

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Drumchapel Community Council

Date: Monday 13 December 2021

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Venue: Goodyear Social Club, 307 Duntreath Avenue, GLASGOW, G15 6SA

Attendees

Community Councillors: Andy Lynch [Chair] (AS), Diane Macmillan [Vice Chair] (DM), Noel Slevin [Secretary] (NS), May Inglis [Treasurer] (MI), Helen Eakin (HE), Elaine Shaw (ES)

Others: Tracy McKenzie [Minute Taker] (TM) + 1 local resident (JT)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. We received apologies from:

- Alexis Kerr
- Frank John
- Helen Thomson
- Cllr Elspeth Kerr
- Cllr Paul Carey
- Baillie Malcolm Balfour

2. Approval of previous minutes

October minutes

MI proposed the minutes from the October 2021 meeting as correct. Seconded by DM and agreed unanimously.

November minutes

DM proposed the minutes from the November 2021 meeting as correct. Seconded by MI and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Shopping centre benches

AL has tried to contact Dermot from LCP (the company that owns the shopping centre) to see if there are plans to install benches around the shopping centre. He has not received a response.

Shopping centre paving

AL has been informed LCP have appointed an engineer to look at the sinkholes outside the shopping centre. They will conduct this early in the New Year. Marco Stifanelli is now the main LCP contact for the management of the shopping centre.

Unrelated to the paving, but LCP have also confirmed there will be no Christmas lights around the centre due to issues with vandalism in previous years.

Community Fund

Cllr Kerr was going to bring an update on this but was not present at the meeting. NS to follow up.

Christmas lights

Back in spring, the Community Council chose a tree in Drumchapel Park for the Christmas lights. NRS at GCC did not do anything about this until November and had not done due diligence. They did not appear to know where Drumchapel Park is and instead placed the lights up on Drumchapel Road in the Old Drumchapel Community Council boundary.

The tree previously chosen is not close to power, so this will present an issue in placing the lights here in future, without laying of underground power cables.

COVID memorial

The Community Council previously received £1,503 for a memorial bench. We now wish to add artwork and a tree to the memorial, bringing the total cost to £2,077. Lawrence O'Neill at GCC has suggested we use £74 of Community Council funds and apply to the Area Partnership for the remaining £500. The application deadline is Wednesday 5 January 2022.

The Parks department at GCC recommend using bedding, rather than a fence, around the memorial. Alex Black is offering half price stone and lettering for the memorial, but GCC indicated this might still be too much.

AL agreed to investigate options further.

4. Community Council business

AGM administration

The AGM minutes were incomplete. The meeting dealt with those matters here.

AL presented the Chair's report at the AGM, but there was no vote to approve the report. ES proposed the Chair's report as presented at the AGM was a correct record. Seconded by DM and agreed unanimously.

The AGM did not approve the community council accounts. MI reported the community council has £2,829.66, including £400 from community budgeting. TM has reviewed the accounts from both 2020 and 2021. DM proposed the accounts as correct. Seconded by ES and agreed unanimously.

As minute taker, the community council should adopt TM as an associate member of the community council. NS proposed the community council adopt TM as an associate member. Seconded by DM and agreed unanimously.

Open positions agreed as follows:

Nomination	Position	Nominator	Seconder	Outcome
Tracy Mackenzie	Minute Secretary	Noel Slevin	Andy Lynch	Agreed
Andy Lynch	Planning Contact	May Inglis	Noel Slevin	Agreed
Diane Macmillan	Licencing Contact	May Inglis	Noel Slevin	Agreed
Andy Lynch	Area Partnership (Substitute)	May Inglis	Diane Macmillan	Agreed

The AGM did not record an inventory of assets. The confirmed list of assets is:

- A marquee
- A colour printer
- A laptop
- A mobile phone

Correspondence

Drumchapel CAB got in touch to say they are looking to recruit board members.

Peter McGillion has informed NS he is resigning from the community council. No one applied to join the community council in the run-up to the AGM. JT interrupted at this point to say he had previously contacted the council to express interest in joining but was unaware of the openings to join. AL pointed out the community council advertised this as widely as possible (on noticeboards, in local amenities, on Facebook, in newsletters, and on the GCC website). NS agreed to follow up with the council for clarity.

AL received an email from the Sports Centre asking for support for a new roof.

AL has also received an email from a teacher at Drumchapel High informed us that there is a pupil parliament in the school. They would like to meet the Community Council. NS mentioned recent elections for the Scottish Youth Parliament. The meeting agreed to invite the MSYPs (the young people elected for this area) to future community council meetings, and to look at options at involving the pupil parliament in the New Year.

AL has also received information about a job fair at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday 14 December.

Finally, Scottish Water have emailed to inform us they will donate £1,000 to the community council as a goodwill following the disruption from the Kinfauns Road works.

Treasurer's Report

See the AGM administration section above.

Planning and Licencing

See the AGM administration section above.

Area Partnership

No update provided.

Facebook page

Those present agreed to carry this agenda item forward to a future meeting.

5. Community matters

Community Hub

We have started the survey for the Community Hub, including face-to-face surveys and focus groups. So far, the response has been positive. The consultation is open until the end of March 2022. The meeting agreed to ask Ted Scanlon (Thriving Places) to attend the next Community Council meeting to discuss the findings from the consultation so far.

AL proposed we look at visiting other community hubs in January to see how they work (restrictions allowing).

It has been a struggle to find someone at the council with whom we can discuss the community hub.

Growchapel

The community council received £400 from Community Budgeting for tools and footwear for the plot. DM attended a focus group on behalf of the community council looking at the impact of Growchapel on people's mental health and wellbeing.

There will be a tree planting ceremony on Wednesday 15 December to mark the sixteen days of action against violence. The tree planted will be a tree of hope.

Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund

AL noted there is a £1.7million fund across Glasgow for initiatives aimed at helping people's mental health and wellbeing. The deadline for applying is Friday 7 January.

AL has discussed this with Hilda at COPE Scotland and suggested the Community Council could run a community event in the park, with financial support from this fund. We will still need other funding sources.

Those present were supportive of the idea and agreed AL would draft an application Hilda for submission in early January.

6. Any other business

No other business raised.

7. Date of next meeting

Those present were not in favour of meeting online. Given the likelihood of new restrictions on meeting, the community council agreed a meeting will only take place in January if restrictions allow in-person meetings. Online meetings have not worked well in the past and hybrid meetings are not practical.

If allowed: Monday 10 January, 18:00 at the Goodyear Social Club. Otherwise: Monday 14 February, 18:00 at the Goodyear Social Club (restrictions allowing).