



## Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council

Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 / Ola Pawluk / Evelyn Silber / Laurence Weir

Visitors

Councillor Stephen Docherty

Apologies – none

### Approve minutes of last meeting

Approved May Minutes - All agreed.

### 2. Matters arising from last meeting

Items raised under specific headings.

### 3. Community Police report

There was no report from the Community Police. Alistair had again sent out invites to previous community officer but had received no response. There was suspicion that this would be due to Monday being a non-working day for community police. AK would make an effort to contact the station directly to ensure correct contact details.

*Post meeting note: Response received from Sgt Keith McLay of Cathcart Police Station who confirmed he will arrange attendance at July meeting. Mondays do seem to be difficult for Community Police so some discussion required going forward.*

Members were keen to re-engage with community police noting issues including motorised scooters and cyclists on the footpaths - often delivery cycles; parking in the area particularly during busy Hampden matches and concerts; social nuisance in Battlefield area before and after some major events.

#### **4. Councillor's report (Stephen Docherty in attendance)**

The rota for councillor attendance had been issued but only until summer break. Holly Bruce was designated councillor for July and Stephen Docherty was welcomed to this evening. Stephen raised several points which were debated by members:

##### **Open Spaces**

Stephen noted proposal for upgrade to the Langside Monument and traffic island. This would involve replacement of grassed bed with planted shrubs, and the removal of planter boxes possibly to Millbrae Road. The monument lighting would also be made operational. There remained requirement to improve the Monument for pedestrians crossing to the park, a matter that had been raised by LBCCC previously. Proposals for traffic changes here were in the pipeline but with no clarity yet on timing.

Stephen was also pushing for some action on the open area on Millbrae hill which was in need of some cutting back and an arrangement for regular maintenance. The area of land with lock-up garaging adjacent was being maintained by local residents.

These areas of open ground were important to the community. Battlefield. In particular was very densely populated and focus was needed on the small areas of open or planted ground. An example was the central space to Arundel Drive in Battlefield which was suffering from neglect and parking. Camphill was more open but the green space in front of Bellwood Street also needed attention and might feature in any solution to the bin collection from the tenemental properties.

##### **Roads and Footpaths**

The condition of the roads was an ongoing issue that needed to be addressed. The issue of over parking and lack of width on footpaths for pedestrians was an ongoing issue that re-surfacing had not helped to resolve. The recent re-surfacing of Overdale Street was welcome however this road had not been the worst, with many footpaths noted to be treacherous: Camphill Avenue and Mansionhouse Road were cited by members.

There had been a question submitted by a resident as to whether we were compiling a list of poor road conditions within the area, as was Shawlands CC. This seemed to be a good option and one that members should consult with residents.

##### **Queens Park**

The temporary closure of the Balvicar playpark was noted to be due an imminent upgrade, being on Area Partnership list for approval and part funded by GCC Park and Open Spaces. Other investment in improving the Rose Garden was moving very slowly. Closure had been confirmed to be due to damage, though this seemed to be solely to the trampoline. There seemed to be little reason for denying ongoing access to the other equipment and indeed many parents and children were continuing to use these.

#### **5. Area Partnership Report**

An award of £46k had been made to the wider Langside ward extending across to Toryglen. This was expenditure of money from ENV 2 contributions, much of which had been sourced from developers within the ward, e.g. £890k from the Victoria site. It was important that the CC ensure return of some of this money into the area.

Holmlea Park has been awarded £9k for one piece of play equipment.

## 6. Correspondence

Correspondence over past month:

Bob Marshall and others re Queens Park Working Group as noted under 11.

Strategic Plan from Scottish Fire Services

Glasgow Violence Against Women Project notified us of the launch of their Women, Destitution and No recourse to Public Funds Project

Notifications on various events at QP over next month

## 7. Treasurer's report

Payments continue to be made for the hall rental on monthly basis. Alistair had sought guidance on expenditure on a replacement laptop and had been forwarded an application form by Steven Dowling.

Christine had expended her own money for 500 postcards advertising our remit and for passing around at community consultation event. She would pass her invoice to \Suzie however there needed to be some more immediate means of recompensing that through cheques with 2no signatures. This had been raised with Suzie and agreed she would check again w/r an electronic account.

## 8. Planning report

Russell had been informed that the Grange Road development was due to be presented to the Planning Committee on following day with officers having made recommendation for approval.

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 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

Evelyn gave update on the Library Garden project which was developing well with help of volunteers.

There had been a meeting of volunteers and supporters on 9<sup>th</sup> June which made arrangements for new constitution and arranged separation from LBCCC.

## 11. Queens Park Working group

AK noted that Bob Marshall from Queens Park Working Group has offered to attend our July meeting to provide us with info on the work of the group. Following Stephen's departure, there had been no representation by LBCCC as the meetings were during the working day (4pm on Thursdays, monthly). As himself a former member of LBCCC, Bob has offered to represent the CC at meetings and provide ongoing correspondence.

## 12. CC items / Website

Alistair had enquired re bringing Ola onto the CC. He had been informed By Steven Dowling that his records remain out of date and show Suzie as Chair, Claire as Secretary and Stephen as Vice-Chair. This needs updating. For new members also there needed to be a process to follow for interim elections as set out the Community Council Guidance (item 2.2 ).

There remained limited appetite for the current members to take on additional roles and it was agreed we needed first to raise our profile and invite more residents to attend. Once we had a larger pool of members then hopefully some could also be encouraged to become office bearers.

Christine and Laurence had agreed to attend the Battlefield Street Party on 18<sup>th</sup> June, to which they would take postcards for handing out. These cards would advertise our own Meet and Greet on 4<sup>th</sup> July, prior to our July meeting. Cards would be left at Finn's Place and Langside Library and pinned up on notice boards in local shops. Our own Website and Facebook page would also advertise.

Alistair would arrange for the hire of the Garden Room/Entrance at Finn's Place and members would supply teas, coffee and biscuits. Claire would ask Suzie if she knew of whereabouts of the LBCCC pull-up banners.

Members discussed topics to raise and agreed that this could be raised by residents but that we should also prompt questions. The condition of local streets and footpaths or social nuisance issues were always likely to feature. Alistair would try again to get Police to attend and would seek more info on the local 'Deep Clean' by GCC. Alistair had written to Christine Martin requesting timescales.

Suzy has been asked to arrange link with the Battlefield Community website, but members were unsure as to whether this has yet happened. Claire has spoken to Suzie who is designated Website Editor and able to upload. Claire has asked her regarding arranging for others to be able to post / log-in.

Other items were being uploaded by Ola onto our social media platforms as notified - The Lanes Toolkit and info on the Liveable Neighbourhoods process. Ola noted that there seemed to be difficulty in uploading posts unless there was a photograph included. It may be that this can be included on correspondence/messages. The website designer – Ewan Mcintyre – may be able to help with this.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held on

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Finn's Place**

**6.30pm Public pre-meeting/ followed by meeting at 7.00pm**

Councillor rota: The new rota for city councillors (until August 2022):

June Meeting - Stephen Docherty

July Meeting - Holly Bruce

August – No Meeting

No dates yet for Susan Aitken and Paul Leinster.