

Held in St Charles Church Hall

1 Kelvinside Gardens G20

1. Welcome – Members present Jamie Thomas-Harley (Chair person) JT; Peter Blackshaw (Secretary) PB; Martin Venherm (Treasurer) MV; Christine Alison (Planning Officer) CA; Merle Read (Webperson) MR.

Police present – Officers Peter Bell and Lisa Harris.

Councillors present: Ken Andrews KA; Martha Wardrop MW; Franny Scally FS; Jane Morgan JM.

Apology – Elaine Doherty

2. Approval of last month's minutes.
3. Police Report. A reduction in the number of crimes but of the house break-ins in the Wilton Street area, 4 remain undetected. Other crimes were spoken of and the officers answered questions from the 40 or so visitors that were in the hall and to reassure everyone that the police are doing all they can to keep on top of the situation.
4. Clean up report. CA gave a clear report of how several local residents came out to help and clear up a lot of rubbish that was in the lane, including large vehicle tyres. The rubbish that was collected was bagged where possible and everything left at the end of the lane for the Council to uplift after the weekend. All the volunteers were thanked for their help and given refreshments but also asked to leave their E-Mail address so that we could keep in touch for future events.
5. Treasurer's report. MV reported that the Bank were still holding things up as we had bills to settle and couldn't until we obtained a new Bankbook.
6. Councillor reports. Councillors were pressed on various matters; what could be done about the 15 bins littering QMD, asked one resident. KA said that this was a major problem all over the City and the Council were trying to resolve it. Why is it, asked another, that rubbish bins are left at the front in the street in Wilton Street? This is because Melrose Gardens Lane is not suitable for the refuse lorries to go down and collect the rubbish. Another asked when the Council would take over all the lanes, but KA pointed out it would cost home owners a lot of money to upgrade the lanes and many are not wide enough for present-day lorries. MW said someone from the council should have a walk around the area to see the problems. MW and KA are very concerned about a new school that is at present football pitches, and so close to Dunard Street School. One person asked about the pavement in QMD; it is in a terrible state but the Council are delaying replacing the surface. MW will pursue this delay. JM said more people from the other side of QMD should join the CC.

7. Planning Officer's report. (i) Planning Application 17/00985/DC: Fergus Drive. There was a large number of people from the area at the meeting to see how our Community Council would respond and what our new Councillors would do to stop this application or recommend that we just allow the building to go ahead. Many people wanted to speak and it proved hard to keep control at times and to try to get one person to speak at a time. The Council are corrupt said one person in allowing a 7 storey hotel to be built in a congested area without any thought for existing property or the people who would have to face this monstrous carbuncle. And yet another said, This is a complete con, it is all cut and dried – I am a resident who will be looking at this and I was not notified, when I tried to appeal I was told that the server was down. If it is a hotel then there has to be parking; this is a Conservation Area and the Council cannot do this to us. If allowed to go ahead said another there would be a taxi every few minutes and vans delivering bed linen etc in an already congested road. What of City Planning? One Councillor said there was still time to put in an objection but don't make them all the same, the Community Council will be making an objection. (ii) Planning Application 17/01011/DC: Jock Morris spoke of the latest twist to the erection of a house on Green Belt land; the new application will mean that the new people would be able to look right into 1 Doune Gardens house, which is not right! The fight goes on to stop this crazy application by Friday 26th May.
8. Introduction of RPZ in Fergus Drive and Oban Drive: because of the introduction of parking controls in Dowanhill it is believed that it will increase the pressure on these two roads. PB said there was no evidence that parking from other areas had made it any more difficult to park than before parking controls were introduced in Dowanhill. KA didn't think it would work in only two streets – what of other streets. This will be discussed again when the City Council put the proposal to us.
9. Web Person's report: residents can keep in touch via our Web site for the latest news on what is happening regarding the planning applications.
10. Correspondence. E-mail from another Community Council regarding fracking; this is happening on our doorstep in Milton and Robroyston. To find out more about Fracking you can go to Facebook to find Frackwatch Glasgow or email frackwatch-glasgow@btconnect.com. This is being discussed by our MSPs. An e-mail from Mike Russell MSP, wanting every town and city to travel at no more than 20 MPH. This again is to be discussed by all our MSPs - if you want to know more you can e-mail mark.russell.msp@parliament.scot
11. Any other business.
12. Date of our next meeting 20th June 2017.

Venue St. Charles Church Hall 1 Kelvinside Gardens at 6.30 pm.