**High Knightswood & Anniesland Community Council**

Meeting **Tuesday, 21st January, 2025 Netherton Community Centre**

Website: hka.scot – Email: hello@hka.scot

**Present**

John Docherty Chair

Michael McNamara Vice Chair

Ellen Wright Secretary

Heather Harbison Community Councillor

Councillor McTaggart Councillor, Convenor of Community Planning

Councillor Carey Councillor

PC Lipska Scottish Police

Mr Cunningham Knightswood Primary

Ms Millar St Ninian’s Primary

Residents : Norma McGugan, Anne Dooris, Lillian Brodie, Jennifer Taylor, Kathy Smith, Hilda Inglis, Ernie Taylor

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

JD wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Patricia Ferguson MP, Cllr Iklhaq, Paul Smith, Hope Logue, Fiona McDonald, Kath Baxter, Calum McGregor, Elspeth Kerr

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from November 2024 meeting were proposed by NM and seconded by MM

**3. Police Scotland**

PC Lipska attended and presented the Police report for November 2024 to January 2025

The police have had a busy 9 weeks, we have continued our patrols when available within the community Council surrounding areas with a specific focus on Netherton Community Centre and shops at Crow Road.

December is a notoriously busy month for the police. There has been an increased police presence around shops and visits to licensed premises have also increased as part of the police festive action plan.

Ongoing issues regarding speeding on Great Western Road continue to be address with regular efforts made to deter speeders and influence driver’s behaviour. Community police festive action plan has been targeting drivers under the influence with successful results.

Shoplifting is a major concern especially at Morrisons / Lidl but reports have come in from M&S and Aldi

Other issues are : 13 crime reports raised for assault. / 5 crime reports in relation to crimes against retail workers / 5 reports of fraud / victims of 2 reports were subject to online scam / several reports regarding domestic and commercial properties being damaged / 7 reports of drug misuse / 51 crime reports in relation to various traffic offences

JC reported local shops were selling vapes to underage children. Police are aware of this and are working with Trading Standards and working on a new strategy

A white van has been reported in the area offering services, residents have been requested to try to get a registration number for follow up.

Other items discussed were the number of abandoned vans in the area / delivery cyclists on pavements / cyclists driving through lollipop man on road

**4. Feedback from Festive Activities – Glasgow 850**

EW presented the figures from the Festive events in the area :

* Seniors Group had over 60 people attending a Christmas Lunch
* Switch On of Christmas Tree Lights had approx. 150 attendees, most coming to the Church Hall for mince pies and tea
* Christmas Fair had an estimated 500 + people including over 250 visits to Santa
* Pantomine at Netherton Community Centre was sold out

EW presented the Accounts for the Christmas Fair showing an underspend of £1765.00 it is proposed that we use this to put on a Glasgow 850 event.

Various proposals were suggested, the most popular was to have a fun / educational event featuring Glasgow and its history as its theme. Due to speed, EW to contact the Netherton Festive Group and start making arrangements

Another suggestion is to ask the local churches to hold a joint service – teas afterwards could be funded by the Community Council. This is not urgent time-wise.

**5. Infrastructure Fund / Liveable Neighbourhoods**

The 5 projects being put forward

* Refurbishment of The Hut (TSYP)
* Ramp access and plumbing work on 80th Knightswood Scout Hall
* Traffic calming at Knightswood and St Ninian’s Schools
* CCTV at tunnel
* Traffic calming signs at Cowdenhill Road

We are waiting on costings coming back from NRS for the other project, however, there has been an issue with the Hut. JD has spoken to The Hut and has a proposal to resolve the situation. HKA are to meet with GCC to discuss further and bring back to the Community Council

Councillors have asked for confirmed timelines

Liveable Neighbourhoods was discussed and will updated when there is any news

Open Spaces, we have £4,888 still to spend – will ask for ideas at next meeting

6. **NRS**

EW raised the issue of the general state of our area – the litter / flytipping / dirty gullies

Setting up local litter picks was discussed, as was an education program aimed at the schools. EW to speak to The Hut which is our local litter hub

EW asked that this be an issue to be discussed at the Area Partnership

**7. Elected Members**

Cllr McTaggart

* Involved with a program for Gender Sensitivity – there is some funding for Feminism projects
* There will be a Volunteer Fair to be held in the City Chambers with plenty of opportunities to volunteer
* International Women’s Day on 8th March – this year’s theme is Accelarate Action
* High caseload with potholes and street lighting major themes
* Budget will be produced in February for coming year

Questions were raised about emptying grit bins and green bin replacement for damaged bins

Cllr Carey

* New bin hubs which were being rolled out across Glasgow – suggested location of Anniesland Cross / GWR when scheme come to our area. Other suggestions appreciated
* Cowdenhill Road / GWR junction – this was also discussed under Liveable Neighbourhoods. Residents concerned about lack of action
* Temple Road / Bearsden Road Junction, has been highlighted as an area of concern and reported
* Concerns raised again about the closing of the speed camera on GWR. This has been highlighted again in Liveable Neighbourhoods
* Christmas Tree Lighs are still on on 21st January – this seems to be area-wide
* Potholes are a major concern to the residents

**8. Any Other Business**

MM informed us that he has taken over the Chair of the Local Engagement Forum for the HSCP and there will be a development session on 28th January. MM will update us on the LEF at future meetings

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Netherton Community Centre, 6.30pm, Tuesday, 18th February, 2025**