as medium rise.

Q SM – one of the major concerns in the West End is car parking space, concerned about lack of parking at Site 2.

A MG – Site 2 is residential – but targeted at young professionals to help them stay in Dundee – looking for smaller living spaces and more social, shared space. They will probably not have a car, but will have a bike.

If in the future car parks are insufficient we can plan additional multi storey car park. This plan for smaller housing units is similar to the plans for the old Dundee College site, so we will be able to see how popular this type of property is.

Q - Has the final decision been made?

Q - Yes, several months ago. Last night's meeting was to allow the contractor to go ahead. Very high quality of materials being used, not classed as landmark buildings, but background buildings.

Q Why did we build a museum there in the first place?

A V&A is a world renowned facility, we want people to come and visit Dundee for longer than one day.

DM – did it for jobs, great for the city. DCC has invested £6.5million and it is well worth it. Judge it by what happens in the future – more businesses are interested in coming to the city.

Q AP – very good review of Dundee has been published, however it is in danger of becoming a very one dimensional city ie. V&A and Waterfront. Concerned about historic buildings in city centre and town which are not being looked after and other areas of neglect.

	<p>A DM – part of the V&A is that after visiting you will visit other areas. Trying to regenerate the High Street, investors are lured by the V&A and start to look elsewhere. Eg. Hotel development.</p> <p>Looking at 2 local projects – Botanic Garden Linear Garden walkway and the Perth Road shopping district improvements. These plans are creative and would make a great attraction for visitors.</p> <p>Peter Menzies – would be delighted in future to take you around the area, we feel the area is neglected and need some quick wins.</p> <p>MG – if we can go back to the start of the meeting and the role of Community Councils. Both Broughty Ferry and West End areas are in need of some TLC. Cllr Bill Campbell- new hotels mean new investment and this is a sign of confidence in the city.</p> <p>Peter expressed his thanks to both David and Mike for attending.</p>	
4	<p>Blackness Road Flats – Jimmy Black</p> <p>This issue was raised at the November meeting of the WECC. It was felt that there was not enough information or discussion on the issue. Peter concerned that the decision was made without WECC or West End LCPP being consulted.</p> <p>Jimmy Black, on behalf of the residents, feels that not enough information, consultation and looking at alternative review of options was done by DCC. Residents are asking for a full review of information.</p> <p>A vote was held and it was agreed unanimously that tenants have the support of the WECC to ask for a full review.</p>	WECC
5	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Anne Prescott and Seconded Mary McKenzie.</p> <p>Matters arising;</p>	
5a	<p>Alan Young has dealt with the consultation on Overprovision of Alcohol on behalf of the WECC. Looking to reduce both licensed premises and off sales licenses. Alan to keep Community Councillors up to date.</p>	AY
5b	<p>Parking issues to be taken to a Perth Road working group.</p>	PM
5c	<p>Greens has opened in time for Christmas, reports very positive.</p>	
6	<p>West End Hit List</p> <p>To be added;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanes and leaf litter – discuss with J Pratt • Parking in Step Row • Dog fouling and overgrown bushes on Windsor Street • Overflowing bins in Rosefield Place. 	VK Cllr C

7	AOCB No Harris issues AGM 2018– February 13th – all welcome.	
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