

**West End Community Council Meeting
12 January 2021
Via Zoom**

PRESENT:

Russell Pepper	WECC
Ann Prescott	WECC
Iain Iveson	WECC
Lynsey Penny	WECC
Crawford Morton	WECC
Suzie Harrold	WECC
Sam Crouch	WECC
Rob Evans	WECC
Lewis Pull	WECC
Anna Day	WECC
Nick Marra	WECC
Joanne Kelly	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Cllr Donald Hay	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC
Bailie Fraser McPherson	DCC
Gwen David	Public
Harrison Frame	Public

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Russell Pepper welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Esther Carmen.

2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes for December meeting were proposed by Lynsey Penny and seconded by Crawford Morton. A few minor amendments to be made re. spelling.

The concern raised by a member of the public at December's meeting regarding the WECC support for the Friends of the Earth petition has since been investigated. WECC are of the opinion that this is permissible as Russell explained we are supporting a particular issue rather than the work of the whole group.

Innocent Oriaku is currently very busy with other commitments and has been unable to attend recent meetings.

It was noted that Police Scotland have not attended recently - Zoom is not a platform supported by their IT systems. Discussed the possible of a written update being sent by the neighbourhood team monthly/quarterly.

3.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

We are unable to co-opt a new member until 6 months have passed since the last election. Co-option to be revisited in April.

Lewis Pull

Joanne Kelly

4. INCORPORATION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT ACTION GROUP AREA INTO WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA

The Community Spirit Action Group covering the northern part of the West End ward were contacted by Russell and are happy for WECC to incorporate this area. A vote was taken and all voted in favour of doing so. This is now subject to the necessary legal and constitutional changes by DCC.

DCC

5. PLANNING AND LICENSING UPDATE

Licensing: Nothing to report.

Planning: Planned development of Starbucks/Burger King along Riverside Drive is before the Local Review Body at 2pm on Tues 19th Jan.

6. BIODIVERSITY CONSULTATION

WECC response to the consultation was submitted on the 28th Dec 2020 and acknowledged by the Head of Environment. A copy of our response to be forwarded to all for reference.

Lewis Pull

Consultation deadline has been extended to 15th Jan 2021 due to a clerical error by DCC

7. MAGDALEN GREEN MODAL FILTER

DCC consultation concluded with roughly 60% against the proposal and therefore will not be going ahead.

The WECC will send a letter to John Berry expressing their disappointment and how the consultation process was run - a lack of information and supporting evidence was provided to local residents.

The possibility of a pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming methods to reduce speeds in the area was discussed as well as an extension/stronger enforcement of the current 20MPH in the area. It may be necessary to organise a new traffic survey to consider the impact of COVID-19 on vehicular movement and the growth of active travel.

A complaint has been raised with Friends of Magdalen Green regarding the unauthorised display of a poster containing inappropriate political points on the issue and we are awaiting a response.

Russell Pepper

8. SPACES FOR PEOPLE

The Spaces for People project is in the initial stages in the West End with a workshop to be held on Tues 2nd Feb at 7pm.

£700,000 has been allocated by DCC for the construction of a fully segregated cycle route from Ninewells to the City Centre - full details on the route are due to be published soon and will be circulated once available.

9. AOCB

Joanne Kelly informed the Community Council that DCC would be completing their consultation on parking. Russell Pepper and is to meet with representatives from other community councils/forums to discuss and agree an overarching strategy.

It was agreed that Suzie Harrold would represent WECC at the LCPP meetings, with Lewis Pull supporting if necessary.

Fraser MacPherson informed the community council that bus service 4 is to return temporarily following its suspension by Xplore Dundee. Service 17 has been re-routed via Lochee following a review by Xplore, leaving the Ancrum Road area with no service. A review of subsidised bus services is currently underway by DCC with a proposed 204 service replacing service 4.

The funding for a bike rack at the West Port has been approved and the design is currently under review based on feedback from local businesses. Three locations have been identified for installation and these have been passed to John Berry.

A review of Winter Maintenance is currently being undertaken by DCC/Tayside Contracts including a costing exercise of gritting the NCN 1/77. A letter was sent to the relevant council officers earlier in January on behalf of WECC regarding concerns over gritting.

Joanne Kelly stating some CRF funds still available for West End. Ann to apply for CRF funding on behalf of the group for gull proof bins and costs will be halved with DCC/Environment.

Russell Pepper

Ann Prescott

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th Feb 2021, 7-9pm via Zoom.