

West End Community Council
Tuesday February 13th, 2024, at 1900h
Study Room, Blackness Library, Perth Road DD2 1EJ

PRESENT:

Gary Langlands (GL) (Chair)	WECC	Alison Duffy (AD)	WECC
Gail Stirling (GS)	WECC	Neil Mcleod (NM)	WECC
Rob Evans (RE)	WECC	Roz Langlands (RL)	WECC
Iain Iveson (II)	WECC	Jayne Purcell (JP)	WECC
Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC	Christine Rea (CR)	DCC Communities Officer
Hazel Lancaster (HL)	WECC	Bailey Fraser Macpherson (FM)	Elected Councilor
Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC	Cllr Michael Crichton (MC)	Elected Councilor
		21 Members of the public (MOP)	

1	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Gary Langlands (GL) welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Nadia El-Nakla (NEN)</p>	
2	<p>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Proposed: Neil Mcleod (NM) Seconded: Roz Langlands (RL)</p>	
3	<p>MATTERS ARISING,</p> <p>See Ninewells Parking</p>	
4	<p>Ninewells Hospital Visitors (Parking)</p> <p>George Curley (Director of Facilities) and Billy Alexander (Head of Soft Facilities) attended the meeting, there are 2500 spaces over 20 car parks with specific parking for patients and visitors, there is a four-hour window for parking which is enforced from a private company, a member of the public (MOP) raised an issue that this system was being abused by staff returning to the vehicles and relacing parking tickets with new ones (Billy Alexander) informed he would look into this but Ninewells were also looking to install a ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) There is also a shuttle bus/mobility service for car parking further away from the hospital, NHS Tayside are also keen to support car share for staff members in the hope this would decrease the amount of vehicles requiring to park at the car parks,</p> <p>(GL) thanked Billy and George for their time and update.</p>	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>NO UPDATE PROVIDED</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING AND LICENSING</p> <p>Planning Applications –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perth Road by D’Ilse - (objection written, application withdrawn) • 6 Osborne Place (objection – no decision yet) <p>Dundee University (pre-application) Comment made as to whether the building being proposed for demolition (except the facade), could not be refurbished, and brought back to useful use. Question whether the University does not have other space that could be used for the garden proposed? Concern that embedded carbon released at demolition would be significant for the surrounding area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecoms Mast at Glamis Road Pre-application (GL wrote a letter with comments – no reply) • Brown Street Applications - this area will come into the revised WECC boundary but we are unable to comment at present. 	GL
7	<p>Magdalen Green Footbridge</p> <p>Workshop sessions have been put together by Sustrans for Community Groups and WECC are invited to 22nd February workshop. In preparation for this meeting, views were sought from Councilors and members of the public. A wide range of views from totally supportive (mainly related to</p>	

	<p>cycle access), to downright rejection (mainly from residents near or living on the Green) were expressed. Comments raised about the scale of the construction and whether the conservation area status would prevent this from being approved were raised. The main objections were relating to the view that this construction would spoil the Green's look and usability, how it would impinge on the bandstand area and whether the design would provoke bad behavior attracting graffiti and speeding bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Questions were raised whether due consideration had been given to improving Riverside Approach to incorporate a wider add on for pedestrians and bicycles as well as whether an underpass had been considered. Support for the new bridge was voiced by cycle users as a convenient link to and from the waterfront without adding excessive mileage to a journey. A request for proper scale drawings, particularly of the raised approaches on North and South of railway line. was requested. User safety was a heavily contributed subject from speeding wheeled vehicles and congregating anti-social behavior. Monitored CCTV was suggested. Alternative designs to be considered were requested by meeting participants. A list of suggested alterations were submitted by a member of the public after the meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Riverside Pavillion</p> <p>Only one expression of interest for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) was being considered by Dundee City Council at present.</p>	
9	<p>AGM and Elections /Councilors Roles & Responsibilities</p> <p>An EGM and AGM is to be arranged to confirm new Councilors and to approve accounts. The accounts will be prepared by a qualified accountant and quotes are being sought to have these completed. Post meeting cost of £150 plus vat agreed by Chair.</p>	
10	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A, (Removal of Wych Elms) The situation has been clarified by DCC and no healthy trees will be removed.</p> <p>B, CC Consultation – GL advised that a consultation on the future operation and funding of Community Councils was available on DCC website. A link to this can be found on WECC Facebook page.</p>	
11	<p>QUERIES & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>No new issues were raised</p>	
12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday, 12 March 2024, Blackness Library (Study Room), 1900 - 2100h</p>	