

**West End Community Council meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> June 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
Natalie Mackland	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Bailie Fraser Macpherson	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC

8 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Donald Hay

**1) Welcome**

Russell Pepper welcomed all to the meeting

**2) Approval of Previous minutes**

Baillie Macpherson wanted to change the wording in reference to discussions last month on planning/licencing processes. This will be emailed over.

Proposed: Harrison Frame

Seconded: Crawford Morton

**3) Matters arising**

Many items are on the agenda for this evening and will be discussed under the relevant points.

**Green Flag Assessment**

Joanne advised that she had contacted environment to advise a possible sub group/inclusion in local assessments so can possibly add a few more green spaces in. Environment have asked for Ann's contact details and this has been passed on.

**4) Co-Option**

The member of the public was not present at the meeting for co-option to take place, Joanne to contact him via email

**ACTION**

**JK**

## 5) **Police Update**

Sean could not attend this meeting due to other police matters that took precedence. Apologised and provided following update:

### **Magdalen Green**

Since last update – two calls logged on same day 05/06/21 gathering of youths consuming alcohol and fighting. Officers attended and engaged with several individuals and no criminality was identified. The groups dispersed and were seen clearing up their rubbish behind them.

Due to summer months and nice weather, will continue to patrol area and seen as priority. Reminder to public to call 101 or 999 (If emergency)

### **Manner of Driving/Traffic Management**

Continuing to patrol 20mph zones within the Perth Road, Magdalen Yard Road and surrounding areas. Over the past 4 weeks a number of drivers have been stopped and educated about their manner of driving and reminded of their responsibilities when on the road. In addition, fixed penalty notices have been issued for speeding.

Focus was also direct to Blackness Road between Blackness Avenue/Glamis Road area in the past month due to feedback from WECC. West End Community Policing Officers have deployed to this specific location on 6 occasions (at different days and times) throughout the last four weeks with several drivers being warned and issued with fixed penalty notices.

Pop Up Jim has also been used in this location.

Ninewells Avenue has also been added to the patrol matrix due to current work for the cycle lane. Please let Sean know again if any particular areas require focus.

### **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.

### **Blackness Primary School**

I was made aware of complaints from residents within Pennycook Lane about teenagers consuming alcohol within the school grounds, acting in an anti-social manner, causing a nuisance for residents and climbing on roofs of outbuilding within the school grounds.

Community Officer is liaising with school staff and temporary measure has to been to lock the gates a present, although utilised by younger children as a play area.

Will continue to patrol area an engage with any youths traced.

### **Licensed Premises**

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and move to level 2 licensed premises, as you will be aware, have now re-opened. The Community

police Team and Divisional Licensing Team have been engaging with staff and public in premises. To ensure that covid regulations being adhered to and that everyone is safe whilst out enjoying themselves responsibly.

### **Community Groups**

Natalie and Joanne met to discuss groups in the area then kindly followed up with providing contacts. The team will start making contact with local groups. Apologies to those that have made contact already and not received a response, we will be in touch very shortly.

#### **6) Parking and Traffic – John Berry**

Team Leader of Sustainable Transport for DCC has been invited along to provide an update in relation to parking in West End as these initiatives also being carried out in Hilltown and Stobswell. Areas that border the City Centre and have occurring issues with commuter parking on residential streets.

John along with Mandy Sivewright (Principal Parking Officer), Natalie Mackland and Joanne Kelly (Communities) held an engagement event in March 2020 discussing where a geographical zone would like and gauge views on the scheme and gather views on compromises. Natalie collated information from these events and not been able to progress wider due to Covid 19. John's team will wait on restrictions lifting for public meetings with remaining areas and will be taken forward together and not separately.

The biggest issues with parking scheme are in relation to visitor parking, costs (which would need self-financed).

John asking for WECC's view on the proposal – this will not need consultation again as will be using the existing information. WECC agreed will comment once they have a look the collated data to inform their stance.

It was asked if DCC have consulted with the university re commuting staff and students and encouraged not to bring car/park if reside locally. John advised been no discussion yet, but happy to look at this. Cllr McCready has already discussed parking with the current principle of University of Dundee – Prof Gillespie and happy to follow up.

Natalie reminded those present that WECC can only form a decision based on the data of those in attendance and will never be able to give the views of a whole community even if it was their own consultation and can only go by those that engage with them.

#### **7) Traffic Management**

After the last meeting Nick wrote a letter to the Chief Executive Greg Colgan with regards to Traffic Management in West End as discussed last month. A quick response was received and passed to Ewan Macnaughton to follow this up, no response received. Cllr McCready advised that he has received a response addressed to Nick and will circulate this after the meeting.

JB

RM

RM

8) **Magdalen Yard Speed Report**

In relation to report circulated in advance of the meeting to community councillors. Effectiveness of 20mph Zone: 60% drivers non-compliant. Zones better for pedestrians and cyclists in the area. There is no safe level for any pollution. More preservation of life driving at 20mph than 30mph but greater threat to health owing to increase in air pollution. Difficulty that using pre and post covid figures – time when pupils on leave, less traffic. Going forward, might be more effective to look at physical measures such as cushions, can get them where emergency vehicles and buses can get over them. John Berry to take this back to Ewan Macnaughton and Ewan Gourlay. Ann and Suzie to write something re the physical measures.

**JB/SH/AP**

Nick asked about long-term budget from police re pop up Jim's as groups applying to CRF fund for these, is there a police budget for this. Cllr Macpherson in agreement and happy to follow this up.

**FM**

9) **Tay Bridge Memorial and Surroundings**

Ann would like to thank Cllr Macpherson for taking forward issues with the memorial which has now been improved. Would like to see wider improvements for surrounding areas to improve wildlife. Cllr Macpherson to look at bin behind removed beside seating. Ann to email WECC re meeting to have walk about of area.

**AP**

10) **Planning and Licencing**

Glamis Road – residential. Will send on papers once received for comments.

No licencing applications - as changes with covid at the moment. Planning, should be weekly list.

11) **Tree Compound**

Two tree compounds North of the airport. Area cut down and trees planted, air left to go wild. Sam looking to see if community garden project can look after it. Also, area south of railway line. Ann interested, Sam will email around re organising meeting to look at area.

**SC/AP**

12) **AOCB**

Training will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 7-9pm, information will be circulated by Joanne.

**JK**

Russell mentioned the mosaics at Tay Sq. Feedback from public on WECC Facebook page was positive with regards to them getting fixed. Will look at funding for this. Cllr McCready to discuss with Rep re support. Iain suggested Russell talking to Innes and Gunn to see if would contribute as business surrounding Tay Sq.

**RP/RM**

Joanne advised that leaving post to start full time post in East End – will advise when leaving date confirmed with group and advised enjoyed working with WECC over the past year.

**13) Queries and comments from the public**

Bio-diversity sites – long grass encouraging litter – plenty of sites city wide, does not need to be on Magdalen Green. 500 people took part in consultation. Was advised this was a DCC initiative, WECC initially did a survey for Magdalen Green, but DCC did city wide and implementation of these areas based on results of their survey.

Concerns that planning processes being eased i.e. ‘pop up’ pavement cafes/bar seating in carparks will become permanent. Cllr Macpherson advised that planning has eased for these premises but licencing the same process. Eased due to covid to allow to trade under restrictions – temporary, if want this going forward, will have to apply.

Jim Dryden believes that issues around the article discussed at last months meeting with regards to travellers incorrectly minuted and asked chair to redact comment. Chair advised that comments were made in relation to the article and not Mr Dryden as article not complementary on traveling community.

Cllr Macpherson advised that this is a bigger issue than WECC and is due to fact that only one traveller site and not in the Dundee City Council Boundary.

Issues raised with regards to website and emails for community council – Russell advised WECC looking into how website can be best utilised and not just reliant on website.

**ALL**

**14) Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7pm online. No meeting July and August for summer recess.