

**West End Community Council**  
**Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 1900h**  
**Study Room, Blackness Library, Perth Road DD2 1EJ**

**PRESENT:**

Gary Langlands (GL) (Chair)	WECC	Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC	
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC	Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC	
Rob Evans (RE)	WECC	Cllr Michael Crichton (MC)	DCC Elected	
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC	Cllr Nadia El-Nakla	DCC Elected	
Neil McLeod (NMcl)	WECC	3 members of the Public		
Crawford Morton (CM)	WECC			
<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b> Gary Langlands (GL) welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Fraser Macpherson, Harrison Frame and Nick Marra.			
<b>2</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> Proposed: Neil McLeod (NM)    Seconded: Rob Evans (RE)			
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Riverside Pavilion</u>: SC to set up meeting any time after the 27<sup>th</sup> June, with evening options. <b>Action:</b> SC to set up Doodle poll.</li> <li>• <u>WestFest</u> – SC contacted Joanne re piggy backing on their stall, awaiting to get confirmation from Christine. NEN will follow up. <b>Action:</b> NEN to follow up with Christine.</li> <li>• <u>Graffiti at Magdalen Green footbridge and on box immediately south of rail line</u>: Fraser MacPherson (FM) sent a reminder to Bob Urquhart (BU) who has replied saying the power-washer which was out of action, will be used on the footbridge and the box south of rail line.</li> <li>• <u>Eurobin in Magdalen Yard Road</u>: FM reported the unchained bin which is now chained up.</li> <li>• <u>WECC communications</u> – SC tried to contact Iain Iveson about changing FaceBook and <a href="mailto:contact@dundeewecc.com">contact@dundeewecc.com</a> to Gary Langlands, but no reply. GL suggests we should consider setting up a new FB page.</li> </ul>			<b>SC</b>  <b>NEN</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>POLICE UPDATE</b> SC and GL emailed Stuart Paton (SP) giving dates of meetings. SP stated he can make next meeting. GL reported the issues of theft and anti-social behaviour at Sainsburys to Police for action, together with anti-social behaviour team. SP replied stating that the CCTV at Sainsburys will help identify persons involved. Lochee Community Team are on duty on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and will pass by Sainsburys. The Police will also work with the Anti-Social Behaviour team. The incidents are similar to those at Tesco, Riverside, a few weeks ago, however, all youths were traced and warned in front of their parents. There have been reports about speeding on Perth Road, and Police hope that increasing their presence will help with this. Police have also been asked to attend outside Harris at lunch times and after school, which will be ongoing for a few weeks, dependent on shifts. With regard to graffiti, any issues should be fed back to GL or SC who will alert SP.			
<b>5</b>	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING</b>			
	<p><b>Duncarse House:</b> The general consensus of members of WECC was that the new development will be out of keeping with Grade B listed building, does not fit in with building regulations, loss of heritage and negatively impacts on gardens as it is in a conservation area. It is a two storey building with gym/office upstairs so it is not just a three car garage, but a change of use. It appears the garage is being used as an excuse for an additional building. AP stated it is against the local development plan, with loss of garden ground. No data on impact on trees was presented. RE offered to put in an official objection working in conjunction with AP.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> RE to put in official objection working in conjunction with AP</p> <p><b>17 Glamis Drive :</b> The committee felt that this similar situation to Duncarse, out of style and character, and very close to their neighbours at the back. EK stated that a concrete infrastructure has already been installed, which they are not supposed to do. The committee agreed that WECC should put in an objection letter on this application. NEN stated that the committee needs to put in a legitimate objection - material factor that comes under an objection, following online guidance to give a stronger objection. AP pointed out that objections are not published. RE stated that planning enforcement officer is Gillian Kane. GL will accompany EK to any meeting with Gillian Kane (GK) regarding this, copying NEN, MC and Gregor Hamilton into the email.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> EK to write to GK regarding 17 Glamis Drive</p>			<b>RE</b>  <b>EK</b>

	<p><b>Signage:</b> EK objects to current design of the signage on the Indian Restaurant next to Pickles. AP aired concerns about restaurant. EK to find out more about the signage and getting a happy medium.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> EK to contact officer about appearance of signage</p> <p><b>Willison site:</b> Student accommodation on Barrack Street. AP objected on grounds of the lack of amenity and location (adjacent to the Howff). SC believed that more accommodation is required by the university, but a member of the public (MOP) stated it can become a ghost town in summer. GL felt it was hard to argue against the development if there is a shortage, but could argue for more mixed use buildings to allow some life outwith term time. NMCL stated it is going to be mixed use. NEN said the aim of the new city plans are to revive the city centre, with Bell St, Abertay becoming an active hub in the new plans. MOP felt accommodation was better spread of across the city not just in the city centre, although EK pointed out that a University survey showed that the majority of students want to be within 5-7 mins of main campus. NEN stated that each development will give a certain percentage on local art. RE suggested inviting Mitchell to next meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SC to invite Alex Mitchell, Director, Zander Planning to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>EK</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p>
6	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>Dogs Trust Home from Home Expansion:</b> A successful nationwide fostering scheme where Dogs Trust place unwanted dogs into temporary homes with foster carers, until a new forever home is found, is now active in Dundee and surrounding areas. The Dogs Trust want to make their activities known.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SC to ask if they have a poster that can be put on FB.</p> <p><b>Art Night Dundee:</b> For information, on 24 June 2023, Art Night will deliver its first full iteration in a city outside London. Ten major commissions by internationally significant artists and emergent artists will be in civic and public spaces across Dundee.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SC to advertise on our FB page.</p>	<p><b>SC</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p>
11	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Balgay Hill:</b> GL met with Jay Grant, Catherine Convoy and Fraser McPherson and a walkabout revealed how much it had deteriorated. JG provided feedback on proposed actions: power washing, fixing sides of road, with JCB remove leaves etc. GL will see whether things have progressed in May and June. EK stated that Friends of Balgay need more support and help keeping it clean.</p> <p><b>Buses:</b> A MOP raised the issue of Ember Buses blocking roads and access at the Science Centre. Michael Crichton (MC) pointed out that Ember are currently looking for a depot at the moment, temporarily using MSIP. In the meantime, there will be a problem whilst the infrastructure gets developed. MC will investigate and update the committee at the next meeting. MOP stated there is a need a centralised bus station in Dundee. GL suggested around Slessor Gardens which will not be developed for years.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> MC will investigate the status of the Ember Bus Depot.</p> <p><b>Concrete Bollard at top of Taylors Lane:</b> EK reported that the concrete bollard has been broken again, allowing excess parking. MOP suggests more greenery might act as a deterrent and is attractive. MC to investigate. EK reported the block of flats with a large intrusive hedge down Taylors Lane. EK suggested that the factor (Gemma Clark) should be contacted re the hedge. EK also reported that the tables on Magdalen Green with burnt tops need refurbishing.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> MC to investigate broken bollard</p>	<p><b>MC</b></p>
12	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday 13 June 2023, Blackness Library (Study Room), 1900 - 2100h</p>	