

West End Community Council

Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 1900h

Study Room, Blackness Library, Perth Road DD2 1EJ

PRESENT:

Gary Langlands (GL) (Chair)	WECC		
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC	Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Robert Evans (RE)	WECC	Cllr Michael Crichton (MC)	DCC Elected
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC	Cllr Nadia El-Nakla (NEN)	DCC Elected
Hazel Lancaster (HL)	WECC	Bailie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC Elected
Nick Marra (NJM)	WECC	1 member of the public	

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Gary Langlands (GL) welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Joanne Kelly, Christine Rea, Crawford Morton and Harrison Frame.

2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed: Ann Prescott

Seconded: Nick Marra

3 MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Licencing: Fraser Macpherson (FM) asked David Gray (DG) to contact the member of the public (MOP)

Use of DCC Swimming Pools: Following departure of Anna Day from WECC, this will be followed up by Nadia El-Nakla (NEN).

Action: NEN to raise issue of public access to Harris Academy pool

WECC Notice Boards: Sam Crouch (SC) enquired about replacing rather than repairing the notice board outside Sainsburys. A quote of ~£1700 was obtained from J&B Blackmiths for replacement including installation. Little DCC money is available, so external funding should be sought. FM stated that other notice boards (corner of Tullideph/City Roads) can also be used. Documents to be displayed should be emailed to Neil Brady.

Action: SC to investigate sources of funding

4 POLICE UPDATE

No update received.

5 PLANNING AND LICENSING

Nothing was raised with regard to Licensing and Planning.

6 POP UP CHARGE POINTS

DCC has been awarded funding for 18 pop up charge points in Dundee, 3 of which will be in Roseangle Car Park, which should be completed by March 2023. There will be no loss of parking as the spaces will be taken up by electric vehicles, but these will contribute to building a future electric vehicle infrastructure in the city.

7 CITY CENTRE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN

DCC held a 6 week consultation about the long term vision of the city given the challenges of empty shops and changing shopping habits of the public. Challenges of getting into the city was raised by GL. NEN stated the plan is for a more attractive city to live in with more community spaces, with for example, Abertay University having lots of innovative projects planned over 5 years. The future of the city centre including Marks & Spencer moving to Gallagher and HSBC closing down was discussed. Cleanliness was seen by all as a major issue across the city. 46% of Dundee are flats which rely on litter bins, however as FM pointed out, there are 28 less cleaners in Dundee which must have an impact. As NEN stated, there is also responsibility on people to recycle, look after their waste, however, education also plays a role. Closure of Riverside recycling has contributed. According to FM, environmental compliance officers will deal with any bin presentation issues if they are alerted. Issues with parking next to, and restricting access to bins was discussed, which will be addressed by the regulations arising out of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, likely to be in place by the end of 2023. This should also address parking on the pavement issues.

Action: GL to contact Martin Pattie regarding having police attendance at WECC. SC/FM to provide email address to GL

NEN

SC

GL/
FM/

8 WEST END CHRISTMAS FORTNIGHT

FM stated that this has been the best fortnight yet with a packed agenda. FM thanked Ann Prescott for all her work. The meeting was used as a public forum to choose the many prizes that have been donated from local businesses including Tartan, Fika, Rosebud, Little Green Larder etc. FM will notify prize winners in due course.

9 WECC OFFICE BEARERS

Vacancies still exist for Treasurer, and Communications, the latter which includes managing Face-Book and contact@dundeewecc.com. Elaine Kuwahara (EK) confirmed she will continue with Planning and Licensing.

Action: All members of WECC to consider taking on one of these positions.

ALL

10 AOCB

Police: NJM raised the issue about Police presence and traffic management in the West End, which is poor compared to other councils (Fife, Perthshire). FM stated that Glasgow is rolling out default 20mph zones through residential areas, funded through Sustrans. Fife has prioritised 20 mph, so priorities are council dependent. DCC will be applying to Sustrans for funding to roll out a 20mph zones, and FM hopes that residential areas will eventually be reduced to 20 mph. NJM stated that deterrents are needed, such as pop up Jims, however, these are the responsibility of the Police. FM will ask Sergeant Sean Petrie re pop up Jims in the West End, which are only effective if they are regularly moved. Flashing 30 mph signs are useful but should be movable to act as a deterrent.

Action: FM to contact Sean Petrie re pop up Jims in the West End

FM

Riverside Pavilion: NEN raised the issue of Riverside Pavilion, which has a great space with kitchen and toilets. Funding will be needed, together with suggestions for possible uses. Previous discussions mentioned Barnetts (East and Western) tarring the carpark and regularising their parking in the area. AP suggested a community garden. SC mentioned the Tayport Community Garden which obtained Lottery funding and is a thriving community. Kate Treharne (Community Allotments Officer) should be contacted with regard to the possibility of this space being converted into a community garden with associated facilities.

Action: SC to contact Kate Treharne regarding the Pavilion and ask for a site visit with NEN.

SC

Action: FM to ask Rod Houston (RH) for an update on status of the car park.

FM

Balgay Park: GL raised the issue of Balgay Park, which used to be a showcase, however, is now badly kept. Funding will be required for path improvement. GL, as new Chairman, should ask for a site visit with RH or Tony Boyle (TB) for an update on upkeep of Balgay.

Action: GL to ask for site visit with RH and/or TB.

GL

11 QUERIES AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public Art: There was a query about where money comes from to support public art, including the Sinderins Beacon, on Perth Road. FM stated that this had been a participatory budget 5 years ago, however, the design was not part of the voting process.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 February 2023, Blackness Library (Study Room), 1900 - 2100h