

**West End Community Council**

**Tuesday April 12 2022 at 1900h**

**Logie & St Johns Hall, Blackness Avenue**

**PRESENT:**

Robert Evans (RE) (Chair)	WECC
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC
Iain Iveson (II)	WECC
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC
Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC
Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Natalie Mackland (NM)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Baillie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready (RMc)	DCC
Cllr Donald Hay (DH)	DCC

3 members of the public

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Rob Evans (RE) welcomed all to the meeting, including Derrick Lang (HIAL) and Martin Hay (West Fest). Apologies were received from Anna Day, Russell Pepper, Harrison Frame, Crawford Morton, Nick Marra and Sarah Barham.

**2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Proposed: Ann Prescott

Seconded: Innocent Oriaku

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Perth Road Walkabout – Traders Consultation:** Consultation leaflets about the projects proposed to be funded by the District Shopping Centre Funds were delivered to Perth Road traders by SB and SC. Generally traders were supportive, but verbally traffic and parking were regularly raised as issues. Increasing the overall greenery of the area (hanging baskets, better outdoor seating areas) suggested. Concerns were raised that seating would be discarded rather than reused. It was suggested that there could be some improvements at the top of Fords Lane, including seating, herb gardens etc, and Stephen Page at DCC was looking into this in addition to the other 4 proposed projects. FM suggested that Helena Woodcock could be involved as she is keen to improve and expand on the work already done around Blackness.

**Action:** SC to contact JG and SP about involving Helena Woodcock in Fords Lane improvement.

**SC**

**Tay Square Mosaic (RP):** RP not present.

**Action:** RP to report on the status of the Tay Square Mosaic.

**RP**

**Airport:** Derrick Lang in attendance (see (6) below).

**Rosefield Street:** FM reported that Hilary Nicholson (Animal Control Officer) is dealing with the issue.

**4 POLICE UPDATE**

No update was received, but FM suggested that it is good to have police engagement at the meetings and Inspector Pattie should be invited to attend.

**Action:** SC to invite Inspector Pattie to attend WECC meetings.

**SC**

**5 PLANNING AND LICENCING**

An application for student accommodation at the site right next to the Groucho's building (22/00205/FULL) was received. RP suggested we should object based on lack of green space/balconies, and lack of suitable/accessible cycle parking. Questions about need for more and the suitability of types of accommodation in Dundee were raised, and extensive feedback was forwarded to the council by RP.

## 6 DUNDEE AIRPORT

At a request from the public, Derrick Lang (DL) attended the meeting. The airport operated throughout the pandemic and considerable upgrade work was done during lockdown. The airport is busy with private bookings, and Logan Air are now linking their London flight to Shetland via Dundee. DL gave a comprehensive outline of the strategies (lasers) the airport use with regard to scaring birds. If any noise is heard, this means all other quiet technologies have failed. RE raised the issue of aviation fuel. HIAL are very conscious of this, and new sustainable aviation fuels are being investigated. Efflux is kept to a minimum but can be a problem when there is high level traffic e.g. during golf tournaments and times of low wind. As part of the Tay Cities Deal, future plans include introducing new improved satellite navigation technology. Unclassified drone flights have been an issue which can be reported to the police. DL is happy for anybody to contact him directly if they have an issue to raise about the airport. In response to FM, DL confirmed that the Airport Consultative Committee will be restarted post-pandemic, but the format is as yet unknown. In response to FM, DL confirmed that air traffic control and staff will stay in Dundee. As radar can be managed from anywhere, flights might be managed from Inverness before being handed over to Dundee. In response to IO, DL confirmed there are no plans for international flight expansion in the next 5 years. KLM were asked to take over the Amsterdam flight, however, they declined.

## 7 WEST FEST 2022

Martin Hay (MH) gave an overview of West Fest 2022, which will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It is a free community led event, where Magdalen Green is fenced off to comply with licensing laws. There will be a DJ tent, staged music, events (hockey, basketball), food stalls, stall holders etc. There will be elongated hours of opening, including Dundee Pipe Band (1230h), Community events (1300h), stage closing at 1915h and slow winding down to closure at 2000h. The aim of the latter is to allow for greater controlled exit for people. AP enquired whether a member of WECC or local members could be on the committee, however, it was pointed out that Harrison Frame is on the committee. WECC are welcome to have a stall (£15 charge for admin and safety) as long as there is space and health and safety has been passed. EK stated that although the event is welcome in principle, the issue of unknown footfall and binge drinking culture is not a good message. DH reported that fencing proves a licensed event which regulates the amount of drinking. 20 stewards will police the event. DH also stated that most problems occur post-festival, which they are hoping to avoid with the phased wind down of the event. Suggestions that Camperdown Park would be better, however, MH stated that this is a community event with music, not a music festival, held on a community green. Only two objections have ever been received, although the mechanism of submitting objections was questioned by EK. FM asked if the police have given commitment to do the policing at the end, however, DH confirmed this has not yet been given. FM asked if MH could provide us with an update on this. MH is happy to address any questions.

## 8 Eden Project Dundee

SC reported that Kevin Frediani (Director of Botanic Gardens) and Caishlan Sweeney (Eden Project) have been positive about WECC proposals for Riverside, some of which overlap with the goals of the Eden Project. Within the Eden Project, there are multiple projects ongoing around the city, with the inaugural seed sowing at Seabraes in March. Caishlan Sweeney has confirmed she will attend the May meeting to update the community on the future plans in the city.

## 9 AOCB

**Community Officers:** RE stated that sadly our community officers, Natalie Mackland and Sarah Barham, will be moving on to new pastures and this will be their last meeting. NM has been with WECC since 2004, and FM (and the whole committee) stated they genuinely grateful for all the help, wishing them well in the future. The new Community Officers will be Christine Miller/Rea (T 01382 436910/ 07769284913 [E christine.rea@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:christine.rea@dundeecity.gov.uk)) and Joanne Kelly (T 01382 438597/07342 080683 [E joanne.kelly@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.kelly@dundeecity.gov.uk)) both at Douglas Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue Dundee, DD4 8SD.

**WECC Leaflet:** The issue of printing WECC leaflets, distribution and timing was raised. It was suggested that quarterly might be too expensive, and most effective distribution could be at places such as churches, schools, libraries, nurseries, shops, Botanic Gardens, community fridge, Ninewells Community Gardens and shops. FM suggested that Urban print might be most competitive for lower numbers (100's) of leaflets than Trade Print, which is more high volume.

**10 Queries and comment from the Public**

No questions from the public were raised.

**11 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 10 May 2022, Logie & St Johns Hall, 1900 - 2100h.