

**West End Community Council meeting
11th May 2021 at 7pm
Online meeting via Zoom**

PRESENT:

Russell Pepper	WECC
Crawford Morton	WECC
Nick Marra	WECC
Rowan Jack	WECC
Iain Iverson	WECC
Suzie Harrold	WECC
Lynsey Penny	WECC
Rob Evans	WECC
Sam Crouch	WECC
Iain Iverson	WECC
Ann Prescott	WECC
Harrison Frame	WECC
Anna Day	WECC
Joanne Kelly	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Bailie Fraser Macpherson	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC
Cllr Donald Hay	DCC
19 members of the public	

APOLOGIES:

1) Welcome

Russell Pepper welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies received

2) Approval of Previous minutes

No amendments.

Proposed: Anna Day

Seconded: Lynsey Penny

Questions from members of the public regarding the process of the minutes in terms of waiting until next months meeting to discuss the previous months meeting. Joanne advised that this is standard practice for Community Councils and community groups and minutes are shared once ratified, this was the case before newly elected members joined WECC

It was advised that WECC shared draft minutes in past but confusion over versions. Joanne advised policies and procedures for Community Councillors are taken from model documents to keep consistency between Community Councils across 32 Local Authorities. The group can discuss if they wish to try this again.

3) Matters arising

Social Media Protocol

Anna, Harrison, Crawford and Russell met last week to work on a document with regards to social media. This was both in terms of conduct in terms of dealing with posts if they me be offensive etc and utilising social

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media to engage and consult with the wider community. An example of this could be sharing licencing/planning applications.

Blackness Road Flats

Anna, Harrison, Iain and Nick in attendance. Housing staff provided professional presentation on the development of flats to replace those demolished. Will try to match surrounding tenement style, but modern and accessible housing. WECC representatives asked about energy efficiency and if young children with access to the school if roads would be classed as 20mph. Advised will be considered.

Cllr Macpherson –New 20 zones in the West End and across the city were temporary due to pandemic, but looking to be made permanent. Numerous areas more westerly in favour of becoming a 20mph zone.

Cllr McCready mentioned that length of 20 zones surrounding schools can also be raised as an issue.

4) Police Update

Joanne advised returning from leave the new community sergeant Sean Petrie was on leave. However, managed in time to give the following update for the West End:

Magdalen Green

Issues around anti-social behaviour, drinking alcohol in public, urination, vandalism and breach Covid-19 regulations.

Patrols have been regular to by the entire community team that resulted in 6 x fixed penalty notices, 150 persons (approx.) warned re behaviour and start/stop search tactics where appropriate and were positive.

Partnership working

Working with universities with regards to attendance on the green. Important to note that not all students involved in the above issues.

Perth Road/Magdalen Yard and surrounding streets

Aware of concerns around speeding and other driving offenses in 20 mph zones. Speeding initiatives resulted in 20 drivers being warned of their manner of driving and 3 x fixed penalties for speeding.

Pop Up Jim

Aware WECC applied for funding for Jim, there will begin to be utilised more frequently throughout the West End. If any areas feel can benefit from this, please get in touch.

Fly-tipping – Industrial units off Peddie Street

Fly-tipping in dark hours, patrols and CCTV van in operation.

Drug Misuse/Discarded Paraphernalia

Several locations highlighted and routinely patrolled, cannot disclose due to nature of this work. If any concerns surrounding dealing/drug misuse, contact, Police non-emergency 101 or crime stoppers.

Nick welcomed pop up Jim being utilised more and would be happy to see in Blackness area, Cllr Macpherson to contact police.

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Suzie welcomed use of pop up Jim too, but unfortunately last time it was used it had to be removed as skewing figures from speed box provided by DCC also set up in same area. Plan to use data of this survey in 20mph zone against previous data when not in temporary zoning.

Cllr Macpherson advised that tried to relocate the flashing 30 sign across from entrance of Clovis Duveau Drive to capture speed on opposite side of the road. Unfortunately, older model not portable. Member of public asked if patrols at green have stopped now, Cllr Macpherson advised likely to be ongoing for now.

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Planning and Licencing Update

Crucible

Anna advised that this is the building proposed for the back of Grouches on the Perth Road and a mix of flats and office blocks. The local press advised that BT are looking to take on the office space. More information in the press at present. Harrison advised plans could be viewed online.

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Bridgeview Station – major variation looking at using outside space serving alcohol every night until midnight. WECC did not object as wanted to support local businesses, however received feedback from locals with concerns especially those that live around the Strawberry Bank area.

Did not believe when objecting that this was a controversial application, but going forward will make public aware of the issue/how to raise objections.

Concerns raised from public with regards to finding the notice online, lack of notice and Dundee City Council having a responsibility for alcohol related deaths so should take this in to consideration with licensing applications.

It was agreed will look at alternative to posting applications on social media for those not on it i.e. noticeboard/website. Iain reminded everyone that don't need a Facebook account to see the WECC Facebook page.

Cllr Macpherson advised that the licensing notification process is different to that of planning. Planning applications include neighbourhood notification letter whereas licensing publish a public notice in the press and a notice of the application is posted outside the site of application. There was previously a list for licensing applications given to the community council in the Same was as the planning list. Fraser will check if this is still happening.

FM

In terms of planning due to Covid 19, many premises received temporary planning permission to trade outside to meet with Covid-19 guidance i.e. pavement tables and extending trading in to other spaces i.e. The West House utilising a car parking space. These are temporary measures for Covid and once this temporary arrangement ends in September a formal planning application would have to be submitted for some businesses.

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Green Flag Assessment

- 7) Request to Community Councillors to possibly form sub group to look at green flag/environmental issues in the West End. Dundee City Council carries out internal assessments on big sites. Would be good if WECC subgroup can attend DCC walk about for assessments for areas they cover and suggest new areas. Ann to look at Sub group and Joanne to contact Environment

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Traffic Management

Nick advised of recent visit to seating area of Sinderins with a friend and the noise, pollution and heavy use of cars spoilt the visit. The Hawkhill bypass was introduced to ease traffic from the Perth Road if not accessing for local access. If no left turn at bottom of Perth Road on to the Marketgate, may discourage use. Signage to suggest local access only may be useful. Cllr McCready and Baillie Macpherson happy to follow up with Ewan Macnaughton.

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- 8) WECC agreed Nick would draft a letter to DCC on this matter.
- Concerns from public that don't want to completely cut off traffic as local businesses especially during pandemic have relied on trade and access to Post Office.

Funding

- 9) Ann wanted to discuss possible funding for a bench at Western Cemetery. This would be the last improvement in the Cemetery that has taken place over the last decade and to date has included an urn scattering field and memorial garden. The bench was to be added to the memorial garden funding bid last year but due to change in plans from John Gray – Community Artist, the costings changed last minute. This would be a custom bench. DCC has identified cost with Artist last year at £2420. Awaiting confirmation that quote price still stands and when work can be started/completed. WECC will await this information.

Gypsy/Traveller Site

- 10) Russell advised recently a pop-up traveller site adjacent to the entrance to Riverside Nature Park/Recycling Centre entrance. Believe that now moved on and DCC Travelling Liaison Officer had contacted the group. Recently article in the local press that did not speak favourably of the travellers, but this is part of their traditions.

Tree Compound

- 11) Agenda item Sam raised to discuss in relation to tree's planted at Riverside and have been neglected. Sam had to leave the meeting early, can discuss at the next meeting.

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AGM/Office Bearers

Joanne explained that as previously mentioned, there was two accounts and AGM's outstanding – due to current pandemic and have just finished another financial year. It made sense for 3 lots of accounts to be given to DVVA to see how much it would cost for them to be independently verified. Laurie tying up the 20/21 end of year account and will be in touch when ready. Once balance confirmed of unrestricted funds, can see if eligible for an admin grant.

- 12) Due to resignation of the secretary, this role would need filled along with a Treasurer once this had been handed over from Laurie once the accounts were tied up. These roles would be required to be filled for the community council going forward. Joanne happy to provide training/one to one support to undertake these roles – it does not require any previous experience holding an office bearer role.

13) **Training**

- 14) Working with Colleague based in Broughty Ferry on this who also supports a community council. Will send email out to ask preference of one session or broken down in to smaller sessions before a WECC meeting.

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Queries and comments from the public

The WECC website can be better utilised in terms of keeping up to date, links to other information available on what is happening in the community. Updates showing progress on issues raised.

Iain advised that current website has limitations on admins and can look into upgrading this or another provider.

No mention under matters arising with regards to behaviour at last meeting and no apology. It was highlighted that the issue with regards to behaviour was raised on both sides at this meeting. It was agreed that a line should be drawn under this incident now.

Zoom and Teams mentioned, Nigel asked if administrative feature to prevent a repeat of last meeting where everyone kicked out. Joanne advised that professional (chargeable) version of zoom can have co-host for meetings in addition to not having to come back after 40 mins. Once accounts checked, can apply for admin grant. There is also advice on Community Council Scotland Website re free Teams version/Trial of professional version.

Iain/Russell agreed could look at Teams. Baillie Macpherson can't see why DCC can't provide this and will discuss this with Marie Dailly.

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- 15) Nick recognised that sad to lose experienced community councillors but hope as go forward there is tolerance and understanding of differences of opinion.

Crawford hoped that as go on can work together to achieve great things and also thanked the Chair Russell Pepper for a job well done.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th June 2021, 7pm online.

