



Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council

Meeting on Monday 4th July 2022 @ 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. Note attendance, apologies.

Attendees

Councillors - Claire Conaghan / Russell Ecob/ Christine Jess / Alistair King / Evelyn Silber

Apologies – Ola Pawluk / Laurence Weir

Visitors

Andy McCrystal – Police Scotland (stand-in for Community Police)

Bob Marshall - Queens Park Working Group

Jenny Watt – local resident

Approve minutes of last meeting

Approved June Minutes - All agreed.

2. Matters arising from last meeting

Ongoing issues had been discussed including changes to the Battlefield Monument area as part of Connecting Battlefield/Liveable Neighbourhoods projects. A 6-week consultation process was about to take place covering various proposals on south side including Battlefield Road. Also being considered were options for one-way designation to Langside Avenue and crossings at Monument. Further re-engagement with Sustrans was needed to understand status of earlier proposals to change roads at Battlefield Rest.

Other items raised under specific headings.

3. Community Police report

Andy McCrystal passed on apologies for lack of attendance at recent meetings. Monday is day-off for community police and other arrangements will need to be made for representation.

Andy was a late stand-in and had no recent statistics for crime in the LBC area but talked through several current issues.

Youth disorder was an issue though call volumes (complaints) were low. In last few months, there had been reports of young people carrying knives in Homelea Park and this was being monitored. Also, shoplifting on Battlefield Road. Earlier issues of groups drinking in spaces such as Langside Library had been better of late. There was focus on schools with campus cops on most local school campuses.

The issue of free travel cards to under 16s had resulted in increased issue within the town centre

Nuisance and traffic at Hampden Events had been a local issue and Police Scotland had recognised that with forces placed around Hampden this was leaving surrounding areas vulnerable to nuisance issues such as on-street drinking and urination in closes/gardens. Community Police officers were now patrolling local areas and were controlling issues through issue of penalty tickets. This had made a difference at recent concerts.

The lack of traffic cops during exit had been more problematic with streets clogged for some time into the night. This tended to be better controlled for football than other concerts when many cars waiting to pick up youngsters causing gridlock in many side streets. This was made worse during events catering for 40,000 people with no additional trains provided. Mount Florida CC had raised this and it would help if LBCCC could support them. It was agreed to forward minutes and raise at Local Area Partnership meeting.

Bike thefts was a constant issue and Police Scotland had instigated a bike-marking scheme. Stealing from common closes was an ongoing issue for tenement closes without decent locks on common door. Recent introduction of secure on-street bike storage units was a good alternative - See www.Glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2699 Rental costs are below £1.50/week and requests for rentals can be made through www.cyclehoops.rentals

Parking on footpaths was a local issue but enforcement had been delayed. This was an issue that was being dealt with by the council and not usually a police matter.

Andy was thanked for his informative report.

4. Councillor's report (No councillor in attendance)

Rota for councillor attendance had noted Holly Bruce was to attend this meeting however contact details had yet to be made to issue invites.

5. Area Partnership Report

Through the Local Area Partnership, CJ was also engaging with proposals on Citizens Panels which was being promoted by GCC. The relationship of these panels with CCs had been questioned (duplication?) and how their members were to be agreed (volunteers/elected?). LAPs were likely to be tasked to produce Action Plans for their areas with Citizens Panels tasked to monitor. The timescale for forming has been set for next 12 months.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence over past month:

Women 4Climate notification www.w4c.org/mentorship/women4climate-glasgow

Connecting Battlefield consultation notice – postcards issued to all residents and businesses in the Battlefield area.

Update from Karen Venables on local Deep Clean proposals – (still to be arranged)

7. Treasurer's report

Payments continue to be made for the hall rental on monthly basis.

Due to some councillors being away, there was no further discussion on replacement laptop.

Christine had been refunded her payment for 500 postcards advertising our remit

8. Planning report

There had been no new notices.

Russell had been informed that the development at Grange Road had been recommended for approval but there had been no formal confirmation of this. The notice remained on the weekly list as being active so RE would contact Neil Moran to check.

There had been no further development for the recent application at 32 Mansionhouse Road, which remained under consideration on the planning portal.

There had be no further correspondence nor formal application seen on the siting of the comms mast on Langside Drive.

9. Licensing report

There had been no further notices on the licensing applications. There had been no confirmation of refusal or acceptance of the application for extended outdoor license for rear garden off Battlefield Road premises.

10. Library garden project update

ES noted that the Library Garden planting had been blooming due to a lot of hard work by the volunteers. The arrangement of a constitution to finalise separation from the CC was in progress.

A proposal had been made for a mural to the gable over the garden and the CC. This would be funded by a £1000 grant from Arnold Clark Group's fund. The CC would be consulted on proposals when available.

11. Queens Park Working group

This meeting welcomed the attendance of Bob Marshall, former LBCCC councillor and currently active on Friends of Queens park and Queens Park Working Group.

QPWG had been running for a year and was not a formal council committee although there was a councillor acting a chair – currently Cllr Alex Bellic. Stephen Docherty attends formerly as LBCCC representative but continues in his role as councillor. 3-4 GCC officers attended with key officers being Seamus Connelly and Rachel Smith. Four CCs were represented including Shawlands & Strathbungo, Crosshill & Govanhill and LBCCC with a further 40no organisations having interest in the park.

LBCCC representative was needed at monthly meetings but because of timings – generally late afternoons on last Thursday in the month – there were no options among the current LBCC councillors. Bob was able to attend on our behalf and issue info.

Aspects covered were ongoing work to Langside Halls, the Glasshouse and its use by Scottish Agricultural College. Initial investigations on the glasshouse was looking at investment and repair requirements. A future use was the main problem as there needed to be revenue for ongoing maintenance even if capital investment could be found. This was also an issue for Langside Halls and for listed building within the Victoria development and would require a focused input by a business planner. Other parts of the park being discussed included investment into upgrading the Rose Garden and remedial work to surface drainage.

Further investment was currently being considered including repairs to basketball court and to the Balvicar Playground. On the latter, there was need for temporary repairs but also need to repair and

upgrade equipment. QPWG was pushing for these but need was for more investment and a longer term development plan that would allow submission for grant funding eg from NLHF.

There was need for ongoing maintenance investment but due to shortage of Council funds much was being asked of voluntary members. There was need help get more involvement of the community and funding was being looked for funding – c.£10k – for a consultant to take this forward. A consultation process was likely to take around one year to conclude with emphasis on maintenance. No asset transfer was being proposed but ongoing discussion re management.

Bob noted that revenue from the bandstand and use of the recreation ground was not significant. Investment of the proceeds from ENV2 contributions could however be significant. Contributions from the Victoria development would be allocated to SE Glasgow and the CC needed to press for this to be allocated locally. Queens Park was a major candidate acting as amenity space for many tenemental communities that made use of the park and cited by developers such as Sanctuary HA in many of the ENV2 submissions.

Cllr Stephen Docherty has requested clarity on awards. CJ noted she and Cllr.Holly Bruce had raised it in recent LAP meeting. Awards had been made to Holmlea Park, for swings and to Balvicar Playpark however a wider revue of all playparks was required. Cllr. Susan Aitken was looking for further consultation. It was reckoned that £100k of investment was required with around £20k awarded to date.

Queens Park was included wholly within the Southside Central area but was split between three areas in terms of funding. Revenue from the QP Arena was not possible as this is a charity with any profit/surplus going to the subcontracted commercial events company. GCC does get a fee and environmental levy from ticketed events for upkeep/restoration of grass etc. (see GCC website for list of charges). QPWG were involved with checking suitability of programme eg w/r noise and closing times to avoid nuisance. It was important to ensure community oversight so useful if all CCs could be represented.

It was agreed that the CC should continue to raise the issue of ENV2 funding for the area through the Local Area Partnership and separately. We should request a list of allocations. Bob was thanked for his report and continued input into all matters relating to Queens Park.

Bob was thanked for his presentation to the meeting and for his continued support to LBCCC.

12. CC items / Website

Priority for CC remained as increasing members and for more active members with need for more outreach either through live engagement or through social media. Further promotion of green issues including cycling through sustainable changes to local roads. Ewan McIntyre has assessed possibility of creating an interactive map but in first instance CJ was raising with Karen Venables the option of engaging with the fuller GCC map who welcomed our proposal to increase our consultative role in the community.

AK noted the need for next meeting to focus on elections.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held on

Monday 5th September 2022 at Finn's Place at 7.30pm

Councillor rota: The new rota for city councillors:

September Meeting -

October Meeting –

November Meeting –

December Meeting -