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Draft Record of JCC meeting

Meeting type: Full JCC meeting. However, it was not possible to invite local residents to what was a trial meeting by Zoom; it could be designated therefore as a 'Special' meeting

Record status: draft minute

Date: Monday 11th May 2020

Time: 19.00

Location: A virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: JCC elected members: R. McKay (Chairperson), J. Winfield (Secretary), K. Still (Vice Chairperson), C. Benton (Treasurer), C. Galletly (minute secretary), A. Dick, J. Grierson, C. Kaur, I. MacCallum, B. McKay.

Apologies: K. Robertson.

1.0 Welcome.

All those attending were welcomed by the Chairperson to what would be a different type of JCC meeting. Since we would be 'feeling our way' the full agenda, previously circulated, would not be followed; discussion would be confined to #3.0. Other items would be dealt with at a subsequent meeting.

3.0 Proposed Changes to Admission Policy of Jordanhill School.

Chairperson opened the discussion by drawing attention to the email, 11th May 2020, from Jordanhill Parents' Action Group (JPAG) ; attention drawn also to an email to Secretary from Dr. P. Thomson, Chief Executive of Jordanhill School, in which the hope that JCC would find merit in the proposed changes was expressed. Some concern was expressed at the relatively late date of the email. It was hoped that a meeting with JPAG would take place soon.

Members who commented were supportive of the sentiment expressed by JPAG i.e. the stated aim was to halt the process of consideration until lockdown had been ended. KR had emailed his support for this aim. IMacC referred to a sell-out for a small amount of money; AD agreed. JG referred to a motion, which he had laid before the meeting shortly before the start and the need for debate.

CG declared himself sympathetic to the above points raised. CB spoke of the wider issue for the community. Cala needed to sell houses; was the sum mentioned enough? JG mentioned the large sum of money believed to have been paid by Cala for the site. CK sought wider consultation. KS regarded the situation as a commercial transaction which suited Cala, who were interested in selling houses. Would the amendments proposed result in the catchment area becoming smaller? The original site had been intended for educational purposes. BMcK referred to school admissions becoming a lottery, with an even greater number of children seeking admission. RMcK was uncomfortable with JCC rejecting outright the proposed changes to admission policy. JW believed that the school's admission policy was a matter for the school and noted a forthcoming meeting of School Managers on 9th June. Further, the sum apparently involved (£1.6M) was a matter for the School and Cala. Liaison between

JCC and JPAG was suggested, perhaps via Zoom, as the coronavirus lockdown might continue into 2021.

JW expressed concern about the future of the School and urged consensus rather than passing a motion. JG stated the belief that Cala had wanted the School's admission policy changed from the outset and directed criticism at Cala, not the School. More information was needed; JCC should write to the Board of Managers seeking a deferral of a decision. AD was in agreement; KS stated that JCC did not have enough information at present to support the Board of Managers. JW was against formulation of a motion at this stage.

A motion, in three parts, was tabled by J. Grierson (having been circulated shortly before the Meeting).

1. Jordanhill Community Council considers that due to the COVID-19 national emergency, any decision making by Jordanhill School Board of Managers with regard to the change of admission regulations should be suspended until such times as a public meeting can be organised to demonstrate greater community transparency in such decision making.

2. The preparation of a Local Place Plan (LPP) under the terms of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 provides an appropriate framework that gives people a greater say in planning the future of their places. The inclusion of Jordanhill School Feasibility Study in the LLP provides the opportunity to understand such development ambitions in the context of any change to the admission regulations.

3. The LPP may provide the opportunity to re-open partnership dialogue with CALA Homes (West) to negotiate a developer contribution that benefits the whole community.

JG spoke to the motion. Proposed by J. Grierson, seconded by I. MacCallum and C. Benton. BMcK suggested sending the motion, then speaking separately to the School and to JPAG. A straw poll indicated that the meeting split 50:50. Further discussion ensued. In particular, the last paragraph proved to be contentious, for example, it was observed that it amounted to throwing down the gauntlet. There was general agreement about this.

It was agreed to replace the last paragraph (point 3) by the following:

3. We would welcome a meeting with the School's Board of Managers at the earliest opportunity

The revised motion (three parts above in bold type), proposed by J. Grierson, seconded by I. MacCallum, was agreed with JW voting against.

Action: The revised motion would be communicated to the School Board of Managers and copied to JPAG by Chairperson.

This record will be confirmed or amended as required at the June meeting of JCC.

Dates for Virtual Meetings in 2020. 01st June, a subsequent date to be confirmed.