

**MINUTE OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Peter Menzies  
Ann Prescott  
Andy McBride  
Mary Mackenzie  
Sandra McDowall  
Innocent Oriaku  
Ian Iveson  
Lynne Short  
Laura McDermott  
Cllr Fraser MacPherson

**APOLOGIES:**

Elaine Kuwahara  
Scott Robertson  
Councillor Richard McCready  
Councillor Vari McDonald  
Jo Veal  
Pat Orr

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Natalie Mackland  
Mike Giblin, City Development

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Peter introduced all to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies were noted.

**2. PRESENTATION ON CONSULTATION ON 20 MILE PER HOUR ZONES - MIKE GIBLIN, DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL, CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Mike informed the meeting that no decision had been taken in relation to the implementation of 20 mph zones but that Committee had given approval for his Department to undertake consultation on that in principle.

Consultation materials were made available; including a large scale map showing shaded areas that City Development feel would be appropriate for the implementation of a 20 mph zone is online along with a questionnaire and some background information.

The consultation period is running from November last year through to the end of June. This has been reported in the press numerous times and on local radio.

The questionnaire is online and has also been made available in Sheltered Lounges and Housing Offices across the city.

**ACTION**

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<p>Mike was asked to place paperwork also in Blackness Library so that local people could access there.</p>	Mike
<p>Peter asked those in attendance for their views in relation to this proposal and the feeling in the room was generally positive on the principle of implementing these zones in residential areas.</p>	
<p>Natalie to share this consultation opportunity with the wider community through community contacts.</p>	Natalie
<p>Specific areas mentioned for implementation of such a, Logie Avenue and Glenagnes Road areas.</p>	
<p>All agreed that it was the zoning which would be important and that it couldn't be implemented on an individual streets basis.</p>	
<p>Mike was thanked for his input.</p>	
<p><b>3. POLICE UPDATE</b></p>	
<p>Sergeant Elise Wilson provided the meeting with an update in relation to crime statistics and responses around drugs, housebreaking and anti-social behaviour. Figures across all categories are quite low in relation to the rest of the city with no real hotspots identified.</p>	
<p>Some concern raised in relation to the issue of traffic backing up on to the carriageway from the Railway Station pick-up point. To be reported to Traffic Police colleagues.</p>	Elise
<p>Elise to source and bring along with her to the next meeting publicity material in relation to current anti-crime campaigns.</p>	Elise
<p>Alan Young will share Neighbourhood Watch e-mails with Peter Menzies for further/onward circulation.</p>	Alan
<p><b>4. MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p>	
<p>The minute was approved as an accurate record proposed by Sandra and seconded by Ann.</p>	
<p>Much discussion centred around policy and procedure in relation to undertaking business outwith the formal meeting cycle. Example given of licensing applications whereby only 21 days are allowed for comments. This invariably can land outwith the formal meeting cycle.</p>	
<p>It was agreed that:</p>	
<p>Outwith the formal meeting cycle information to which West End Community Council are asked for a view should be circulated by the person in receipt of that information to all Community Councillors, summarising that information and suggesting a course of action in relation to response.</p>	
<p>Nil replies from Community Councillors will be viewed as agreed.</p>	
<p>Where a consensus is reached by way of agreement with the proposed course of action that should then be undertaken by the person leading on that topic and reported back to the next full meeting.</p>	
	<b>ACTION</b>

Where consensus is not achieved it was recommended that no formal comment be made on behalf of the Community Council.

This procedure was proposed by Andy and seconded by Laura.

## 5. PLANNING UPDATE

Natalie to ask that Sandra and Mary are added to the weekly list distribution by City Development colleagues.

Natalie

Sandra and Mary to attend a training/ information session with Gordon Reid and Paul Macari on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Natalie to revisit correspondence with Stuart Galloway, Licensing Officer in relation to circulation of information relating to License applications.

Natalie

Richmond Terrace application was withdrawn.

There is a new planning application in for an HMO in Bellefield Avenue. Parking was noted as the biggest problem in that area and all agreed that an objection should be lodged.

Sandra / Mary

An Alcohol Licensing Renewal was noted as being in from Don Michelle. This was an oversight on the part of the Restaurateur who had allowed the License to lapse. At a vote 6 of those with voting rights agreed that a letter of support should be sent in relation to this application.

Debate was had in relation to the historical operating policy of the Community Council in relation to only submitting letters of objection in relation to items such as planning applications, licensing applications etc.

An argument was put forward that the Community Council should be proactive wherever possible and that it should be looking to reflect the wants and desires of the local community in a positive manner rather than in the negative. It was felt that by adopting this principle the Community Council could make a qualitative difference in terms of the business community and vibrancy of the West End as a place to live.

Against this viewpoint there were concerns raised about not being neutral and that the Community Council could be viewed as being biased if a letter of support is given to one matter and not to an other.

The debate concluded that in the same way that views and opinions will be gathered to present an objection they should be gathered to present a positive response to an item, considered on a case by case basis. This would give the Community Council the freedom to express the wider view and offer flexibility in terms of its mode of operation.

This new proposed mode of operation was taken to a vote with 7 for and 2 against, motion carried.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Colin McCrae, Private Sector Housing Grants Unit, who is looking to develop a Houses of Multiple Occupancy Forum and has asked West End Community Council to send a representative. Peter proposed Mary Mackenzie to sit on that group. Lynne Short put herself forward for the position also.

## ACTION

It was suggested that on the basis that WestFest who had been offered a place and do not wish to take that place leaving one empty seat, it was suggested that Peter contact Colin McCrae to suggest that West End Community Council could have two places at the HMO Forum.

Peter

### **V&A Dundee**

Andy McBride provided some background in relation to his ongoing correspondence with DCC Chief Executive, initially in relation to the overspend and procurement process, and latterly in relation to the Chief Executive's lack of response within allocated times. Andy noted that further correspondence had been received from the Chief Executive and that the Community Council were at a complete impasse in relation to this subject and their concerns.

Andrew argued that the Community Council should lodge a formal complaint with the City Council on the basis that the Chief Executive had not responded to either complaint within the time, the Community Council were not interviewed by the McLellan Report and the manner of ignoring the Community Council's second approach to the CE was disrespectful.

The meeting confirmed that a formal complaint would be lodged and an apology would be sought. Peter, Laura, Iain and Andy to draft the paperwork.

Peter / Andy /  
Laura / Iain

### **Disabled Parking Bay – Perth Road**

Disabled Parking Bay which was noted at previous meeting to not meet the current standards has been confirmed as such by City Development. City Development now looking to remove the Disabled Bay as it is not policy to install such bays on public roads unless it is allocated alongside a disabled person's residence.

Those in attendance felt it was better to have something than nothing so following a show of hands it was agreed that City Development would be asked to maintain the status quo.

Fraser

### **Parking at the Spar**

Outside the Spar it was confirmed that CCTV cannot be used to prosecute drivers for illegal parking. It was further noted that a change to legislation will come into force later in March.

### **Blackness Library Steps**

Onsite meetings have been conducted with Judy Dobbie, John Kennedy and Gary Knox. The Library is a Grade B listed building so no yellow paint will be allowed on the steps due to its prominent position. An alternative was to use different colours of stone but that has been ruled out in terms of cost.

Proposal to undertake a feasibility in relation to the installation of additional handrails and that Judy Dobbie will come to the Community Council with a proposal in due course.

	ACTION
<p><b>7. REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPS</b></p> <p>Andy McBride attended the most recent Local Community Planning Partnership. Some concern was raised about the number of presentations, with three full and formal inputs there was limited time for formal LCPP business and the meeting did go on later than expected.</p> <p><b>Victoria Park Bowling Green</b></p> <p>A meeting is to be hosted in the near future by Jay Grant to confirm the community access protocol.</p>	
<p><b>8. DUNDEE AIRPORT</b></p> <p>Andy couldn't attend the most recent meeting with Scott not in attendance no-one was sure if he had managed along. All agreed that it was a fantastic result to see Amsterdam added to the flight routes in and out of Dundee and that a formal letter of congratulations would be sent to Derek Lang at the Airport.</p>	Peter
<p><b>9. WHITEHALL THEATRE</b></p> <p>The LCPP was hosted at the Whitehall Theatre and it was noted that Kenny Christie who is on the Board of Directors had very kindly offered the Theatre as a venue for community groups.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOCB</b></p> <p>Peter shared a list of items and action points which have been raised and progressed since the last meeting.</p> <p>Ongoing issues about the mess that the travelling community leave behind specifically at Tech Park locations. Peter had gathered some costs in relation to locating boulders around sites and costs for security. Discussion confirmed that the City Council is currently in discussions to identify sites which would be more acceptable/suitable to the travelling community. These discussions are being led by David Simpson of Housing and involve the travelling community.</p> <p>It was felt that additional / alternative provision was required otherwise there would be the continuing problem of accessing inappropriate sites and with the resulting mess left behind.</p> <p>Peter put forward a parking proposal whereby the Community Council could ask the City Council to look into a Parking Permit Scheme for a nominal amount on the top floors of underused multi-storey car parks. This would hopefully see car parks better used and with a reallocation of some of the on-street car parking from the West End and other inner-city locations into car parks in the City Centre.</p>	
<p><b>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday 12th April 2016.</p>	