

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Sandra McDowall

Bruce Usher

Jim Dryden - Chair

Peter Menzies

Russell Pepper

Elected Members

Cllr Fraser MacPherson

Cllr Donald Hay

Cllr Richard McCready

Members of the public – 4

IN ATTENDANCE; Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, James Simpson DC Thomson, Graham Ross, Peter McKay, Alex Sneddon

APOLOGIES; Cllr Bill Campbell, Ann Prescott, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson, Mary McKenzie

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Jim Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly Red Ensign Royal Merchant Navy – event on 3rd September, looking for support. • Letter of acknowledgement of letter passed to Transport Section of City Development Section. • Letter re. Peripheral Car Parks charges. Due to an administrative error, there will be another 21 day period of consultation until the 21 June. We do not need to resubmit a letter of objection. 	
3	<p>Places for Everyone – Russell Pepper, Graham Ross, Peter McKay, Alex Sneddon Russell outlined the Consultation programme which had been delivered by Austin Smith Lord; including charrettes at the Gate, consultation with 4 schools, Westfest stall, surveys, observations Website and Pin up event.</p> <p>The presentation will deal with Process so far and make a decision on moving forward. WECC secured funding for Stage 1 application to Sustrans for Active Travel Consultation on main section of Perth Road and connecting streets.</p> <p>Some of the key issues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavements too narrow, poor condition, obstructions on pavement • No seating • Hard to cross road – lack of safe crossing points • Lack of bike racks and cycle lanes • Not easy for those with mobility or sensory needs to get around <p>Assets include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops, library, good bus service, schools <p>Stats; 5,500-6,000 cars, 200 buses and 120 cyclists per day.</p>	

	<p>Peak hour traffic is 500-600 cars per hour. Cyclists are low. Starting to put together an action plan based on views received. Important that the action plan reflects the need for more footfall, cyclists and the need for parking. Also needs to deal with the issues on the street and reduce clutter and introduce seating.</p> <p>Questions SMcD – concerned that people park on the wide pavements, what is going to prevent this happening more? ASL – current changes to parking legislation going through the Scottish Government will help protect that, we can also design a solution with barriers or bollards. BU – need to be able to park cars, although taxi rank takes up too much space. ASL – there is plenty of space to park cars PM – thanks to colleagues who were at Westfest, very well done. Identified the areas where parking was an issue. Concerned we will get let down again by the City Council. ASL – only a finite amount of space, so need to make most of the space for traffic and non traffic. BU – concerned that charges in car parks will force cars up to Abbotsford/Corso Street to park.</p> <p>Cllr MacP – Assuming WECC is keen to take forward some of these issues, what is the next step? Concerned that we need support from DCC Road & Transport section to help take this forward. ASL – There will be a report prepared and sent to you by end of this month, which will include evidence appendices. It will then be up to the Community Council to decide on 2nd stage. 100% funding is available to take forward 2nd stage to design level. This would allow, that by next year, we would be sitting with drawings and design for ideas. The 3rd stage would involve 50% funding bid to Sustrans to be match funded with another. Skeleton submission has been put in for Stage 2 in draft form. Cllr McC – also have a shared scepticism about ideas which do not get funded/supported. Are there examples of this type of project elsewhere? Yes – Balfron and Helensburgh are recent examples. Both involved community and traders. There was a vote to agree whether to go to Stage 2 in the process. This was agreed. The sub group will be expanded and was agreed as Ann, Jim, Sandra, Mary, Peter and Russell.</p>	JD/RP
4	<p>Minutes of last Meeting and matters arising Minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Sandra McDowall and Seconded by Russell Pepper.</p> <p>Matters Arising Covered in Agenda</p>	
5	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Blackness Road – happy to discuss the issues raised about drugs on Blackness road. Priorities – concentrating on drugs work, having hi viz patrols and will try and boost visibility. Westfest – 2 minor incidents, urinating and a motor vehicle offence. Speeding still an issue on the Perth Road and Blackness Road. Still looking for best way to put speeding stickers on bins and looking into getting funding to buy a Pop up Jim for the area.</p>	

	<p>Joint initiatives with parking attendants to monitor schools. Whilst there drivers have been behaving and parking elsewhere.</p> <p>Doing summer activities with schools and family provision at Lochee and West End.</p> <p>Q – Top of Blackness Avenue and Glamis Avenue only traffic calming is a Lollipop man, is there a strategy? Is there any Police Scotland traffic calming measuring to prevent speeding planned?</p> <p>Police Scotland – no, there is no strategy. Respond to complaints raised by public.</p> <p>Report on '20' mph strategy will be out in the autumn.</p>	
6	<p>Westfest - Martin Hay</p> <p>Numbers were lower due to weather. Weather improved by about 3pm and a great time was had. Great feedback on organisation and layout. More family feel this year. Safety Advisory Group debrief meeting is on 24th June. Problem with large lorries turning wrong way whilst one way system was still in place.</p> <p>The inclement weather meant that more tents were used and noise was reduced.</p> <p>PM – Policing and stewarding of event was excellent. AGM will be in September.</p>	MH
7	<p>Planning Update – Sandra McDowall</p> <p>Quiet at present, a few emails regarding Tayrope Works, but this has been passed.</p>	
8	<p>Community Council Elections</p> <p>VK spoke about the 5 yearly Community Council Elections coming up this autumn. Details will be presented at the next meeting after summer recess.</p>	VK
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Need to sort out website. VK to contact Iain Iveson.</p> <p>LCPP – Riverline Walkway was discussed and Option 1 was rejected due to too many physical constraints and cost. It would be good to look at the alternative option.</p>	VK JD
11	<p>DTNM</p> <p>Tuesday 10th September 2019</p>	