

West End Community Council

9 November 2021 at 1900h

Logie and St Johns Hall

PRESENT:

Anna Day (AD, Chair)	WECC
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC
Rob Evans (RE)	WECC
Harrison Frame (HF)	WECC
Suzie Harrold (SH)	WECC
Iain Iverson (II)	WECC
Rowan Jack (RJ)	WECC
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC
Nick Marra (NJM)	WECC
Crawford Morton (CM)	WECC
Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC
Lynsey Penny (LP)	WECC
Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Natalie Mackland (NM)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Sarah Barham (SB)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Baillie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready (RM)	DCC
Cllr Donald Hay (DH)	DCC

3 members of the public

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Anna Day (AD) welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies received by the Secretary from Russell Pepper.

2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed: Rob Evans
Seconded: Harrison Frame

ACTION

3 MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Management: A site visit to be arranged with regard to traffic management.

Action: FM to contact Ewan McNaughton regarding a suitable contact for a site visit, to be held preferably before Christmas

FM

Esplanade: It has been confirmed that the Taybridge memorial will be upgraded.

Light Pollution: RE met with the manager of the Invercarse Hotel to resolve the issue of light pollution. Although some adjustment had been made to the lights, the result was not totally satisfactory. RE will contact Jamie Landwehr from DCC regarding a site visit to investigate the lights.

Action: RE to contact Jamie Landwehr for a site visit.

RE

Derelict Buildings: FM provided an update that No. 28 Roseangle has been sold subject to conveyancing, whilst No. 2 Roseangle is being looked at by another officer.

Action: FM to follow up further

FM

WECC Postal Address: This has been changed to Blackness Library, who will contact the WECC secretary when there is any mail.

National Scenic Area: No update was available.

Action: NJM to get a copy of the letter for discussion at a future meeting

NJM

Electric Car Charging: FM had an exchange of emails with Fraser Crighton (FC). There was no loss of parking at the Blackness Avenue site, and its success will be assessed in the future. FC would be keen to get feedback from the public about other charging points.

Dundee Airport: RP raised issue of considerable noise pollution from the airport.

Action: NM to establish if airport working group is meeting, and a WECC representative should be identified to attend. NM will establish who in DCC has remit for noise monitoring.

NM

4 POLICE UPDATE

As Sean Petrie was at COP26 (Glasgow), no report was available.

5 PLANNING AND LICENCING

Nothing noted in Planning. HF to be added to the licensing distribution list. FM provided an update respect to Bridgeview Café. It appears the temporary licence is to continue. FM to follow up.

Action: HF to be added to distribution list

Action: FM to update on licensing at Bridgeview Café.

FM

6 **MAGDALEN GREEN – BIODIVERSITY**

A draft letter by RP states whilst WECC were interested in the proposals, it was felt they did not go far enough. Biodiversity and climate change mitigation should be at its core. Although a broader biodiversity consultation was undertaken by DCC, no consultation with WECC was undertaken with regard to this specific proposal, although Friends of Riverside (and Ian Ford) provided some input. It was agreed that the letter should go out.

Action: RP to send out letter to Alison Anderson.

RP

7 **RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A written proposal together with a map of potential locations to improve Riverside was put forward. Examples of improvements include benches, picnic tables, bike racks, composting toilets and increasing biodiversity. NM raised the issue of landownership which might impact on the plans. In the short term, it was felt that benches and picnic tables might be most achievable, although a composting toilet would be beneficial with increasing footfall in the area.

Action: SC, RE, AP to follow up with site visits, costings and potential funding opportunities (CRF Funding Opportunities, National Lottery Community Fund, DCC Common Good Fund), together with SB.

SC, RE, AP, SB

Action: LP to provide SC with other potential funding sources

LP

Action: SC to ask NM to confirm land ownership on Riverside.

SC

8 **CRF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

A number of possible projects were proposed for follow up and to be investigated for potential funding

Action: mosaic repair at Tay Square

RP

Action: benches at RDP (see 7 above)

SC/RE/AP

Action: a bench at cemetery (£800, AP with Jay Grant)

AP

9 **SEABRAES VIEWPOINT REGENERATION**

A response from WECC was sought. It was felt that although the changes are welcome, perennial planting should be considered and extended further than proposed. Other issues raised included accessibility e.g. wheelchair access, lack of back rests and shelter. There was also a question about a broken handrail, and whose responsibility it is for mending this section.

There was a discussion about the Seabraes public toilets which are up for sale (£10K). The urinals are listed, and alternative use such as a potential artist studio was raised.

Action: RP to provide feedback on the regeneration.

RP

Action: AD to follow up on potential alternative use of the public toilets

AD

Action: FM to follow up on broken handrail.

FM

10 AOCB

Residents Parking Scheme: an online consultation of the potential for a residents parking scheme for the West End, Coldside and Maryfield has now gone live (www.dundeeacity.gov.uk/rps).

Housing Allocation Policy Review: The review (27.9.21-20.12.21) hopes to consult widely with individuals, community groups, LCPP, resident and tenant organisations and obtain input. (www.dundeeacity.gov.uk/AllocationsPolicy-2021)

Blether bus: has been permanent withdrawn, due to lack of usage between March 2018- March 2020. Bus will be used to support school activities.

Christmas Fortnight: FM informed that leaflets are being widely distributed including in school bags, with around 30 events being held. Due to the ongoing Covid situation, there will be a mixed range of events, some virtual concerts and Business Awards Scheme through the Gate Church on 7. December. A Christmas Market will be held between 4-8 December at Miller's Wynd, with a celidh on the Sunday. Lights are being put up on trees outside Sainsbury, the Police Station and on Pennycook Court. A Santa parade is also programme.

Many people's contributions were acknowledged, including FM and LP.

West End Community Collective (Engage Dundee): an online event to be held on 18th November, to allow local people and organisations make decisions and take action to improve the community.

WECC Meetings: it was proposed to change the time of the WECC meeting as the combination of noise from adjacent halls and mask wearing made communication difficult. It was agreed that since the meetings have historically been held at 1900h and people want to get home earlier to families, the time should remain at 1900h.

11 Queries and Comments from the Public

A request from a member of the public to put more information on the community board in addition to the agenda (e.g. consultative leaflets)

13 Date of next meeting

14 December 2021, 1900 – 2100, Logie & St Johns Hall.