

West End Community Council

9 June 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Present:

Jim Dryden	WECC Chair
Ann Prescott	WECC
Lynsey Penny	WECC
Russell Pepper	WECC
Sandra MacDowall	WECC
Cllr Fraser Macpherson	DCC
Cllr Donald Hay	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC
Natalie Mackland	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Joanne Kelly	DCC Neighbourhood Services

Apologies:

Esther Carmen

Welcome and Apologies

Jim welcomed all to the meeting

Lockdown Review

Little change. Things have quietened down. Empowerment Team continuing to respond to requests for food parcels. West End Support Line available 9 – 5 Monday to Friday with links to support in the area for emergency food, foodbank referrals and welfare/emotional support.

New initiative – Family Support Services operated by The Gate. City wide facility.

Planning

Licensing applications for Aitken Wines and Piccolo. Nothing to worry about. No concerns.

Police Update

Nothing to report. No word from Kat Thompson. Fraser has had contact with Kat regarding speeding Issues and anti-social behaviour at Balgay and Abbotsford Street. Police are aware and have responded.

Use of Public Space

Fraser has spoken to Tony Boyle. The Council are readying to commence Phase 2 therefore if anything is to be done re Bio Diversity at Magdalen Green it needs to be done soon. Alison Anderson will work with WECC to achieve this. There needs to be a consultation with the wider population as grass cutting is expected to resume on the Green within the next few weeks and by 30 June 2020 Natalie reiterated the urgency of a public consultation. Need to be guided by Alison Anderson who has a wide knowledge and will know the best places. Contact should be made with the Council re costs and management of this. Ann Prescott suggested that a close look is made of the areas

proposed before any decision is made. An email received from FOMG has suggested an area at the East End of the green beside the sub-station as a possible site as it is little used. A public consultation is necessary so as to not upset the locals. Russell volunteered to compose a survey with a list of questions with an outline plan of what bio diversity might look like. Need to use social media to get it out to as wide a population as is possible. City Councillors can use Facebook/Twitter to help with this. Natalie/Joanne happy to spearhead this consultation but it needs to be done asap. Agreed for Zoom meeting next day between Natalie, Joanne Jim and Russell to arrange this.

Traffic Management issues – Fraser advised that 20mph limits to be implemented on Perth Road, Lanes and Magdalen Yard Road. Traffic calming to be implemented at Riverside Approach. To be in place by end of July.

Chair has done further traffic survey and raised concerns about cyclists on pavements and jumping red lights. To bring this up with Kat Thompson.

ACOB

Graffiti Artist – Everyone happy with proposed design including SSE. Russell to contact DCC for approval.

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Funding

Natalie reminded all that application deadline is end of June. Noted that Ann has already submitted application for Xmas Week Further applications are in pipeline for a bench and rail at Western Cemetery and Joanne confirmed that they were awaiting costing for Nick Marra's Noticeboards.

WECC Email

Sandra expressed concern over the security of the email address following an email being received which was in Chinese! She also expressed concern at not being able to reply using the WECC email address. Replies can only be done using individual email addresses which is not great. Jim to contact Iain Iveson to ask that he contact Sandra about this. If this matter cannot be resolved it may be that a new WECC email address needs to set up.

Sinderins Beacon

Ann querying position on this. Natalie to check with Engineers on this.

Next meeting scheduled for 8 September 2020.