

## ATTENDANCE

Present: Douglas Peacock (DP), Inta Bakewell (IB), Alasdair Macdonald (AM), Merle Read (MR), Christine Alison (CA), Andrew Smith (AS), David Conway (DC), Elaine Docherty (ED), Christine Alison (CA), Alison McDonald (AM), Lisa Barnwell (LB), Stephanie Barnwell (SB), Gail Drake (GD), Dave Gordon (DG), Teresa Love (TL), Patricia Grant (PG), Tom Rae (TR), Paul Milligan (PM), Ruaridh MacGregor (RM), Ross Grant (RG), Frances Macinnes (FM), Michelle Dalgarno (MD), Julie Kelly (JK), Laura Toner (LT).

Councillors: Martha Wardrop, Ken Andrews

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2018 – deferred until February meeting

2. POLICE REPORT

No report as no police present.

3. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

MW - reported that she is trying to make the area next to Maryhill Fire Station into a "Green Space." She had recently had a walk about Fergus Drive and Clouston Court where there are raised beds (owned by Queens Cross Housing Association); she would be interested in setting up a project to develop this area. The lane behind Lyndhurst Gardens has had a problem with bulk uplift and Martha is having a meeting with local residents about this. On 26/11/18 Martha attended a meeting about Glasgow University Campus Development Plan where she was informed that there will be a traffic management scheme in University Avenue and University Place from March 2019 to accommodate building work. Martha attended a meeting about Universal Credit roll out and she reported that there is training available through the Council website and advice available from the HUB in the library.

Going back to using small lane at Lyndhurst Gardens for refuse. Lane rough, council going to put down some resurfacing. Asked get resolved this month, and street cleansing clear the little. Planned to get the bins off street sooner than this. It's "in the pipeline".

4. SPEAKERS ON NOTRE DAME SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Speakers made presentations for and against Notre dame becoming co-ed.

*Frances Macinnes gave her case for.*

"Local resident, Wilton Street, two children at St Charles. Lived here my whole life, St Charles, didn't choose to go to Notre Dame. Wanted my children go to same high school - one boy, one girl. Given catchment area this was Hillhead High. My experience last year, daughter p7 incredibly lengthy process get child into any school. Wanted both my children same school. Was told this was St Thomas Aquinas, 45 minutes travel from house. Wasn't allowed Hillhead, because "opted out" to faith school. Didn't get transition.

"Had to involve local councillors, MSPs. Limited capacity for boys and girls, Yet Notre Dame High School is at 79% capacity, 81% of pupils coming from out with catchment area. Not exclusive to us. Had to take case as far as court. Only resolved two days before school start. This cannot continue. Pressure on this area.

“There is a school siting in west end not serving local community and not. A single sex school something council ill-afford. I have canvassed local parents in St Charles. Mixed response. 60% St Charles want co-ed. 23% want it to stay as it is, and rest is uncertain. I would strongly urge not about tradition, not about what has been, about providing service to children; regardless of gender or religion. What arguments keeping single sex, I have heard none. My entire family went to Notre Dame. Not precious about what school go to, just want go to catchment area.”

*Speakers for retention on Notre Dame as a girls' school.*

Julie Kelly

“We are a group of parents, and people who are not parents. Our aim is to preserve status for over 120 years. Allow parents of whole city to have girls in single sex education. Notre Dame, St Thomas Aquinas share learning facility. Only two primaries feed in. St Ninian’s canvassed and 80% said they wanted it remain single sex. Notre Dame divided in opinion. Convenience because of location. “Notre Dame High School is specific type of school in way that is true of Knightswood, with its school of dance. Notre Dame is at 90% capacity. Does really well in performance levels.”

Laura Toner

“STEM, these subjects are at forefront of society. Encourages girls to promote these subjects. Girls are two and a half times more like to take these subjects in single sex school. Women in Hollywood fighting for rights, you have the same right as everyone else in that class as everyone else in that class. Government recognise that STEM is massive. Facts remain Notre Dame High School works well. If taking Gaelic school out of equation, it is Joint-first in exam results. It promotes confidence and self-belief in young women in a male-dominated world.”

Michaelle Dalgarno

“Scottish government has ploughed millions poverty-related attainment gap. Notre Dame High School is leading light on this front, trailblazing. A total of 50% of pupils come from postcodes that rank highest in MDI., Every area utilises school, look at breakdown, every single primary school. All utilise school. We are not taking away capacity from your sons and daughters. Nearby Clevedon is far from capacity., It is a one-off, the last single sex school in Scotland. In England, Wales and Ireland they are many of these school doing so well, despite children from less-affluent areas.

IB – What hope for as a response? MD – That community council support Notre Dame remaining single-sex. FI – Hope community council think what is right for this community.

AS - How deal with trans community? Answer: Treat with respect and care. Had one pupil wanted to be identified as a boy, remained at school.

DC – Where at with consultation?

KA – Not great supporter of faith schools. Two tier system caused enormous confusions around provision and capacity. Run consultation and see what comes out. Feeling is that status quo will remain. Pupils come from communities across Glasgow. Very complex, consequences of any changes to boundaries and catchments are Byzantine. Any change in entry 2020. Easter consultation.

**ACTION**

Defer decision until consultation actually starts.

## 5. SCOTTISH WATER PROJECT

Presentation given and questions answered on work is to improve water quality in the Kelvin and modernise the sewage system. Some old sewage channels will be closed. The upgraded system will require the construction of 'kiosks' in two locations.

Number of trees will have to be removed, but many of these are already in a parlours condition. Each tree removed will be replaced by three new trees. The Walkway surface is in poor condition in several places, particularly between the hump-back bridge and FORK and this will be repaired because the new sewers will require the path to be dug up. The Walkway will remain open during the entire works and SW will install diversion paths to allow easy passage past the works. These will be constructed to permanent standard and will be retained after the work - which will take more than a year - is finished. SW would like to add to the amenities - e.g. works of art, perhaps made from the felled trees, additional seating, play equipment, fitness equipment, etc.

### ACTION

Representatives from SW agreed to have a walk round with members of the NKCC and requested to attend next meeting to harvest views on where Kiosks should be sited and how they should be covered to blend with the surroundings

## 6. CYCLE WAY BETWEEN DOUNE GARDENS & DOUNE QUADRANT

Tam Rae raised objections to removal of gate to allow road cycling route along DQ

"There are four resident from six Doune Quadrants in attendance here. Believe in local democracy and cycle paths, with proper markings. Not anti-cycling, given no notice of this work in late November. Luckily Dave Gordon was there to stop it.

"Process so far. It feels like this has been progressed without consultation. We would contend not minor change, significant character street. Barrier has existed since 1882. Doune Quad butts on to Doune Gardens. Dispute minor change.

"Bigger agenda at work here. Worrying about where it is coming from. Last year we had imposed changes in QMD. Raise concerns way it has been progressed so far. Bike gangs, kicking off wing mirrors. Glad stopped, express thanks for that, appreciate it.

"Not urgent need for this. Unpick good piece of Victorian architecture. Broken fencing whole way along. Danger getting out of car. Know area really well, think being hurt here. Lot of graffiti, until fix all these things shouldn't be considered. . If it is a case of money, it is not priority. We live there. Worried about it becoming rat run. Only 40m below perfectly good bike run. With Go Bike lobby listening to cyclists at risk of ignoring residents. Want MW to confirm stopped."

MW – Did walkabout with AM and CA, make sure familiar with the issues. Took photographs passed back to cleansing and environmental services. Suggest to council officers drop-in event at St Charles Primary, Wednesday Jan 16 between 6pm and 7pm. Who's drafted existing proposal.

CA – We try to clean streets, raised with council issue of blocked drains, fence falling down. When these issues noticed feedback was given to CC. Not all just come to attention now

AM – proposal originated with me. Main destructive part for residents is hordes of parking which substantially causes of lack of maintenance. Difficult to get round that bit, better designs made to . I volunteer Sustrans, Go Bike doesn't have any commercial aspect. After last election take walk or ride improve pedestrian and cycling in area. Have to move on to pavement. Suggestion that these should be removed. People cycling along get through it. Wasn't any attempt to override wishes of local residents.

TR – You do get bad parking. We want that proposal to be gone. I don't think spending public money real rat run for motorbikes.

MW - Works have been halted. Not going ahead. Everyone listening to you, want to help you. Love the street, want to look after it.

DC - Broader lesson to ensure that if cycling should ensure local community are consulted.

#### ACTION

Works to reconfigure barrier will not now go ahead. Funds that were to be used can only be deployed for active travel projects. Give consideration to alternatives.

#### 7. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

DC - Nothing to report. No response to Curves building.

TL - On that, why architect was allowed to provide a derogatory submission after the closure of the consultation period?

KA – We need to find out how this came about. Will pick up the cudgels.

LB - Questions raised about new school. Asked if NKCC would be taking a position. Living in neighbouring residence and have had no official communication. Concerned about lack of car parking. Only 24 car parking spaces. Make traffic in area so much worse.

DP – Defer this to the next meeting about taking position.

#### ACTION

Put new school on to agenda for next meeting.