

**West End Community Council**  
**Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 1900h**  
**Logie & St Johns Hall, Blackness Avenue**

**PRESENT:**

Sam Crouch (SC) (Chair)	WECC
Iain Iveson (II)	WECC
Lynsey Penny (LP)	WECC
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC
Nick Marra (NJM)	WECC
Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC
Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Joanne Kelly (JK)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Christine Rea (CR)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Baillie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC Elected

3 members of the public

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Sam Crouch (SC) welcomed all to the meeting, including Caishan Sweeney (Project Engagement Manager, Eden Project International) and the two new Community Officers, Joanne Kelly and Christine Rea. Apologies were received from Michael Crichton, Anna Day, Robert Evans, Crawford Morton and Russell Pepper.

**2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Proposed: Ann Prescott

Seconded: Innocent Oriaku

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3 Fords Lane Improvement:** SC notified Stephen Page and Jay Grant about FM's suggestion that Helena Woodcock get involved in this project.

**Tay Square Mosaic:** RP chased John Gray at DCC, but suggested it might be worth considering WECC applying for funding for this.

**Police invitation:** SC invited Inspector Pattie who is unavailable to attend the June meeting. SC waiting to hear whether he can attend the September meeting.

**4 EDEN PROJECT DUNDEE**

Caishlan Sweeney (CS) presented a historic background on the Eden Project, together with an update on Eden Project Dundee. This social enterprise project will give back to the community (for every £1 spent, £7 returns to the community). Climate awareness will be at its heart, the development of which will be driven by Dundee, and will be based at the gas works, an appropriate venue adjacent to the decommissioning site as well as the Nynas refinery. £7.4m kick start funding has been received. The aim is to be impactful to Dundee, encouraging visitors to stay, and showcasing creativity (Dundee University, James Hutton Institute, Creative Scotland etc). First wildflower seed sowing at Seabraes will be followed up at Camperdown, and Morgan Academy is giving up ¾ of its grass over to wildflowers with the aim of improving air quality, encouraging pollinators as well as educating children. Multiple projects will work with community centres and groups, and more Eden Project staff eventually be deployed in Dundee.

CS also raised the issue of the Big Lunch (1<sup>st</sup> week June), which this year will be attached to the Queen's Jubilee, as an opportunity of bringing people together (not just friends), building bridges and empowering communities. FM raised the issue of multi-venue Dundee tickets, where venues bounce off each other, encouraging more people to stay in the City longer. NJM highlighted people are planting flowers under trees which could be expanded to roundabouts. LP keen to liaise with Eden Project. WECC thanked CS for her presentation and look forward to seeing the project to completion.

**Action:** SC to share email addresses between CS and LP.

**5 POLICE UPDATE**

No update was received, and again it was reiterated that it would be best to have in person representation from the Police. NJM raised the issue of lack of speed signage in Dundee. FM pointed

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out that the issue of static deterrents is a council not Police issue. Budget cuts are an issue, however, 4 new 20 mph zones were introduced during Covid. Public want high quality enforcement and robust deterrents. Suggested that Ewan Macnaughton be invited to the next meeting.

**Action:** SC to invite Ewan Macnaughton to the next WECC meeting

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## 6 PLANNING AND LICENCING

An application for student accommodation at the site right next to the Groucho's building (22/00205/FULL) was rejected by WECC, however, a request from Crucible Alba was considered. In view of this, and other discussion, it was felt that the objection should stand.

## 7 COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND

£20K is available from the CRF for projects with a direct relationship to community regeneration. AP suggested funding for red benches, which DCC might match in numbers. The land adjacent to Dil Se was mentioned. FM will follow up as site would struggle as a development site. FM was keen to propose to JC Ducaux site owners that if its auction to sell it had resulted in no sale, would it consider leasing to DCC for a peppercorn rent to enable environmental improvements. NJM pointed out that notice boards opposite Bridgeview are rotten. It was suggested that further notice boards (Blackness, Bank Mill Rd, shops at Tullideph etc) would widen participation in WECC. NJM raised the issue of the area at Annfield Rd/Technopole however new start up technology companies are already proposed. The Community Council had previously agreed FM's suggestion of expanding its boundaries to cover the whole of the West End Ward (adding areas in the north of the ward outside the traditional boundary) and FM would seek an update on progress. Engagement and the needs of local schools was raised. Schools should be asked, perhaps with help of CR who has links with them. FM suggested having Schools Head Girl/Boy attend meetings as well as DUSA representative.

**Action:** FM to follow up on status of site adjacent to Dil Se.

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**Action:** FM to follow up with Environment on notice boards opposite Bridgeview.

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**Action:** FM to follow up with Nicky Maccrimmon regarding widening community area

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**Action:** ALL to consider projects that would benefit from CRF funding.

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## 8 RIVERSIDE PAVILION

The status and usage of Riverside Pavilion was raised as there is potential for indoor plumbing. Is it vacant, and if so, what could it be used for? It was pointed out that different sports work together from Leisure and Culture. JK suggested engaging ideas at WestFest and it was suggested that a site visit might be worthwhile. Discussion about parking at the Pavilion was raised, as Barnetts appear to use this site, and it was suggested that Barnetts could contribute to resurfacing the site. Residents parking in the West End is still a major issue which FM will re-engage in 6 months. Residents having car park permits as in Broughty Ferry might be a practical solution.

## 9 AOCB

**DCC Elected Councillors:** Following the recent council elections, there have been a change in Councillors. WECC would like to thank Donald Hay and Richard McCready for their considerable support and help over many years, and welcome the new Councillors, Nadia El-Nakla and Michael Crichton.

**WECC Leaflet:** It was agreed that in the first instance the printing of the leaflets should be A4 folded into A5. This size was thought to be more practical for distribution.

**Action:** SC to notify Anna Day.

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## 10 Queries and comment from the Public

Owner of West House on Tay St enquired about the process of how to establish mobile refreshment sites at Seabraes Gardens and around the West End, including Magdalen Green. The aim is to have local independent traders provide goods for the stalls, rather than take business away from Perth Road. Issues such litter and local resident objections were raised. It was stressed that local residents must be on board, and appropriate sites identified. FM advised that the Planning Team (David Gray and colleagues) at DCC would provide planning advice to any applicant.

**11 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14 June 2022, Logie & St Johns Hall, 1900 – 2100h.

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