

**Minutes of the Ruchill Community Council held in the Community Centre,
Bilsland Drive, Ruchill G20 9NF on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 6.30pm**

Attending: Eleanor Brown
Kate Mulgrew
Flo McGrehan,
Fran O'Rourke
Andrew Smith
Dawn Burns, Maryhill HA
Jacqueline Cowan Police Scotland
David Watt Police Scotland

Apologies: Patrick O'Grady MP, Bob Doris, Joan Dreghorn, Jill McKay North United Communities, Suzanne Halliday

1.0 Welcome

Eleanor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of Wednesday 7th December were adopted: proposed by Fran O'rourke and 2nd by Flo McGrehan.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

3.1 No matters arising.

4.0 Police Business

4.1 Officers provided the following information:

- 1 Drug offence
- 3 Street Drinking
- 2 Thefts – 1 of which was a bicycle
- 3 Assaults
- 1 Vandalism
- 3 Road traffic offences
- 3 Breach of the Peace

4.2 Police Scotland is reviewing their estate at the moment as the last time this was reviewed was in the 60/70s. The Police Station in Possilpark is closing. At the moment only civilians work there; it is not a frontline station and footfall is low. Staff will be accommodated elsewhere in Glasgow either Baird Street or Maryhill Police Station. Residents were not happy that there would be a lack of Police presence in the area and although it's not officers who are based there, just having a presence would act as a deterrent and makes people feel safer. Councillor Helen

Stephen echoed these sentiments. Officers will pass these concerns back to their sergeant.

- 4.3 Residents were encouraged to report any concerns, unusual or suspicious behaviour in Curzon Street to Police Scotland or Crimestoppers.
- 4.4 Eleanor mentioned that she had received a letter from the Health Lottery UK stating she was a winner and had to pay £1200 release £300k. EB didn't want others to fall victim to this scam. Officers will log on the system and update EB of outcome.

5.0 Reports from Meetings/projects

Canal Partnership:	Reports are available online.
Parkhill Residents Association:	Minutes will be posted on the noticeboard in Ruchill Community Centre.
Ruchill Furniture:	Project hoping to move in to unit at Glenavon Road. Lease has not been signed yet. An application has been submitted to the Community Choices Fund for £5k which being administered at the PB events.
North United Communities:	Still to find out if Scottish Government will fund again but in meantime have had a 3 month extension. Looking for new board members.
Thriving Places:	Minutes available
Spirit of 2012 Panel:	Application forms are available for Spirit of 2012 Sparks Proposals. Market Place event is taking place on February 25 th in Possilpark.

6.0 Guest Speaker

6.1 Councillor Helen Stephen

Cllr Stephen advised that she had highlighted her concerns over the closure of the police station in Possilpark. Whilst understanding this was due to budget constraints she was concerned over the time and cost for residents to travel to Baird Street or Maryhill and was disappointed to be losing another community asset.

GCC are setting their budget. This was £130 million over the last two years but the Scottish Government has set another target of £20 million over 2017/18. GCC has increased council tax for bands E to G by 7% and band H by 22%

Eleanor requested assistance with obtaining lease from City Property and noted that it was disappointing that the units at Chapel Street were still empty and have been for the last 7 months. If GCC are cutting budgets they should improve the letting process to avoid loss of rental income. Cllr Stephen will speak with City Property again – the last time she spoke to someone from CP Helen was advised that their solicitors were dealing with it.

Alasdair Smith was in attendance. He is a local resident who is standing for election for the Green Party and wanted to meet residents and hear about local matters. The Green Party organised a walk from Maryhill to Springburn Job Centre to calculate the distance and how long it takes. It took 1 hour and 2 minutes and was over 3 miles. DWP has been criticised that consultation should be better

7.0 Correspondence:

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

December 16

Correspondence re application for inclusion in NHS Board's Pharmaceutical list. CD Chem Ltd Bilsland Drive. Decision of committee being that the level of service provided to the neighbourhood was currently adequate and it was not desirable or necessary to have an additional pharmacy. Application was refused.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

January 17

Letter Stating that CD Chem have lodged an appeal against Pharmacy Practice Committee's decision. Notification of Appeals Panel deliberations will be sent in due course.

Lord Provosts Secretary Glasgow City Council

Royal Garden Party at Palace of Holyrood House

Tuesday 4th July 2017

Nominations are required

8.0 A.O.C.B.

- 8.1 Participatory budgeting decision events are taking place in Ruchill and Maryhill. Ruchill event will take place in Ruchill Community Centre on the 11th March from 3pm until 5pm. Free food, face painting and balloon modeller. All residents are welcome and will get a say on how £20,000 is spent in their local community. Maryhill's event will take place on Saturday 18th March at 3pm at Ledgowan Tenant Hall.
- 8.2 Ceilidh is taking place on 25th February. This is a free event in the Community Centre but a ticket is required for admission. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. No alcohol is permitted.

9.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st March @ 6:30pm in Ruchill Community Centre, Bilsland Drive