

**West End Community Council**  
**Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 1900h**  
**Logie & St Johns Hall, Blackness Avenue**

**PRESENT:**

Anna Day (AD) (Chair)	WECC	Innocent Oriaku (IO)	WECC
Sam Crouch (SC)	WECC	Ann Prescott (AP)	WECC
Robert Evans (RE)	WECC	Joanne Kelly (JK)	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	14 members of the public	

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Anna Day (AD) welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Sergeant Sean Petrie.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2 Proposed: Rob Evans                                 Seconded: Harrison Frame

**MATTERS ARISING**

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**Site adjacent to Dil'Se and Bus Shelter move:** No update on site adjacent to Dil'Se (FM), however, Stephen Page (SP) has stated that an order has now been placed to move the bus shelter outside the Perth Road Post Office in the near future.

**Management of Magdalen Green:** Rob Evans (RE) wrote to Rod Houston regarding this.

**Local Community Plan:** Christine Rea (CR) circulated this to members.

**Dundee Heritage Trust:** Russell Pepper (RP) wrote a letter of support on behalf of the community council.

**4 POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Sean Petrie sent an update, summarised below:

- **Road Safety** - a number of areas (Perth Rd, Blackness Rd, Blackness Ave, Scott St, Brook St) highlighted by the public regarding speeding. The areas have been patrolled and monitored.
- **Parking Concerns** – Long standing complaints from the public with regards to inconsiderate parking in Brook Street. Parking controls have been arranged.
- **Anti-social behaviour** - Only real incident was youths throwing a fire extinguisher off the roof of the car park, thankfully with no casualties.
- **Schools** - Preventative drug awareness sessions have been held at Harris Academy, with discussions on keeping healthy, peer pressure, and making positive choices etc.

**5 PLANNING AND LICENCING**

Nothing was raised with regard to Licencing. Elaine Kuwahara (EK) is investigating the new town houses proposed on Riverside Drive. EK has asked the council for an update as issues such as tree clearance, pollution and building on reclaimed land have not been addressed.

A member of the public (MOP) raised the issue of the care home development proposed on Lawries Garden Centre. Fraser Macpherson (FM) was to ask David Gray (DG) to contact the MOP, who was not able to contact DCC directly due to lack of visiting in person.

**Action:** FM to ask DG to contact the MOP.

**6 PERTH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - Sinderins**

Concept drawings submitted by Stephen Page (SP) were discussed. Generally, it was agreed that the area would be improved, however, specific details about what type of seating were still lacking. An MOP raised the issue that the best improvement for Perth Road was increased cleanliness, however, FM pointed out that issues with lack of resource, specifically cleaners. Complaints about fibre installation and lack of cleanliness in Abbotsford Place were raised. FM and Nadia El-Nakla (NEN) agreed to investigate. Nick Marra (NJM) stated litter pickers are present on Blackness Road, however, their focus is on the main road, whilst the side streets need attention. AD asked people to be pro-active in raising incidents with WECC. FM and NEN also mentioned specific targeted

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neighbourhood clean-ups that Neighbourhood Services were undertaking. The first in Linlathen had been successful and it was intended to replicate this in communities across the city.

## 7 **USE OF DCC SWIMMING POOLS (NJM)**

NJM raised the issue that during the summer there were no pools open, some of which related to one off lack of chlorine. General public access to Harris Academy was raised, not just swimming in lengths. AD and NEN will raise this on Leisure & Culture Dundee board. FM pointed out that Harris Academy is a PFI, issues with supply of life guards and staff should be clarified. A pool in Taylors Lane could be used, and AD is aiming to get into community use, however, funding is needed.

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

## 8 **SEWAGE IN THE RIVER TAY**

Following on from the recent sewage discharge into the Tay, NJM asked for assurances on who was monitoring the health of the Tay. AD stated it was healthy, and monitored regularly by SEPA and Scottish Water, data which can be found on SEPA website. RE stated the discharge was an unusual event and sewage is normally piped to Carnoustie for processing.

## 9 **NEW WECC CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Every four years community councils hold a city wide election, where community councillors hold a four year term. WECC has lost two members of the community council due to one now being a conflict of interest with their post and other moving out of the boundary, both classed as an automatic resignation, as uneligible for membership.

Normally between election periods, there is an option for new community councillors to come on board via co-option. However, co-option is limited to a quarter of the maximum amount of councillors for the area. These minimum and maximum numbers are different for each area, as it is based on population in the boundaries. We currently have two community councillors (HF, EK) who were co-opted, as were not nominated at the time of the last election in 2020. When an interim one was called, as the current membership fell below half of the minimum required. We have more interested parties than co-option spaces and the governing documents for the group advises that WECC must hold an EGM and the Local Authority will have a call for nominations, as per the process of an interim election.

As per their rules, WECC are also due an AGM in October. Therefore, it would make sense to have an EGM/AGM where once nominations are received, the new community councillors can come onboard and take any office bearer spaces if they wish that are due at this time. Currently, there are 12 councillors, and the maximum they can have is 19. So 7 spaces are available for new members as the two existing will still be counted in the existing 12 but will change from co-opted to full members. If there was mass interest and 8 nominations received, this would then go to an election. The Head of Democratic and Legal Services at Dundee City Council would advise further on the process for this.

Joanne Kelly (JK) advised that we, acting as Local Authority (Community Empowerment Team) need to put an advert in the paper and give a 28 days notice. This is scheduled to go in the Courier on 20th September and a nomination deadline of 17th October 2022. Therefore, holding the AGM/EGM on Tuesday 25th October would allow time for all the periods of notice for this process to happen. Forms would be in the Library and Online. Park of JK's role would be to support anyone interested to take part in training. JK would do a poster for the nomination side of things and WECC would have to have a poster to advertise their AGM/EGM. All agreed to the 25th October, with a change of venue to Blackness Library.

**Action:** SC to arrange location of AGM/EGM and JK to arrange advert in Courier and training

## 10 **AOCB**

Notice Board (Sainsbury): This is the responsibility of WECC, not DCC, and £1600 would be required to replace it. WECC does not have those funds, so it was agreed to mend the board.

**Action:** AD to enquire about mending the notice board.

Letter of Support (Sustrans bid): A request for WECC support for a Sustrans grant from DCC to fund the Magdalen Green Bridge was discussed. It was agreed that WECC support the concept in principle, but final design must meet the aspirations of the wider local community. AP stated that this has been an issue since 2017, and this project will be done. MOP raised issues about the status of the consultation, the limitations of the design and lack of detail. FM pointed out this is only the initial consultation and the public will be able to put in valid points to contribute to further iterations of

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the design of the bridge. It was agreed that WECC councillors hold a Zoom meeting to discuss the bridge before submitting their letter of support before the October 19th deadline.

11 **Action:** AD to arrange a Zoom meeting at end of month.

**AD**

**QUERIES AND COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cladding: The issue of timing of installation of cladding on buildings was raised by a MOP, however, it was pointed out that this is a DCC issue and not under WECC control. NEN to follow this up and report back.

12 **Action:** NEN to investigate and feed back to WECC.

**NEN**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**EGM/AGM :** Tuesday 25 October 2022, Blackness Library (Study Room), 1900 – 2100h.

**ORDINARY MEETING:** 13 December 2022, Blackness Library (Study Room), 1900 - 2100h