

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:**

**Community Councillors**

Ann Prescott  
Sandra McDowall  
Mary McKenzie  
Bruce Usher  
Suzie Harrold  
Jim Dryden - Chair  
Elaine Kuwahara  
Peter Menzies

**Elected Members**

Cllr Fraser MacPherson  
Cllr Donald Hay  
Cllr Richard McCready

**Members of the public – 27**

**IN ATTENDANCE;** Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson, James Simpson DC Thomson Lynsey Penny (The Gate), John Hume and William Frame – Tay Rope Works

**APOLOGIES;** Cllr Bill Campbell

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> Jim Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</b> Minutes from meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Sandra McDowall and seconded by Mary McKenzie.</p>	
2 2a	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> <b>Nissan Garage (old Barnetts) Riverside</b> A meeting has been arranged by Cllr MacPherson to bring together the owners of the garage and WECC. The meeting will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. It was noted that the sign at the rear had been covered. Security lights still very bright.</p> <p><b>Comments</b> Some of the agenda items may cause conflict for elected members and it has been suggested that Gordon Reid attends the meeting to deal with these matters. This was agreed. Concern about seepage of cars being parked on Neighbourhood Services land and loud music from garage, these will be added to agenda.</p>	Cllr Mac/ WECC
3	<p><b>Tay Rope Works – John Hume William Frame</b> John outlined his case to the meeting. Trying to get his development through DCC for 2 ½ years, last vote was 15:10 against. The main objection is the removal of the factory walls. John explained that the walls were old and unstable and needed to be taken down. There were concerns from the local residents that the removal of the walls will remove privacy and security and could lead to safety issues.</p>	

	<p>Walls will be replaced in the short term with Herris Fencing and then the wall will be replaced.</p> <p>John Hume – a new wall is uneconomic and we will not build a new wall. This wall was historic and no one would build such high walls nowadays. John proposed erecting a fence, one which is safe, attractive and will last.</p> <p>He also said that you would not need such a high fence as housing would be more secure and safer than an empty, derelict, old building.</p> <p><b>Comment</b></p> <p>Residents concerned that any damage to property or trees when removing wall would be made good.</p> <p>John Hume agreed that insurance was in place for this.</p> <p>At this stage John Hume left the meeting with a group of residents to go and look at potential design for fencing.</p>	
4	<p><b>Police Scotland Update – Community Sergeant Elise Wilson</b></p> <p>Harris Academy – Good work being done with Community Police officers to deal with incidents quickly and try to ensure preventative action taken, working well with teaching staff. Also working with primary schools and using the new film that was made as well as going back to basics on road safety.</p> <p>Team focusing on drug issues and there has been positive enforcement work done. Links to ASB team and Housing Associations and doing joint visits.</p> <p>Hate Crime Awareness has been tackled through Mitchell Street Centre. Work at A&amp;E in Ninewells will produce strategies to help tackle ASB in the hospital setting.</p> <p>Input into safety at Sheltered Housing complexes in the West End.</p> <p>Looking at advising on Scams and Bogus Callers.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch scheme is being relaunched and Elise is happy to get someone out to talk about this.</p> <p>JD – concerned that the school patrol has been removed from Blackness PS.</p> <p>Cllr MacP – confident that it hasn't been removed and perhaps covering for illness. Due to pedestrian crossing here it does not get emergency cover. Cllr MacPherson to check.</p> <p>JD – parents parking at schools and sit with their engines running. Can we discourage parents to not park there and to cut their engines.</p> <p>EW – talking to traffic wardens, all Community Sergeants looking for support at peak times. New legislation on parking will help with this.</p> <p>Cllr MacP – the Safer Routes to School leaflet is being updated and in time for P1s induction evenings.</p> <p>JD – heard a report that someone had stolen money from ATM, can we get beggars moved on from being near an ATM?</p> <p>EW - no powers in this instance, but we can ask them. If people feel threatened and alarmed they can get Police Scotland involved. Most of those begging have a relationship with Police Officers and understand the need to stay clear of cash machines.</p> <p>Cllr Hay – Update on Amendment to Transport Bill. Currently the situation is that the Police cannot issue parking tickets on double yellow lines and Traffic Wardens can, while the Police can issue parking tickets for zig zag lines and Traffic wardens cant. This has resulted in a situation where both the Police and Traffic wardens are having to come out on a regular basis at the same time at the same location in order to enforce parking violations. The amendment will be to address this anomaly and give powers to issue tickets to both Police and Traffic wardens.</p> <p><b>Speeding on Perth Road</b></p>	<p>EW</p> <p>Cllr Ma</p>

	<p>A local resident brought to the meeting a Traffic survey from February which looked at speeds on the Perth Road between the shops and Harris Academy. The survey showed cars regularly going up to 40mph on this stretch. A discussion followed and it was agreed that Police Scotland will revisit this area with the speed gun and a survey of speed signs in the area will take place. It was felt that a mobile sign would be very useful in this spot. It was also felt that top of Glamis Road to Blackness Avenue has a similar problem.</p> <p>Julie had also put in a FOISA request and found that only 4 speeding tickets had been issued in 2018.</p>	EW c
5	<p><b>Community Fridge Update – Lynsey Penny</b></p> <p>The lease for the land has been signed and the contractors are being organised. SSEN installing cables from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Work</p>	
6	<p><b>Perth Road Placemaking Consultation – Russell Pepper</b></p> <p>Funding has been received from Sustrans to consult on improving active travel in the core area of the Perth Road at the shops and taking in the lanes.</p> <p>There will be 3 main events,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charette – Gate Church 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• Talks by people in the community</li> <li>• Pecha Kucha</li> <li>• Drop In Design Event</li> <li>• Postcard from the Future – what would Perth Road look like</li> <li>• Stall at Westfest</li> </ul> <p>Concurrent to the events, there will be an online portal. Information will go on WECC website and on noticeboards. Russell will be working with the consultants as the WECC representative along with Anne Prescott, Elaine Kuwahara and Vanessa. Russell is keen to be co-opted onto the Community Council.</p>	RP VK
7	<p><b>Perth Road Update</b></p> <p>Cllr MacPherson - Proposal for charging at 7 West End car parks has been put forward. Trying to get this thrown out at committee on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed that it was not appropriate to do this before a residents parking scheme is in place and the focus should be on creating a residents scheme first. Cllr McCeady – not meant to be the West End first, there are 4 areas involved. SH – the WECC needs to object, letter to be written. PM – Stobswell Forum, Coldside Forum and City Centre and Harbour CC are all in the same boat and there is a lack of strategy towards city parking issues. Need to work with other Community Councils and Representative Forums.</p> <p>Cllr MacPherson – had a recent meeting with Rose Jenkins and she is keen to come along to future meeting to discuss issues relating to University and estates. It was agreed this would be useful.</p>	Cllr MacP
7	<p><b>Planning Update – Sandra McDowal and Mary McKenzie</b></p> <p>Peterson Hall – a building warrant has been issued. They do not need planning consent as they are reverting to the original numbers applied for years ago (1970s). This is a legal issue. It was noted it was being advertised as accommodation with parking.</p> <p>2 Roseangle – news from Gregor Hamilton with regard to this address. The building is deteriorating so much that building mitigation measures are to be taken.</p>	

8	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to discuss at future meeting the condition of the Technology Park. Report has been done. To request information from Gordon Reid and put item on agenda for next meeting.</li> <li>Bruce Usher asked about length of time taken to repair steps at Pentland. Cllr MacPherson explained the issue was about the handrail and should be completed imminently.</li> <li>Peter Menzies commented on notice re. Public Entertainment License for Westfest that was posted on Magdalen Green. Peter felt it was in breach of GDPR. Comments on Facebook regarding Community Councillors were very abusive. The DCC process for objecting to PE License has always been as noted on public notices. It was also acknowledged that the online trolls who make the abusive comments on The Evening Telegraph Facebook page can make life very difficult, but a way forward has been agreed with Jimmy Simpson. He is prepared to go through the administrator and get abusive comments taken down.</li> <li>Martin Hay wanted to state some facts about Westfest; 19 members on committee all living in DD2 area, at the Safety Advisory Meeting 2018 there were no complaints, 98% of evaluations said it was a worthwhile event, local traders used, lots of free activities for children, lots of stalls for local charities. Martin stated that they are keen to work with WECC. Comments WECC – how much profit does it have? MH – we have money in the bank which would cover costs of the event in the event of wet weather and no income. WECC – would you put some of that money back into the community? MH – We cover this by providing free activities for children; sand art, puppet making. Keen to think of other ways. JD – keen to move forward and see a successful event. As agreed there will be a meeting held after the Big Sunday between WECC and Westfest members.</li> <li>WECC – to use the WECC email account. VK not sure how this operates.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>DTNM</b> Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019</p>	