

**West End Community Council meeting
9th February 2021
Online meeting via Zoom**

PRESENT:

Russell Pepper	WECC
Ann Prescott	WECC
Sam Crouch	WECC
Anna Day	WECC
Suzie Harrold	WECC
Rob Evans	WECC
Crawford Morton	WECC
Nick Marra	WECC
Lynsey Penny	WECC
Rowan Jack	WECC
Iain Iverson	WECC
Joanne Kelly	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Natalie Mackland	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Cllr Donald Hay	DCC
Cllr Fraser Mcpherson	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC
James Dryden	Public
Sandra MacDowell	Public

APOLOGIES:

Lewis Pull WECC

1. WELCOME

Russell Pepper welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted (see above).

2. Approval of Previous minutes

Minutes approved.

Proposed: Ann Prescott

Seconded: Crawford Morton

3. Planning and Licencing Update

Anna attended the West Ward Works consultation event online. Little to object to and no formal application at the moment. Appears to be high quality student accommodation and taken spaces for bikes in to account with 300 spaces and limited car parking spaces. Previous plans as a cultural hub were dropped as not enough funding for this.

Two proposed drive thru's went to local review and over turned. Believe this does not fit in with the Town Centre First Principle (Scottish

ACTION

AD

Government). Propose to write a letter to all elected members as does not fit in with Local Development Plan or DCC Climate Emergency Plans. Judicial Review costly, can speak to Civic Trust in first instance with regards to review board. Vote on proceeding 7 for letter and 3 against.

4. DCC People's Assembly

Joanne explained that this is related to the information that was already circulated to WECC's. Dundee People's Assembly is an independent group that has formed mostly in response to the current covid situation. It is a grassroots organisation that has set up assemblies in all 8 political ward areas in Dundee. Looking for people to come together and discuss issues and challenges faced with as a result of the pandemic and look to local people for solutions and to work together on a recover plan of sorts.

Joanne explained as well as looking for people to attend, the group would like if local people could help out in capacity of note taker or facilitators of small groups. Training this Thursday, get in touch with Joanne if interested.

The West End event is on Tuesday 2nd March via zoom at 7pm. Has been circulated and shared on IYN pages and poster provided to go into the noticeboard. Joanne advised that aware everyone is not online, but people can discuss with friends, neighbours and feedback issues on their behalf.

5. Spaces for People West End

Russell explained briefly about the Spaces for people fund and that looking to make shopping districts safer across the city and look at issues like wider pavements, road space in response to pandemic and distancing rules.

Event was well attended with roughly 30 participants although, could have been more traders. This was feedback in addition to the mero system that was used. Although it was a good system, not easiest to use in a short run through of it just before the workshop.

Joanne advised that those involved got an email from Annie Mars (UNESCO) to advise main points taken from meeting and what people would like to discuss in groups at following workshop. Joanne has suggested she will contact Annie Mars to put together something with this info and follow up meeting that can be circulated and put on IYN and noticeboard as more people may attend if know the sort of things that were raised and purpose of project.

JK

6. Sinderins Beacon

Joanne explained that she was asked to attend an engineering meeting with regards to the Sinderins Beacon. Joanne explained that when she joined the West End Empowerment Team in April 2020, she received an email then and believed that this was part of the Dundee Decides improvements. She was copied in to emails that were circulated to the previous West End Community Council and only Ann Prescott responded. Joanne unable to advise who was involved in consultation, but did advised WECC was provided with information on this.

Ann advised that it was a Dundee Decides project as part of the 'Improvements in the Perth Road District Shopping Area' option. This was previously raised at LCPP to brand the area and encourage trade and identity. John Gray (Community Artist DCC) was involved and Vanessa Kelly (Previous Communities Officer) and the 'Perth Road' bench at Millers

Wynd and Beacon was to be part of this identity/Branding idea. This has taken awhile to come to fruition due to issues with contractors. The colour scheme was to make connections with the bandstand and will be illuminated by connecting to existing electrical supply from existing lamppost and would replace the lamppost.

Joanne to resend design/information to Nick.

7. Riverside Approach

Feedback given to DCC with regards to the Modal Filter survey. It did not give enough information, publicity could have been better and did not include WECC or the public to comment on the survey. In addition, to the above feedback, DCC have been asked for traffic to be monitored. Russell to chase this up with John Berry.

Ann advised that can't do much about excess traffic, but can follow up on monitoring aspect and approaches such as drivers notices and parking. Can propose a separate solution which satisfies all parties involved in the consultation – removing parking on the stretch of road where Barnett's staff park to create space for cyclists/walkers/joggers, safely connecting the crossing over Riverside with Magdalen Green. This would not affect the way traffic operates and so the objectors to the first two proposals ought to be happy with this.

Cllr Macpherson advised that Ewan Macnaughton (City Development) has will do a new count, but will be the other side of covid as the current vehicle movement is not 'normal' at present with the pandemic. There also needs to be an improvement in the way pedestrians cross to the green and back. Nick advised that the Freedom of Information (FOI) request he put in to Tayside Police on this matter, has had no reply as of yet, but will circulate once received. All in agreement for Russell to contact John Berry re new possible solution on Riverside Approach.

8. Parking Consultation

Crawford and Russell met with Neighbourhood Representative Groups from Both Coldside and Maryfield to discuss parking across the city as similar consultations were due to happen in both of these areas in a similar manner to the consultations that took place in the West End in March 2020 to discuss parking and permits. All agreed that needs to be a more strategy and look at the sider picture for parking including transport as a whole.

Cllr Macpherson advised that each area has a different dynamic that need to be mindful of in terms of things like street layout and University of Dundee. Therefore, solutions need to be localised. Parking engagement was a good exercise, but more than a year ago.

9. AOCB

Joanne advised that she had received the following update from Community Sergeant Alan Devine with reference to Police Scotland update on the West End ward. In addition to the update Sergeant Devine advised that Police Scotland can now access/join Teams Meetings. Joanne explained that can arrange in future if the group wanted something specific, however, aware that they are extremely busy with Covid 19 in terms of checking people adhering to lockdowns/guidelines, can affect the manpower. Would WECC be happy to receive an update via email for meetings unless needed police to attend the meeting. All in agreement.

JK

RP

Suzie asked for an update with regards to dogs becoming unwell at Riverside, beside bridges. Joanne advised no information received, but can ask for an update on this and will circulate.

JK

Nick welcomed the introduction of the number 4 bus service. Cllr Macpherson advised that this is temporary and will be replaced by the 204 Dundee City Council Tendered Service. The 204 will cover Magdalen Green, Roseangle and Windsor Street.

Natalie introduced herself to new WECC members and looked forward to working with them.