

**MINUTES OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT LOGIE AND ST. JOHN'S CROSS CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

Community Councillors

Sandra McDowall
Bruce Usher
Jim Dryden - Chair
Peter Menzies
Russell Pepper
Innocent Oriaku
Iain Iveson
Ann Prescott

Elected Members

Cllr Fraser MacPherson
Cllr Donald Hay
Cllr Richard McCready

Members of the public – 21

IN ATTENDANCE: Vanessa Kelly- Communities Officer, James Simpson- DC Thomson,
Community Sergeant- Elise Wilson, Sarah Hunter- Community Regeneration & Participation Officer

APOLOGIES: Mary McKenzie

1.	Welcome and Apologies Jim Dryden welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Action
2.	Minutes of last Meeting and matters arising Minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed by Sandra McDowall and Seconded by Anne Prescott. Matters Arising Covered in Agenda	
3.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of the Future- 16th – 20th October, Dundee Uni- info given and will be displayed • Botanic Gardens- free entrance for community groups- info given and will be displayed • Letter from BT regarding a 90 day consultation on the telephone box located at DD2 1PX- top of Perth Road near River Cres. Given its unattractiveness and low usage, there were no objections to the removal of this. It was noted that Friends of Magdalen Green had asked BT if they could adopt one there but were turned down for this as it was reasonably well used. 	VK
4.	Police Scotland Update EW had brought along a Pop up Jim to show everyone and she stated these were good for targeting speeding hot spots although it was noted that they had to continually be moved around. There was discussion on this for the West end, costs are £440 plus VAT, and various funding pots may be available for this.	

	<p>EW outlined that there had been various police activities undertaken in the area recently including:- anti-social behaviour control, speeding deterrents particularly around schools, problem areas identified with businesses, joint visits with DCC, Home Scotland etc, and cold callers.</p> <p>There was some discussion on parking attendants and some felt there wasn't enough in local schools at the right time although it was appreciated there were a lot of schools to cover, most of which faced the same issues. EW to email Bruce about this matter. Residents advised to complain to council where necessary regarding parking and ticketing.</p> <p>EW advised officers now used handheld devices which has been a huge benefit by saving time and paperwork meaning there are more visible officers on the street.</p> <p>VK asked for show of hands for support for the Pop up Jims for the west end and there was support for this - funding opportunities for this this will be investigated. Anecdotal evidence from members and EW was that they were effective. EW advised Police Scotland would provide additional chains to secure them but that none had gone missing to date.</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>VK</p>
5.	<p>Places for Everyone</p> <p>RP stated that over 2000 people had been consulted about this in stage 1 of the consultation and that there were various suggestions raised in terms of improving Perth road:- eg widening pavements for disabled people, more crossing points, cycle lanes etc. There was support from 2 attendees for the pedestrian crossings. It was noted that some areas had particular problems eg where U-turns were being made frequently at Union Street which could be dangerous for pedestrians in particular. It was noted that the next stage was a far more in depth consultation. Some members felt that traders hadn't all been consulted – 65 businesses had been surveyed with 11 returns. AP suggested having a nominated trader on the Sub Group- this was agreed- the next Sub Group meeting is to be held on the 23rd September.</p> <p>VK clarified that no decisions had been made and this project was purely at consultation stage. Some had noted media articles about a proposed one way traffic system, but this had been purely a suggestion that arose from the consultation, there did not appear to be support for this idea amongst those present.</p>	RP
6.	<p>Changes to Local Bus Routes</p> <p>FMcP advised that the 204 bus had unfortunately been withdrawn. He informed everyone that the Blether Bus had been introduced with limited consultation, RmC agreed. The need for an integrated transport system was agreed and seen as vital to the community.</p>	
7.	<p>West End Parking</p> <p>Cllr DH explained that this motion for parking charges in the west end to be implemented was passed at a recent DCC Committee Meeting by 15:12 councillors, despite the attempts of himself, FMcP, a deputation by RMcC and the objections received.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask for a timescale for when resident's parking permits will be introduced. There were discussions on the best way to move this forward asap, it was agreed that a letter would be submitted to DCC from the WECC on this matter.</p>	AP

8.	<p>Planning Update – Sandra McDowall Tayrope Works, refused due to listed building consent being refused.</p> <p>A planning application for 2 Electric Bike stands (holding 16 bikes each) was submitted for Magdalen Green, on concrete standing, near 2 old trees, and at the side of the playpark in the triangle of grass which would be concreted. There were concerns about flooding, threats to wildlife, and loss of green spaces. RP outlined he supported the application in terms of sustainable transport. There was agreement that the objections would be to the siting of these proposals and not to the principle of providing electric bike stands.</p>	SmD
9.	<p>Community Council Elections VK spoke about the 5 yearly Community Council Elections coming up this autumn. She stated it was an opportunity for members to step down, re stand, or for new members to come on board, and for some areas, to establish new community councils. She stated that the minimum number of community councillors required were 12, with a maximum of 20- it wasn't felt that this would be hard to achieve in the west end. VK encouraged everyone to complete the paperwork by 8th October- all members will receive this and that advertising will be done widely for new members too in community centres etc.</p>	VK
10.	<p>Other meetings attending by WECC JD- already discussed the Committee meeting he and others had attended in relation to parking</p> <p>Airport- Sandra and Mary are the reps on this but they hadn't met for a while, it was thought that they meet quarterly.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB Polling stations- letter received, are they in the right place? No changes are proposed to WE. VK requested that anybody with strong views on this to get in touch.</p> <p>JC explained that VK was leaving and thanked her very much for her hard work and massive support to the WECC. Teresa thanked VK on behalf of the Community Spirit Group too for all her hard work and said she will be missed.</p> <p>VK thanked everyone and said she had learned a lot over the last 2 years.</p>	VK
12.	<p>DTNM Tuesday 8th October 2019</p>	