



Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council

Minute of AGM held on Monday 6th December 2021 @ 7.00pm

From the constitution:

The objectives of the community council shall be to:

- (a) gather and articulate the views of the community which it represents
- (b) express fairly the views, diversity of opinions and outlooks of the community to Glasgow City Council; and other public/private organisations
- (c) act as a voice for their local area on any matters affecting their community's lives, welfare and environment
- (d) liaise with other community groups within their local area
- (e) take any such action in the interests of the community as appears to be practicable
- (f) promote the well-being of the community and to foster community spirit.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Attendees - Claire Conaghan / Stephen Docherty(chair) / Russell Ecob / Christine Jess / Alistair King / Laurence Weir

Apologies – Evelyn Silber.

Stephen Docherty chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Approve minutes of last AGM meeting

Due to the ongoing pandemic, an AGM had not been held in 2020.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Unfortunately, family pressures have led to the resignation of our chair, Suzy MacCheyne and our secretary, Claire Conaghan and thanks are extended to both for their sterling efforts over the past three years. It is hoped that both will remain involved as members of the Community Council, and to allow the CC to continue to benefit from their connections with the Battlefield community.

The former Vice Chair, Stephen Docherty has agreed to assume the role of Chair. Alistair King was nominated and has agreed to assume the role of Secretary. No nominations for Treasurer were received and the position will remain vacant.

Evelyn Silber had volunteered to continue to represent the CC on the Langside Area Partnership. Alistair King would continue to monitor local planning issues and Christine Jess volunteered to provide same support for licensing applications.

The full list of office bearers elected is as follows:

Chair - Stephen Docherty

Vice Chair – TBC

Treasurer – TBC

Secretary/Minute Secretary – Alistair King

Contacts:

Planning – Alistair King

Licensing – Christine Jess

Area Partnership Representative – Evelyn Silber

Substitute A.P.R. – Alison Macdonald

Neighbourhood and sustainability - TBC

The number of vacancies in office bearers and contacts remains a problem. The lack of treasurer being main issue and there was imminent need for a change of signatories to CC bank account.

AK to seek guidance from Steven Dowling on duties for office holders and from SMcC for widening arrangements for website administration. AMcD was unable to receive emails and required hard copies.

4. Annual Report:

In common with the wider community, this has been a difficult year for Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council who have been unable to meet in person since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. The pandemic has taken its toll and we have lost a few of our older members who are less able to access virtual meetings and have currently four vacancies from 13no allowable councillors. A small core of members of the CC has continued to meet virtually albeit with length of meetings much curtailed by limitations of the Zoom app. This arrangement has somewhat restricted our ability to fully represent the community and has also resulted in fewer opportunities to engage with and received reports from local councillors and community police.

That said, the CC has continued with its constitutional objectives, which are to ascertain the views of local people, to act as a voice on local matters, and to pursue other projects in the interest of the area. This has centred around a few core activities:

- Library Garden – Evelyn Silber has continued to coordinate this work with help of several volunteer gardeners. Despite the extended closure for the Library and during the year this project has continued to provide much valued external space for local residents. This was particularly marked in the Summer period when it provided sitting areas for Battlefield residents who might otherwise have struggled to reach Queens Park. The CC has continued to support this project including its successful application for new and more robust replacement metal benches following vandalism to the originals.
- Pollok Park – The CC received presentation on proposals for the upgrade to Pollok Park and made representation on local interests which are likely to be affected by the proposed limitations on vehicular access and car parking.

- Local Developments – The CC has continued to make representations on behalf of local residents on proposed local developments. Over the past year this has included submissions for the housing development at 32 Mansionhouse Road; for a proposed telecoms mast on Langside Avenue; and for the housing development at Grange Road.

Our input has included attendance at presentations by developers, liaison with local residents and submission of responses to GCC Planning or direct to developer. Construction has progressed through 2021 on the Victoria Infirmary site and the CC will continue to engage with all relevant planning and local committees on any submitted variations to consent and the clearance of ENV 2 / developer community benefits monies.

Over 2020 and 2021, we have developed a new website and a further major challenge will be its growth and maintenance. Currently, many of our core members are not well-versed in use of social media and we will need to change this or seek new members who might represent us on this format.

The stability of the community council remains under threat. The lack of live meetings has further increased the difficulty of recruiting more members and re-establishing roles and responsibilities. This is vital if we are to continue to deliver projects and complete cohesive governance and will again be our main task for the coming year.

5. Approval of Accounts for 2020-21

Due to a changeover in account signatories, there has been a delay in verifying the accounts and balance remains pending. In absence of a Treasurer, SMCC is currently arranging for independent evaluation of the accounts and will forward when confirmed. Following receipt, we will be required to make these available at Langside Library by March 2022.

ES had indicated the separate Garden Account had been prepared and validated by Steven Dowling on 10/10/2021. The total balance at 31/08/2021 had been £1252.84 but with pending payments subtracted this will leave balance available at £532.24.

6. Date of Meetings over 2022 (avoiding public holidays)

January – No meeting	Monday July 4 th
Monday February 7 th	August – No Meeting
Monday March 7 th	Monday September 5 th
Monday April 4 th	Monday October 3 rd (AGM)
Monday May 9 th	Monday November 7 th
Monday June 6 th	Monday December 5 th

**THE AGM WAS CLOSED
Normal business meeting resumed.**

