

# Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** Drumchapel Community Council

**Date:** Monday 14 February 2022

**Time:** 18:00 – 20:00

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

## Attendees

**Community Councillors:** Andy Lynch [Chair] (AL), Diane McMillan [Vice Chair] (DM), Noel Slevin [Secretary] (NS), May Inglis [Treasurer] (MI), Elaine Shaw (ES), Frank John (FJ), Helen Thomson (HT), Alexis Kerr (AK)

**Elected Members:** Cllr Elspeth Kerr (EK)

**Others:** Tracy McKenzie [Minute Taker] (TM), Charles Bailey [Thriving Places] (CB) + 1 local resident (JT)

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Paul Carey. The meeting noted no elected members were present for the second consecutive meeting. [This was true at the start of the meeting; however, Cllr Kerr arrived shortly after the meeting started]. Some community councillors were unhappy about this.

### 2. Approval of previous minutes

ES proposed the minutes from the December 2021 meeting as an accurate record. Seconded by MI and agreed unanimously.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### a. Sports centre traffic

AL raised the issue of traffic around the sports centre. This is a regular issue and blocks the road. AL has been in contact with others about this issue, and others have also reported it to the police. EK commented this is also an issue at the front of the shopping centre. The meeting agreed there are appropriate spaces to park but people are choosing not to use them.

### 4. Community Council business

#### a. Correspondence

Partick Community Council contacted all community councils in Glasgow about proposals to implement Citizens' Panels. These proposals seem to encroach upon community councils and look like Area Partnerships, but with no obvious democratic accountability or local links. The proposals indicate these committees will be small, and the proposed membership seems arbitrary. The general feeling amongst other community councils is that it would be better to strengthen existing structures rather than create a new one. The meeting agreed to add our voice to those concerned about the proposals.

Growchapel have an onsite meeting on Wednesday 16 February. TM and FJ will be helping with this.

AL has been in touch with LCP about the craters around the shopping centre. LCP have brought contractors in to look at this.

No correspondence received from police or fire services.

#### **b. Treasurer's report**

The community council currently has £1,396.75 in the bank. We recently paid for the COVID memorial. This cost £2,077.

AL mentioned we have received £400 from participatory budgeting to purchase tools for the Growchapel site.

#### **c. Planning and licencing**

No one has received any emails about planning or licencing applications. NS will contact GCC to check if there is a problem. From checking the GCC website, there are current applications open around installation of ATM machines outside Lifestyle Express on Summerhill Road, and an application to change a shop front in Dunkenny Square. No one raised any objections.

#### **d. Councillor reports**

Council budgets will be set this week. Council departments proposed options aimed at saving 6% against the current year's budget.

NS asked why the proposed budgets are not released until the day of the relevant council meeting and not before. Publishing them earlier would seem more transparent.

### **5. Community Issues**

#### **a. Community Health & Wellbeing Fund**

AL worked with TM and Hilda (COPE Scotland) on a funding application for a community event. The aim is to hold this in summer, centred around the park or shopping centre. They have applied for £10,000 and are waiting to hear if it has been successful. COPE would also donate £1,000, leaving a gap of around £4,000 to find.

#### **b. Potholes**

Potholes are particularly bad on Drumry Road, both on the road and the pavement. The meeting noted that Achamore Road is also particularly bad, as is Duntreath Avenue next to Edrington (just outside the community council boundary). EK will contact the roads department and ask to do a walkaround.

JT suggested the community council might consider appointing someone to cover transport/road issues, given these are frequently discussed during meetings. Those present decided to discuss this at a future meeting.

#### **c. Drumchapel Park railings**

The fences in the park need painting. The meeting decided to request the council send someone to do this.

#### **d. Public transport**

Bus travel is now free for under twenty-twos in Scotland. This includes the local bus services.

**e. COVID memorial**

There was a recent Area Partnership walkabout to discuss the location of the bench and tree. They identified the green space just across from the outdoor gym in Drumchapel Park as the best location for the memorial. We should receive around £23,000 which will fund the stone, slabs, and gravel. Will need to agree on a wording for the stone – to agree at the next meeting.

**f. Community Hub**

CB informed the meeting there has been face-to-face research with residents, alongside focus groups. Thriving Places are looking for more involvement in conducting the research to ensure a large sample size. AL mentioned the high school is happy to distribute the survey and Iain Corbett is in discussions with the primary schools to involve younger children in the process.

**6. Any other business**

No other business raised.

**7. Date of next meeting**

Monday 14 March, 18:00 at the Goodyear Social Club.