

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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  
 Innocent Oriaku  
 Elaine Kuwahara

**Elected Members**

Cllr Fraser MacPherson  
 Cllr Donald Hay  
 Cllr Richard McCready  
 Cllr Bill Campbell

**Members of the public - 4**

**IN ATTENDANCE;** Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Calum Robertson DCC, James Simpson DC Thompson

**APOLOGIES;** Margaret Hubbard, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b>                  Jim Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and outlined his interests in the West End.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</b>                  Minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Anne Prescott and seconded by Innocent Oriaku.</p>	
2 2a	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Nissan Garage (old Barnetts) Riverside</b>                  Objections raised at last Planning Committee meeting. After discussion it was agreed that; things that were said to have been done at the meeting had not been done and it was now necessary to have a meeting with WECC and Nissan representatives. Officers from DCC had been very helpful and will take enforcement action if needed. It was felt that a meeting would be best way forward to cover all the issues. Councillor MacPherson agreed to convene this meeting. Martin Hay offered his technical advice on lighting.</p>	Cllr Mac/ WECC
2b	<p><b>Sustrans Place Making Application</b>                  The application for funding for consultation work for Perth Road Place Making has been submitted by Russell Pepper.</p>	
3	<p><b>Police Scotland Update</b>                  No formal report from Police Scotland                  Members highlighted a concern about a fight between two S3 pupils at lunchtime recently. The fight had happened on Shaftsbury and had been filmed and shared. The school and Police Scotland acted quickly to deal with the situation.                  The community team had a successful engagement at Blackness Court at end of February, offering support and advice to elderly residents.</p>	

	Vanessa and Police Community Officers have been doing outreach work as part of 'Hate Crime' awareness week; targeting classes at Mitchell Street Centre and a stall at Greens.	
4	<p><b>Westfest – Martin Hay</b></p> <p>Jim welcomed Martin to the meeting. It was agreed that Westfest was a good event, but there had been issues and this meeting was to see what we can do to alleviate problems.</p> <p>Martin – had previously met with some members of the WECC and had come along to the AGM in February, very happy to attend meetings. Some of the issues were historical and had been tackled by putting up fencing which makes it safer and easier to deal with issues. There had been no complaints last year, but there had been in previous years. Noise levels – restricted to 1pm – 7pm and state of art equipment ensures the noise does not travel far.</p> <p>Need two days to set up event. Can tackle issues over people leaving with alcohol and work closer with stewards.</p> <p>WECC – the model of the festival is fine, but we feel the location is wrong. Magdalen Green is a small space for the size and type of event. Can we consider other parks?</p> <p>WECC – so many constraints on the area for a music festival eg. access roads.</p> <p>WECC– festival has grown and feels like it is only Big Sunday with music and alcohol.</p> <p>WECC – traffic management plans need to be shared with local residents.</p> <p>MH Westfest – in response, we try to be as local as possible with traders, we offered the WECC the space for Saturday to have additional community activities and keen to work with others.</p> <p>Jim Dryden - understand all sides of the argument, but cannot change things at this stage. We will continue to communicate with each other. Agreed; posters to go up and let people who live in the area know when event is, traffic management plans will be shared with those who are affected. Martin will attend future meetings and there will be a formal meeting after Westfest to go over the event.</p>	Westfest WECC
5	<p><b>Pedestrian Bridge – Calum Robertson DCC Bridges and Structures.</b></p> <p>Calum informed the group about the need to replace the existing bridge at Magdalen Green. Calum is currently engaging with all groups in the West End to seek support. DCC is applying for funding from Sustrans to look at a feasibility study/design.</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p>Cllr MacP – a modern bridge needs to be DDA compliant – how can this be done and be sympathetic to the area?</p> <p>C R – nothing to show you yet, but there would a natural flow from the cycle track and it would blend in with the natural environment. Needs to be disabled and cycle friendly. Funding would be 50%DCC and 50% Sustrans.</p> <p>Sandra McDowall mentioned that Friends of Magdalen Green have also been hoping for developments to happen at the bridge. She offered support from them too.</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement. Calum to return in future with designs.</p>	CR
6	<p><b>Perth Road Update</b></p> <p><b>Parking</b> A group which will deal with parking issues in the West End has been proposed. No date yet for first meeting. It was felt that the new proposed charges in West End car parks will make situation worse.</p> <p>TS – Concerned that she lives in amenity housing and would have no access to free car parks. Only way it would work was if there was a resident's permit.</p> <p>Cllr MacP – been inundated with complaints since this was in paper. Been issues in Angus, can only work if a residents parking scheme is in place first.</p>	

	<p>SH – concerned that there may never be a residents permit scheme.  AP – Dundee University is also concerned about parking, could we have a joint meeting with University.  Cllr McC – Dundee University does have an issue, need to progress residents parking – too much pressure on street parking.</p> <p>EK – needs to be co-ordinated, so many needs to be met.  VK to contact John Berry to progress the working group.</p> <p><b>Launch of West End Decides Perth Road Bench</b>  Vanessa invited any community councillors and elected members to join us on Thursday for the launch at 10am.</p> <p><b>Service 204</b>  Cllr MacPherson informed the meeting that the service 204 was not being re tendered. Only a very small saving will take place and limited access for disabled. It is planned to replace the service with the Blether bus.</p> <p><b>Sustrans</b>  Sandra and Mary raised a concern about lack of information on the Sustrans bid by WECC for Placemaking Feasibility. Vanessa explained the process Russell Pepper has taken with the group – at recent AGM the group agreed to take it forward and apply for funding to complete a feasibility study. Update will be at next meeting.</p>	<p>VK</p> <p>RP</p>
7	<p><b>Planning Update</b>  <b>Peterson House</b> – no planning application as yet. If there is a breach then no breach until the properties become occupied. The original planning consent for original purpose in place. There is a meeting on Thursday with DCC and developer, DCC will contact Sandra after meeting.  Cllr MacP – 2 Roseangle is a concern. DCC should be issuing a repairs notice.  28 Roseangle – DCC owns building, now at stage of putting building on market.  Sainsburys – only 3 objections. WECC did not object. Cycling forum did object due to lack of provision for cyclists.</p> <p>Greens are now planning to move to town centre – closes on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>SH – Riverview Restaurant – extension to restaurant complete. Parking rectified to 2hrs parking only.</p>	
8	<p><b>AOCB</b>  A P raised the issue of plans to charge £35 per year for brown bin collection. Ann asked that WECC support an objection on grounds; need to encourage gardening as much as possible, need to encourage green space for serious issue of global warming and benefits of gardening to mental health.  Ann cited the example of her own property which has a communal brown bin for mutual areas – it may not be possible to get contribution in future for this.  It was agreed to send a letter from WECC to the Director of Neighbourhood Services.  Ann to advise Vanessa on content.</p>	AP/VK
9	<p><b>DTNM</b>  Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	