

West End Community Council

8 March 2022 at 1900h

Logie & St Johns Hall, Blackness Avenue

PRESENT:

Anna Day (AD) (Chair)	WECC
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC
Nick Marra (NJM)	WECC
Crawford Morton (CM)	WECC
Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC
Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Sarah Barham (SB)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Baillie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready (RMc)	DCC
Cllr Donald Hay (DH)	DCC

0 members of the public

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Anna Day (AD) welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Rob Evans, Harrison Frame, Elaine Kuwahara and Russell Pepper.

2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed: Crawford Morton Seconded: Nick Marra

3 MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Management (Perth Road): A meeting was held on 4th March with Ewan Gourlay and Ray Tully, who stated that although there are lengthy traffic queues, DCC had seen worse. There was a 30 minute discussion about possible changes, which could include more pedestrian pelican crossings, traffic lights at Sinderins, signs stating local traffic only etc.

West End Parking: A poor report presented at the City Development Committee recommended no action on the latest online consultation. An amendment submitted by FM to stop DCC binning taking steps to improve residents' parking was narrowly defeated when voted upon. FM and RMc outlined some of the issues, but felt that although there is no action at the current time, this issue will return as all agree this is a major issue in the West End. Proposals such as found in central Broughty Ferry where residents adjacent to car parks have parking permits should be considered as this could be implemented in the West End. SC reported that a member of the public was concerned that WECC had agreed with the council abandoning the consultation, however, this is not the case. AD thanked the elected councilors for their continued efforts on this long term issue.

Perth Road Walkabout: District Shopping Centre Funds will be used to fund the projects from Millars Wynd to Sinderins as soon as possible. Perth Road traders also need to be consulted as soon as possible. SB appealed for help for next week. SB and SC will do the first run of distributions. The challenge will be to get responses from the owners rather than shop workers.

Action: SB and SC to deliver proposals to shops in Perth Road week beginning 14 March.

Magdalen Green Biodiversity Proposal: SC reported that the council had inadvertently removed the wrong area of topsoil from their original plan on the southern section of the Green. This will now be part of the summer meadow rather than a naturalized zone. Alison Anderson (AA) has also stated that public involvement will be required for the annual uplift of cuttings. AP stated this should be organised by Josh Lawton. SC reported that more bulbs will be available for planting in the west end of Magdalen Green in the near future.

Public Art Works: FM reported that work on both the gates at the Cemetery and the regrouting of the Taybridge Memorial are in hand. John Gray will update on the timescale on the latter. There was no update on the Tay Square Mosaic.

SB,
SC

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

RP

4 POLICE UPDATE

Sean Petrie (SP) provided the following written report to WECC.

- Pop up Jim has been used in the area of the Perth Road, close the Harris Academy, due to ongoing complaints of speeding in that area.
- Engagement with staff at Richardson's Pharmacy, Blackness Road, as a result of complaints about service users loitering in the area in groups causing pedestrians to move out onto the roadway in order to pass. Proactive patrols in that area by Community Officers at peak times including beginning and end of school day but no issues identified. Staff agreed to pass message to their service users about the complaints and will pro-actively look to move them away if congregating and causing an issue for other members of the public.
- Patrols in the area of Riverside Drive, Dundee due to complaints about careless cycling on the shared pathway.
- Ongoing issues with parking in the area of Thomson Street and Patons Lane, Dundee. Looking to liaise with DCC Parking Wardens for joint patrols in that area.

SP enquired whether WECC required any other areas to be covered, however, no suggestions were put forward. SC pointed out that the Police Report includes topics such as Road Safety, House Breakings, Vandalism, Licensed Premises and Anti-Social Behaviour which cover most things pertinent to the community. FM suggested that as there was a tradition of Police attending community groups, WECC may consider inviting Inspector Martin Pattie to the meeting in the future.

5 PLANNING AND LICENCING

No planning or licensing reports were presented.

6 DUNDEE AIRPORT

Derrick Lang did not attend the meeting and will be invited to attend the April meeting.

Action: SC to invite Derrick Lang to attend April WECC meeting.

SC

7 LOCATION OF FUTURE WECC MEETINGS

A debate about whether to change the location of the WECC meetings given the cost of the hall hire was had. Issues such as access difficulties to the library were raised. A vote was held to stay at the Logie & St Johns Hall. FM suggested perhaps in future meetings could be held across the community area to allow different members of the community to engage with the community council.

8 AOCB

WECC Noticeboard: CM reported that the notice board was damaged and full of outdated information. SB will arrange for it to be mended, and CM will use his judgement to clear up the leaflets. After the May council elections, an updated list of newly elected councilors will be inserted.

Rosefield Street: IO raised the issue of dog mess along the street. SB has recently raised complaints about some other West End streets would be cleaned up. FM indicated he would raise Rosefield Street with the animal control officer for attention.

Action: FM to raise issue of Rosefield Street with animal control officer.

FM

Milnbank Road Playpark: IO raised the issue of poor facilities at the playpark, which needs upgrading with seats and/or play area equipment. Grant funding would be needed to support these changes, but Jay Grant may also be able to help.

9 Queries and comment from the Public

No members of the public were present.

10 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12 April 2022, Logie & St Johns Hall, 1900 - 2100h.

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