

WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Extraordinary General Meeting

Tuesday 25 October, 2022 at 1900h

Study Room, Blackness Library, Perth Road DD2 1EJ

PRESENT:

Anna Day (AD) (Chair)	WECC	Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC	Joanne Kelly (JK)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Robert Evans (RE)	WECC	Christine Rea (CR)	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Harrison Frame (HF)	WECC	Cllr Michael Crichton (MC)	DCC Elected
Iain Iveson (II)	WECC	Cllr Nadia El-Nakla (NEN)	DCC Elected
Elaine Kuwahara (EK)	WECC	Bailie Fraser Macpherson (FM)	DCC Elected
Nick Marra (NJM)	WECC		
Crawford Morton (CM)	WECC	10 members of the public	

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Anna Day (AD) welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.

2 ELECTION / NOMINATION OF MEMBERS

In response to a call for new members, JK received five nominations (2 previously co-opted, 3 new) and all duly elected as the numbers do not exceed the maximum number of spaces allocated for WECC. Gary Langlands, Hazel Lancaster and Neil McLeod became new members, whilst Elaine Kuwahara and Harrison Frame were previously co-opted members. All received The WECC Constitution, Scheme of Operation, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders for their information.

Community Councils (CC) formed in Scotland as part of the Local Government Scotland Act (1974) act on behalf of their community, aiming to make their community a better place to live. CCs should be non-discriminatory, non-party political and non-sectarian, and involve cross sections of the community. Their statutory purpose is to act as a bridge between the community and local authorities (e.g. Council, Police, Fire Service) to express the view of the community that it represents. No-one should be blocked from CC activities.

As a statutory group, CC have a role in planning, and have the right to be consulted on application for planning permissions and licensing applications.

3 CONSTITUTION CONTACT ADDRESS

The contact address for WECC will be changed to Douglas Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue, Douglas, Dundee DD4 8SD, and not Blackness Library as currently. In response to SC, JK confirmed the DCC website must be changed.

Action: SC to arrange change of contact address on DCC website

4 AOCB

AD opened the floor to questions. Issues raised included:

Sinderins Improvement: A member of the public queried when will this work be undertaken and who can feedback comments to the council.

WECC: It was pointed out that few people in the West End know about WECC. Generally, it is social media and word of mouth, but SC is trying to increase this by generating a confidential participant database.

Lauries Garden Centre Development: FM reported that unfortunately this development, despite considerable protest, was passed at Planning Committee by 18:8 votes. WECC thanked the councillors for their help in relaying the opinions of the West End community.

Anna Day: AD tendered her resignation from the committee citing repeated unnecessary harassment by certain members of the West End public. The committee would like to thank AD for all her work and are very sad to see her leave.