



Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council

Meeting on Monday 7th March 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 - Stephen Docherty / Christine Jess / Alistair King / Evelyn Silber / Russell Ecob/ Claire Conaghan / Laurence Weir

Visitors

Ola Pawluk/Shane Sheridan

Apologies – Claire Conaghan

Visitors –There was no representation by either local councillor or Community Police

2. Approve minutes of last meeting

Approved February Minutes - All agreed.

3. Matters arising from last meeting

Alison MacDonald had been unable to attend the virtual meetings as she was no ability to connect. Evelyn said she was unlikely to be able to make live meetings either and felt she may be thinking of resigning. Alistair to make contact.

Stephen had contacted Suzie McCheyne and reported she was having to curtail her commitments in meantime to concentrate on her family but had agreed to remain a councillor and had volunteered to carry out the duties of Treasurer. Moving forward, there would be a review of signatories but currently Stephen and Evelyn were able to sign any cheques and there was no need to make any changes to the current arrangement.

4. Community Police report

There was no report from the Community Police. Alistair had sent out invites but had received no response.

5. Councillor's report

No report provided. In addition to Archie Graham, Stephen reminded all that both Anna Richardson and Tanya Wisely would be stepping down as councillors for the ward. Stephen was standing at this election and would need to step down from his role as chair of the CC if elected.

6. Area Partnership Report

There had been no further meetings of Area Partnership in past month.

7. Correspondence

Claire had forwarded any correspondence that had arrived via the CC address. She had that day passed access to the LBCCC address to Alistair for use for distribution.

There was notification on educational sessions for developments with Community Councils relating to the Community Empowerment Act 2015. This would allow more focused system for information requests and scrutinise local and national government. There was proposal to introduce citizens' panels which would be complementary to CCs and with representatives with relevant expertise. Educational sessions were likely to be on Saturdays and possibly partially virtual. Evelyn would circulate information.

8. Treasurer's report

There had been no changes to the bank balance.

9. Planning report

Russell said he had had no further contact w/r the application at Grange Road. Alistair thought he had received a holding note confirming that the architects were looking at comments from GCC Planning. He would pass this on to Russell along with Neil Moran's email address so he could contact the local planner to query committee date and discuss any next steps for the residents.

The application for redevelopment of 32 Mansionhouse Road had been lodged with response due by 28th March. Shane Sheridan from Camphill Avenue was in attendance to discuss this application and noted that there was wide opposition to the proposals from residents. He was a resident in the close directly behind the proposed development and had erected a banner along the lane in hope of coordinating opposition.

The developer's planning consultant, Icen Projects had presented proposals to LBCCC in December, and it looked as if little had changed. There was now a drawing showing elevations and sections in the context however Shane noted that levels appeared incorrect as the height of Camphill Avenue block had been wrongly represented as being higher than it is. It was agreed that this would affect the shading/light calculations and should be challenged.

Evelyn reminded the meeting that our main objection was to the demolition of the existing stone-built villa which could/should be incorporated into any proposals. This had been discounted by the applicant for reasons of being 'uneconomic'. Evelyn noted that the villa was in excellent condition and that there had been built examples of integration of old and new at the Rawcliffe and Boswell developments further along Mansionhouse Road. The applicant had indicated possible replacement of the missing pillar and wall which was welcomed however few of other objections had been changed. The proposals still involved poor amenity space supplemented by a fourth floor terrace and car parking would also endanger the large trees on Iser Wood.

Shane had organised a meeting on 15th March at 7pm in the Ivory Hotel to discuss and he asked if the CC could attend. He was advised that individual responses from neighbours would carry more weight than a petition and that, although they could focus on same points, letters should be drafted individually rather

than a standard letter. Responses should be sent to local planning officer, Neil Moran at neil.moran@glasgow.gov.uk

Alistair would redraft the response from the CC and circulate to agree.

Ola Pawluk was resident at a lower level of Camphill Avenue between Camphill and Blairhall Avenue and noted application for the conversion of a mews structure at 24 Camphill Avenue into a house. The lane was narrow and there were issues of providing parking (shown on adjoining back garden) and bin collection. Evelyn reminded the meeting that the CC had objected to proposals for an earlier development of new mews houses around five years ago. It is likely that same issues will apply despite proposals involving only a single house.

10. Licensing report

Christine noted application for event in QP bandstand over the end of April weekend. Proposals were for music event with music to finish by 11pm and site to be cleared by midnight. Any objections needed to be lodged by 22nd March.

11. Website update

No further work had been carried out to the website. Alistair confirmed he had received access details but there needed to be a further discussion about how this was to be managed.

12. Library garden project update

Evelyn had circulated accounts for the Library Garden project and reported that moves continued to make this independent of the CC. She had circulated a questionnaire and encouraged all to infill. Copies were also available in Langside Library.

13. Queens Park Steering group

Stephen reported that discussions were ongoing w/r the repair of the glasshouses with involvement of Seumus Connelly from GCC and landscape architect, Rachel Smith. Alternative uses including replacement for the college at Auchencruive had been proposed. The management of Queens Park continued to be pressurised with more involvement of volunteers being encouraged eg for waste collection as council investment is cut back.

14. AOB

Guests

The website designer, Ewan McIntyre had been invited to attend to discuss the operating of the website but had not managed along to the meeting. He had sent on some information and Alistair would distribute once it was agreed how the control of content was to be managed.

Kevin Kane from Langside Halls Trust could be invited to the May meeting however it was agreed that Alistair would invite Christine Martin, our local neighbourhood coordinator to next meeting to discuss waste collections etc. as this was the major issue currently affecting the area.

Ola and Shane were residents of Camphill Avenue where residents had been informed that arrangements for waste collections would be changed. The upper part of the street is currently collected via Iser Lane with operatives taking bins up steps (around 31 steps) from the rear garden area. GCC Cleansing now considered this to be a health and safety issue for operatives and would be requiring residents to take bins out to the street to keyed industrial bins located on new levelled stances. The general opinion was that these stances were likely to be to the detriment of the environment on this

listed terrace, both in terms of permanent arrangement of stances and in operation should bins be over-filled.

Evelyn noted that the residents may be able to negotiate a different arrangement with binstores on Iser Lane but this would need additional work to improve the lane in terms of lighting access and to fit in binstore shelters. The complex ownership of Iser Lane might be an impediment but funding might be available from the Lanes Initiative. It was thought this was a topic that could be raised with Christine Martin.

Membership

The need for new members had been discussed at previous meeting. Ola Pawluk and Shane Sheridan of Camphill Avenue had expressed interest and were invited to join. More representation from the Battlefield area was required and the CC needed to work towards this. All to consider for discussion at next meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Members were happy with the return to live meetings and AK would confirm a regular booking to the church. Next meeting to be held on

Monday 4th April 2022 7.00pm at Finn's Place.

Councillor rota: Cllr Tanya Wiseley (March) Cllr Susan Aitken (April).

Further rota to be agreed following election.