

JCC Annual Meeting 2023. Report by Chairperson, John M. Winfield. 24th October 2023

Following the difficulties experienced by JCC during the 2021/2022 session, the October 5th inaugural meeting, organised and chaired by S. Dowling, represented the possibility of a new start. It followed a vigorous recruitment campaign for new members, organised by C. Benton, B. McKay and F. Hameed.

As a result, we have a membership of 12. With a blend of new and returning Councillors we have had a year of meetings at which there has been lively discussion, sometimes a little too loud for the Chairperson's hearing!

A range of problems in Jordanhill has been tackled with varied success, aided by inputs and help from our ex officio members; all three have been very supportive and active on behalf of residents, for which we are very grateful. We have tried to be effective participants in Victoria Park Area Partnership and acknowledge the hard work undertaken by our representatives, Lead, C. Benton and Depute B. McKay.

Among the initiatives generated partly through Victoria Park Area Partnership discussions were the renovation of the Thornwood roundabout at the Dumbarton Rd., Broomhill Dr. junction to provide safe pedestrian accesses across the roundabout; This is likely to go ahead in some form. Another longstanding problem junction has been the 'double roundabout' situated at the Westland Drive/Danes Drive/Victoria Park Drive N junction. Improvements here have been a longstanding objective of JCC; a part of our campaign to promote active travel. Jordanhill is in the unfortunate position of having both a high degree of car ownership and being an area in which there is much 'through traffic' by those wishing to take a short cut. As a result, we get parking and speeding problems. One of the latter this year has been speeding along Southbrae Drive. Speed checks have been organised. There are possibilities for traffic calming to be explored in the future.

The plans proposed by the GCC Roads Authority were to replace the two traffic roundabouts by traffic lights incorporating pedestrian, Cross Now lights. JCC were in favour of the scheme; it would enable safe active travel between Victoria Park Nature Walk and Victoria Park northwest gate and enable pedestrians having reduced mobility to cross the roads safely. Surprisingly the proposal proved to be controversial. JCC found it necessary to defend the plan to a section of residents living close by the junction. This we did successfully. The work was completed over the summer and initial experiences are favourable.

JCC is aware of the need to publicise our activities using social media in addition to using conventional hard copy notices. Thanks to the efforts of two of our members, R. Mellish, R. McKay, We have a Facebook page, which is attracting increasing use.

John Winfield (Chairperson JCC) 23rd October 2023.