

GOVAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
7 October 2013

Present: Dick Carabine (out-going Chair), Esme Clark, Flora Pagan, Helen McNeill, Jean Melvin, Wilma Bruce, Robert Preston, John Foster, Ronnie Campbell, Abdul Dean and Ilya Shterer In attendance Bailie Fariha Thomas. Apologies for AGM Cllr Stephen Dornan and Cllr James Adams

Lawrence O'Neill, Returning Officer, took the Chair for items 6-8

Minute taker John Foster

1.RECORD OF MEMBERS ATTENDING AND APOLOGIES

This was approved as above

2.MINUTES OF 2012 AGM HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2012

These were moved as a correct record by Flora Pagan and Esme Clark and agreed.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

The out-going Chair Dick Carabine gave a verbal report which covered the Council's involvement in supporting the commemoration of Mary Barbour, its sponsorship of the establishment of Greater Govan against the Housing Benefit Cuts, its dialogue with SPT over the Fastlink proposal as well as its detailed campaigning on cleansing issues. The Council had also initiated a four page colour version of the Govan Letter with two issues so far produced.

4. TREASURER'S SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS

These were held over till the November meeting by which time our independent examiner, Christine Murphy, will have been able to scrutinise an outstanding receipt.

5. DEMIT OF CURRENT OFFICE HOLDERS

6. CALL OF NOMINATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Lawrence O'Neill took the chair. He indicated that there were valid nominations for Wilma Bruce, Esme Clark, John Foster, Helen McNeill, Jean Melvin and Flora Pagan. There only being six nominations for eleven places, these persons were deemed to be elected. There was a seventh valid nomination not delivered by the due date on behalf of Richard Carabine. The six elected members agreed unanimously to accept this nomination. Mr O'Neill called for further nominations. John Foster nominated Ronnie Campbell and Mr Campbell completed a nomination form that was duly signed.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chair	Dick Carabine was nominated by FP and HMcN and unanimously elected
Vice Chair	Flora Pagan was nominated by EC and JM and unanimously elected
Secretary	Esme Clark was nominated by HMcN and FP and unanimously elected
Minute Sec	John Foster was nominated by JM and FP and unanimously elected
Treasurer	Helen McNeill was nominated by FP and JM and unanimously elected

Area Partnership Lead	Esme Clark nominated by JF and FP and unanimously elected
Area Partnership Sub	Dick Carabine nominated by JM and HMcN and unanimously elected
Planning Contact	Esme Clark
Licensing Contact	Esme Clark

8. CLOSE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: Dick Carabine resumed the Chair

Items 9, 10 and 13 of the formal agenda regarding the new scheme for Community Councils were postponed for further deliberation by the relevant City Council committee

11. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

It was agreed to appoint Christine Murphy for the coming year

12. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Robert Preston was nominated by JF and JM and agreed pending ratification by the Govan Reminiscence Group

Abdul Dean was nominated by JF and EC and agreed.

13. THE CHAIR DECLARED MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014 AS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT AGM

GENERAL BUSINESS

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

a) Fastlink Consultation

Esme read a report of the discussion at the Central Govan Action Plan meeting on 24 September which indicated that infrastructure work would begin on October on the Golspie Street section – while that on the route between Elder Street and Linthouse had started in September. In both cases work would be completed by March. Some moves had been made to create dedicated parking places but members of CGAP remained concerned at the lack of parking in the Fairfield sector and the loss of landscaping at the Langlands cycle path. It was also reported that no Impact Assessment had been conducted on the consequences for local shops.

It was AGREED that the Community Council should take up the offer of further consultation by SPT. The Executive was asked to consider whether it would be more appropriate to invite a SPT representative to the November General Meeting or hold a specific meeting to which all those interested locally could attend.

b) Housing Benefit cuts and the Campaign Committee

A very informative meeting had been help on Friday 13 September which heard the latest news of legal and parliamentary challenges from Mike Dailly of Govan Law Centre, Kenny Macleod of Linthouse HA and Ian Davidson MP. The following day a contingent from Govan had attended the lobby of the Liberal Democrat conference organised by the STUC. It was reported that Greater Govan against the Housing Benefit Cuts was currently producing 7,500 copies of an advice leaflet with a grant from the Area Committee. This would be distributed later in the month.

c) Committee for Remembering Mary Barbour

It was AGREED that the Community Council should give its support to the proposal for public art commemorating Mary Barbour in the renovated Govan underground station.

d) Police report: race hate statistics

Bailie Thomas had confirmed that Govan had some of the highest figures for race hate crimes in Glasgow and had done so for more than one year – although overall the reports for Glasgow were somewhat reducing. It was also noted that although there had been some disturbing instances of race hate crime in Govan over the past six months, the main focus of concern was the rise in antagonism to immigrants in general, particularly from Eastern Europe. Pastor Ilya Shterer, a Roma from Bulgaria, voiced his concern on this front but also spoke of the need for the Roma community itself to be more directly involved with

community organisations. It was AGREED that the Executive should take steps to organise a discussion meeting for local housing organisations, schools, police, youth groups and ethnic minority organisations, as well as Hope not Hate. This might consider in particular the broadening of the current excellent education work in schools by GYIP to the broader issue of immigration.

e) Craigton Road housing development

Esme had previously raised the lack of single bedroom units and whether planning powers existed to require their provision. Bailie Thomas reported that such powers did not exist – despite the apparent need for such housing. In general the Council approved of the development. There was a more general discussion on the lack of appropriate social housing for rent in the area and the reduction in funding through the government over the past five years. Arising from this it was AGREED to invite Shirley McKnight to speak to the Council at some point over the next three months on current regulations affecting provision for public sector housing. Bailie Thomas reported that the 2011 census statistics on local population levels, and the social needs arising, would be available soon. She would pass them on.

f) Food waste recycling

Arising from Willie Connor's presentation it was reported that a pilot scheme had begun in Dumbreck.

g) Govan Workspace and funding application for riverside pathway

A consultation meeting had taken place on Tuesday 10 September and an application was now going forward to the Lottery for funding – although concerns remained about the condition of the river bank on the section owned by the Clyde Port Authority.

h) 20 mph sign on Langlands Road

There may have been some confusion over the part of Langlands Road referred to when Cllr Adams raised the issue with LES Roads. Bailie Thomas will seek to resolve.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORGANISATION

a) Govan Area Partnership

Esme Clark reported on further meetings of the Partnership. At the most recent meeting the focused presentation had been on Cleansing and Neighbourhood Renewal.

b) Website

The website was up to date. Ronnie Campbell reported that he would ensure that the 'Govan Banners' video was operating correctly.

c) Newsletter

1,250 copies had been distributed. Invoices for adverts had still to be sent out.

d) Arts and Creative industries

Ronnie Campbell gave a brief report on the potential for Community Council sponsorship for a Creative Scotland community awards grant and on other possible projects that might involve a younger generation in the work of the Council. He would come back to a further meeting on this.

16. PLANNING AND LICENSING

Edmiston Drive: Street Traders Licence for football memorabilia No objection.

Licensing

Esme Clark highlighted a newspaper article on a proposed moratorium on additional alcohol licensing in the Govan area. Bailie Thomas indicated this would be in relation to the current Licensing Review consultation. This was welcomed Esme had not received this so Bailie Thomas will send the link to Esme, so that a positive comment can be made about this proposed restriction.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Century Films: Secret History of our Streets

A programme was currently being compiled on Govan Road and all those with memories of living there were being called upon for their reminiscences.

b) Glasgow Trades Union Council

The Glasgow TUC was holding a public meeting on Thursday 31 October on the impact of the bedroom tax on local communities. Community organisations were called on to participate and make four minute presentations. It was AGREED in principle to support and to send a representative.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Local Food Banks

Abdul Dean raised the need for such provision. Bailie Thomas reported that some provision already existed through the Integration Network and a number of organisations are looking into the development of a Food Bank for Govan or South West Glasgow. Although local supermarkets were willing to supply food, storage and administration required considerable resources and planning. It was agreed to return to this item

20. NEXT GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER at 7 p.m. BOARD ROOM, WORKSPACE, 100 Elderpark Street.

Executive meeting: Wednesday 16 September at 7.30 p.m. in Workspace.