

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

PRESENT:

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| Lewis Pull | WECC |
| Ann Prescott | WECC |
| Sam Crouch | WECC |
| Anna Day | WECC |
| Rob Evans | WECC |
| Crawford Morton | WECC |
| Nick Marra | 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 |
| Gwen David | Public |

APOLOGIES:

Russell Pepper WECC
Suzie Harrold WECC

1. WELCOME

Lewis Pull welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted (see above).

2. Approval of Previous minutes

Relevant changes noted

Minutes approved.

Proposed: Ann Prescott

Seconded: Anna Day

3. Matters arising

Spaces for People

Joanne emailed Annie Marrs to ask if possible to get poster to say what was discussed at last meeting to advertise the next workshop. People more likely to go to something if know what it is about rather than a generic title 'spaces for people' that people may not associate what is involved. Group advised just received email for next session. This was an email for those that attended previous workshop. Discussions about those previously attending engaging with shop. Joanne suggested waiting in case update on this in general/those that have not engaged previously.

ACTION

4 . Police Update

Requested an update, not received anything in time for the meeting. An updated provided at February's LCPP that took place after the last WECC meeting. This highlighted what was already discussed about making sure restrictions and rules were being adhered to, student parties and speeding. The update included information to the suspected dog poisonings discussed at last WECC meeting. The area was cleared by DCC swiftly and no evidenceto suggest any criminality occurred. Will be monitoring the situation.

AD

5. Planning and Licencing Update

Planning application that previously mentioned to knock down property on corner of Carseview Gardens to knockdown existing building and build a new property. The design has changed numerous times and although existing building is an older building, there are newer builds just up from it. Group still objecting based on the build in a conservation area.

Joanne sent out an email for licencing prior to the meeting for Casa (Bar in old Clydesdale Bank on Nethergate. Joanne explained that Lewis would normally lead on licencing applications, but could not due to other commitments at the moment. Asked group to have a look at the application and get in touch if an issues/objection. As email states, will need to return this info to the relevant officer by 5th April. All in agreement with this arrangement.

ALL

6. Future Projects – Funding

Ann advised seagull proof bin application was successful and group should start thinking of any possible projects for the new financial year. Joanne asked Ann to confirm the exact positioning for the bins to advise environment. It was agreed that these would be added to the line of gull proof bins already there and new ones would follow along side the playing fields.

Joanne provided a brief description of CRF funding to the group in terms of the amount of funding rewarded being based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Figures (SIMD) and the West End and Broughty Ferry receive a significantly lower amount. Cllr Macpherson advised of the increase back to £20,000, as this was dropped to £10,000 for the area last financial year.

The purpose of the funding is to reduce deprivation and discussed projects approved. Joanne advised that this will vary from area to area based on need and depends on what projects are in the area and who applies. It is also there to improve areas for all the residents, so criteria for applying is wide. As long as there is evidence of an issue for a group, or consultation for wider community. This year many areas have been receiving an approving application for things that may help with covid 19 – the gull proof bins were part of that issue with more footfall on riverside as a result of daily walks/community and more rubbish. It is important the group are in agreement with any funding they apply for and consulting that improvements that they deem as necessary, are issues that the wider community have as WECC is a representative group.

7. Green Flag

Ann wanted to know if possible to have green flag assessments of green spaces around the West End that could include Magdalen Green, Western Cemetery, Football pitches and any other spaces that are open and accessible. Natalie explained that two processes one which is an official process for certain sites named by DCC and the other is an internal audit of spaces. It was agreed to invite Sally Mcconville to the next meeting to discuss Green Flag assessments/green spaces.

LP/JK

8. AOCB

Lewis raised an issue that a noticeboard at Magdalene Green was accessible by an alan key, making it accessible to anyone. Joanne advised that this was the case for all the DCC Environment managed noticeboards at Magdalen Green. This was previously discussed with Environment. Anna discussed 'a meet the community council' series on Facebook page that was previously discussed so people get to know their community council. Russell will be one of the first profiles to go on and would be basic questions about area, what they like about it etc. Anna asked anyone to come forward for the next community council profile and will lead on this.

AD

JK

Joanne mentioned that would aim for a AGM in May, this was previously discussed and now managed to arrange time with Laurie to meet up to collect supporting documents for accounts to be verified independently. Joanne will look into this and can advertise once find someone to check the accounts and how long will take for this to be done.

Nick asked elected members for confirmation on what properties on Blackness Avenue were to be demolished. Cllr Macpherson confirmed only two tenements to be demolished due to the old 'pletty' style external stairwell/landing that costs too much to repair (No's 219-245). This will be replaced by 26 affordable new homes. Joanne advised that a housing manager had been in touch last year and mentioned at a previous meeting that will be in touch with myself when at consultation stage for the West End Community Council to be involved in that process.

9. Queries and comments from the public.

Joanne received an email in advance of the meeting from a member of the public wanting the following addressed and minuted:

Did WECC request or initiate the renewed action from DCC regarding the Sinderins beacon, which now appears to be irreversible despite the consternation of many residents ?

This, as minuted previously was part of the Dundee Decides Participatory Budgeting exercise back in 2018. The Beacon was included in the 'Improvements in Perth Road district shopping area' proposal that was one of the successful projects voted on for the area. This particular project included seating (Perth Road bench), Eurobin artwork, the beacon and a mural. The mural could not be carried forward due to budget and the proposed walls being private ownership. This was not led by West End Community Council, but by Dundee City Council. Unfortunately, the delay in time between consultation voting and implementation of the beacon has

not helped. It was noted that back in 2018 that consultation included members of the community council at that time.

Cllr Macpherson advised that more information regarding this can be found on a post on his Facebook page. However a new issue is that the project went over budget by £16,000, although Dundee City Council have picked up the shortfall. There has been many for and against the beacon which is typical of many physical projects. The brief provided to the community artist John Gray was 'vision, modern and confident'. WECC raised the lack of consultation with DJCAD and local primaries that could have been involved in the design. This was the first Participatory Budgeting exercise carried out by Dundee City Council and these are issues that can be learned from in future budgeting exercises.

Can a WECC meeting with no members of the public present, and no agenda or minutes available, be considered a proper meeting, and are actions arising out of such a meeting proper?

Joanne advised she had replied to this particular question knowing the situation re the noticeboard, older minutes on display/no agenda. Joanne explained that in the current situation that aware that there is immense pressure on people and unprecedented issues affecting personal circumstances, which is no different for Community Councillors. It was agreed that given the circumstances that WECC are doing well with a new committee and during a very difficult year for everyone. Hopefully members of the public can be empathetic of the wider situation which can impact on actions.

Joanne had firstly advised the member of the public that they can attend the meeting tonight, but were unable to.

Joanne said that rather than raising this on behalf of the public, they could attend the meeting or be advised to contact WECC to raise any issues or concerns that can be raised under the relevant item on the agenda. All in agreement.

Iain had mentioned mailing lists, however contacts would need updated/permissions to meet with GDPR regulations, so would need to ask people to sign up. The group were reminded that these are all great ideas, but people need to take these tasks on in order for them to happen. This was something that could be looked at when doing a development plan or training, so the group should have a think about non office bearer roles in the group if wanting to get thing done.

It was agreed that although WECC want to be more inclusive, they are restricted to what they can do based on Scottish Government guidance/when public buildings are not accessible. Meetings can be attended online without having a social media page.

10) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th April 7pm – via Zoom