

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Ann Prescott
Sandra McDowall
Mary McKenzie
Bruce Usher
Jim Dryden - Chair
Peter Menzies
Russell Pepper

Elected Members

Cllr Fraser MacPherson
Cllr Donald Hay
Cllr Richard McCready

Members of the public – 8

IN ATTENDANCE; Vanessa Kelly Communities Officer, Community Sergeant Elise Wilson, James Simpson DC Thomson

APOLOGIES; Cllr Bill Campbell

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Jim Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising Minutes from meeting April 9th 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Sandra McDowall and seconded by Mary McKenzie.</p>	
2 2a	<p>Matters Arising Proposed Charging at West End Car Parks Councillor MacPherson is trying to get a postponement to the start of charging at West End car parks. He is asking for the Residents Parking scheme to be in place before this is implemented. The closing date for objections is 28th May and it was agreed a letter be sent from WECC.</p>	WECC
2b	<p>School Crossing Patrol at Blackness PS There has been a response regarding discussion from last meeting and the matter is now resolved.</p>	
3	<p>Correspondence Jim explained that he had received the resignations of 2 Community Councillors. Both Community Councillors had felt vulnerable and unsafe after their objections were published online. The internet trolls were very abusive. Jim expressed his sadness at the loss of 2 very valuable members of the Community Council. PM – suggested that the DCC had breached GDPR. Cllr MacP- checked and everything that could be redacted was, but the name could not be removed. Cllr MacP reassured the group that DCC is GDPR compliant. Elise Wilson will look into allegations relating to property and will deal with this privately.</p>	

	<p>Letter received from Elaine Zwerlien with regard to the letter sent regarding the £35 charge for brown bins. Disappointed with the response, very concerned that its counterproductive, especially with regard to tenemental properties.</p> <p>Cllr McC – this is a policy that has not been thought through and could result in DCC not meeting future targets.</p>	
4	<p>Community Councillor Co-option An application had been received from Russell Pepper. Proposed by Ann Prescott and Seconded by Jim Dryden. There were no objections.</p>	
5	<p>Police Scotland Update – Community Sergeant Elise Wilson There has been some tension regarding traffic at Victoria Park/St. Josephs and this has resulted in joint patrols which will allow action to be taken. The speeding issue at Perth Road has also had attention and we will add on the section of Blackness Road previously mentioned. More signage would be beneficial, a suggestion of adding stickers to bins could be developed. Cllr MacPherson explained that there was no policy in place to cover road signage and this will be looked at. To be efficient, speed activated signs need to be moved regularly and this is not possible due to hard wiring. The scams and doorstep callers input in the community has been very successful. ASB campaign- resulted in one resident moving on. BU – problem with vehicle at top of Peddie Street on double yellow lines and at Eurobins. Phoned warden and felt they took no action. Cllr MacP – there was a recent issue when a fire engine could not get through and this highlighted the issue, concerned that with a car parked in middle of road there is the potential for an accident. Mobile number to call for Traffic is xxxx.</p>	
6	<p>Westfest Traffic management plan has been drawn up and leaflets will be delivered to every household affected by the plan. Contact has been made with care homes. All information is available for pdf format for social media. There will be a meeting after Westfest to discuss the event.</p>	MH/JD
7	<p>Community Fridge Update Unfortunately Lynsey could not attend in person. A lot of groundwork has been done and the space is ready for the container and paths. Next stage will be getting utilities installed and once all work is complete the landscaping will be done.</p>	LP
8	<p>Perth Road Placemaking Consultation – Russell Pepper There is an extensive programme of events in place between 22nd and 25th May. There will be 3 main events,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charette – Gate Church 22nd – 25th May • Talks by people in the community • Drop In Design Event • Postcard from the Future – what would Perth Road look like • Stall at Westfest <p>Concurrent to the events, there will be an online portal. Information will go on WECC website and on noticeboards. Russell to liaise and support Laurie regarding finances. Full report at next meeting.</p>	RP

9	<p>Nissan Garage (Barnetts)</p> <p>A very positive meeting was held at the garage. The meeting was very positive, key points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To cut down on lighting – shining into rather out of building. • To put lights on timer – by 8pm the lights will be off the green. • To cover the neon Nissan sign at rear. • To keep noise (music) down. • To try and promote alternative ways for staff to travel to work as they are not allowed to park with garage space. It was felt that over time this may improve, particularly if a resident parking scheme was implemented. <p>To continue to monitor and see if changes made.</p>	
	<p>Update on Technology Park (https://www.dundee.gov.uk/reports/reports/25-2019.pdf)</p> <p>A recent report on the current situation at the Technology Park has been presented to DCC City Development Committee in March. The key points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77% occupancy of units • Generally very high quality units • DCC working with owners Scottish Enterprise • 1,500 workers based there. • 11 Luna Place is the main problem and the report suggests easing the planning conditions to encourage a range of developments. • Concern about bus services to the area, particularly for those working shifts and nights – No 17 goes in. • DCC being very pro active to get a new tenant in. <p>N Marra – went along to look at the building and found that there was lots of broken windows and pallets of bricks sitting ready to use as ammunition. At the rear there was less vandalism but it would be easy to gain access.</p> <p>Cllr McCready – the DCC would be willing to go down the enforcement route in the future.</p> <p>Cllr MacPherson – direct action costs money and a new tenant is by far the best route. Agreed to let the actions of the report take place and review at a later date.</p>	WECC
	<p>Perth Road Update</p> <p>Car Parking – letter to be written.</p>	
	<p>Planning Update – Sandra McDowal and Mary McKenzie</p> <p>An application has been made to demolish the façade of the TayRope works. This is a listed front façade but unfortunately this opportunity has been lost and it will not now be saved.</p> <p>Sainsbury’s application for Perth Road has been approved.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A zero waste shop will be opening next to the Shelter shop.</p> <p>Friends of Magdalen Green have their AGM on 21st May. Speaker will be Roger Isley talking about James Wright an Industrial Designer.</p>	
	<p>DTNM</p> <p>Tuesday 11th June 2019</p>	