



Langside Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2025, 7pm till 9pm
at Finn's Place, 167 Ledard Road, G42 9QU

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:

Members present: Richard Mason, Emily Benita, Claire Conaghan, Josh Henderson, Diane Osprey, Graham Stark

Members' apologies: Richard Dye, Guy Dorey, Russell Ecob, Yann Sweeney, Alistair King

Others present: Cllr Stephen Docherty, two police representatives, Luke Stronach on behalf of Gordon McKee's office, members of the public (19), Jay Cowan, Donald Erskine (Glasgow Times)

2) Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 November 2025 had been circulated. RM proposed these for approval, DO seconded; the minutes were noted as approved.

3) Matters Arising (Not covered elsewhere):

EB mentioned the recent fire at the New Victoria flats but haven't had any correspondence or comments, neither in the inbox nor on platforms, nor from the members of the public in attendance.

4) Community Police Report:

Regarding the New Victoria flats fire, the police representatives confirmed that it occurred in unoccupied buildings, so no one was hurt. Nothing suspicious has been noted and an electrical fault is thought to be the cause of the fire.

The police representatives also confirmed that there's been a policing operation and action plan in place for areas affected by Hampden events.

RM asked about coaches parked on Langside Road for events at Hampden, as they've been idling engines in a residential area. The police representatives confirmed that the coaches are meant to be parked in specific areas and would look into whether that should be happening there. Cllr Docherty

said he had raised it before and that GCC needs to deal with idling rather than push onto police, suggesting RM get in touch with the roads department.

JH inquired about incidents of bike thefts in closes, and whether there had been any more reports, but there had been none recently.

EB asked about shoplifting incidents. A dedicated presence / action plan has been put in place for shoplifters, shop managers noticing a difference

5) GCC Councillor Report:

PCZ Survey

Cllr Stephen Docherty noted the high attendance by the public at the meeting, that it would be due to the PCZ, and focused his report on the PCZ. Recognised that this survey has been pushed forward without thought, slanted to the council's wishes, and would be problematic to local residents and businesses. He also noted that good public transport alternatives are not in place.

Members of the public raised points with Cllr Docherty, including:

- claimed benefits fell apart when under scrutiny
- agreeing that the public transport system necessary to make the proposals work wasn't in place
- no problem with the principle of paying for a parking space close to home but that's not what's on offer in the survey
- some merits, including a blanket 20 mph speed limit, but apprehension about how effectively this will be enforced, given that current double yellow line and careless parking doesn't lead to fines or lasting changes
- would like to be able to get rid of car, not out of greed or petrol cliché but require their car, imposed ideologically that suit a small minority
- the PCZ proposal has certain merits, encouraging more bikes, approval of new electric bikes that have been rolled out, cycle lane cleared to stop danger of skidding from leaves
- how parking on event days for people outside of the area affects residents and businesses, would these proposals increase fines or keep parking prioritised for residents and businesses
- survey is skewed, what's proposed as last resort, other things could have been done first, not had chance to voice, as a community, what options we would like to see, look to Mount Florida for their permit scheme based on post code, survey doesn't allow for voicing these options
- presented across points of contact with the survey as fait accompli, corresponded with local elected officials, only Cllr Docherty has responded, really difficult for local people to take, without empirical data to prove claims and benefits, can't argue people want this in their residential area
- the cycle network is good but not keeping pace with demand and doesn't cover everyone's requirements
- paying for permits adding to cost of living concerns
- paying for no guaranteed space, feels like an income generator for the council for no benefit
- 2k cars parked, 13-1400 spaces provided, what about the remaining 6-700 cars, lucky to get a space coming back at certain times, going out at night without privacy and safety, driving around finding spaces causes emissions
- speculations that 130 out of a potential 200 parking attendants have already been employed, as well as the timing of this survey, adds to a sense of this being a foregone conclusion pushed through

by GCC

- concerns about false mapping of what pieces of land are public and private, inclusion and ableism around driving reductions, walking group charity can't operate at Finn's Place because they can't get to the venue and the pavements aren't usable / accessible, not even safe to walk
- why doing this first before the free transport trial rolling out in Glasgow next year?
- health concerns stop many people from cycling, risk of falling and injury
- buy up to 4-5 spaces if you have the money to afford it, how does that reduce car ownership?
- will there still be allowances for pavement parking?
- will GCC continue with this regardless of what the community says?

Cllr Docherty offered his email address and contact, encouraging members of the public to get in touch, including taking photos of parking and other issues of concern. He confirmed that no material plans for improved public transport were in action. Funding allocation from ScotGov to GCC has been for cycle lanes, not buses.

JH asked Cllr Docherty to pass on the opposition to these proposals in no uncertain terms. DO asked Cllr Docherty for a sense of the timeline and next stages, having concern about the seasonal shutdown. The last full council of the year is Thursday 11 December. Recess will be from Friday 12 December onwards. The shared understanding is that more stages will be upcoming in the new year, including a consultation.

Yoga in the Glasshouses

RM asked about the possibility of yoga classes being held in the Glasshouses. Cllr Docherty wasn't sure, as the Glasshouses are currently only staffed until 4:30pm.

6) Local Issues raised or reported by members of the public:

RM attended a recent QPWG meeting, feeling a sense of frustration at lack of action, appetite in the community for movement on Queen's Park. RM invited Rachel Smith of NRS to attend an upcoming community council meeting. A member of the public asked about the status of the Local Place Plan. RM said there's not been much follow up and gave a brief update about the status of the ongoing Glasshouse management strategy with SRUC.

7) Planning Report:

None, nothing submitted by Alistair King in his absence.

8) Licensing Report:

HMO application of 29 Craigmillar Road, 4 bedrooms. Deadline to respond 12 December.

The community council members agreed to wait until the new year to gauge local feelings on these kinds of applications.

9) LBCCC Interim Elections:

LBCCC received two nominations, from Andrew Hoolichan and Jay Cowan. Their applications have been validated by GCC. There had been 5 vacancies, which is now 3 vacancies. The community

council members ratified both of these appointments.

Post-meeting update: Graham Stark resigned from LBCCC after the meeting on Tuesday 2 December. There are now 4 vacancies.

10) Community Response to PCZ Proposals

Members of the public in attendance were given the details of the QR code for the survey designed in collaboration with Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, as well as the formal letter of response and petition to sign in agreement with the formal letter of response. Members of public were encouraged by LBCCC members to email their councillors to share their views.

11) Community Engagement in LBCCC:

Mainly focused on members of the public in attendance and the PCZ proposal.

JH commended the members of the public in attendance and asked them how they found out about the meeting.

Members of the public responded:

- found out through word of mouth off the back of opposing the parking
- Battlefield Community Project page
- now passing on info about the community council to other people they know
- noted that some people aren't on Facebook so another medium for contact / publicity needs to be provided
- cybersecurity perspective, QR code without URL provided as well would be more encouraging
- Facebook page appeared on feed

Members confirmed that elected councillors attend on a rota basis and encouraged the public to get in touch via the community council's social media platforms, contact form on the website and email address.

12) Correspondence:

Holly Bruce emailed asking about fire at New Victoria flats Monday 1 December.

13) Social Media / Web Development:

Members allocated social media rota dates for December as follows:

- Richard Mason first week
- Josh Henderson second week
- Claire Conaghan third week
- Richard Dye fourth week

GD gave apologies for illness so a web development update will come in 2026.

14) Treasurer's report:

RD reported in his absence that the current bank balance is £1,644.54, after spending in the last month of £31.25 (£27 in hall hire, £4.25 in bank charges).

JH inquired about the annual payment from Glasgow City Council. EB said she'd ask RD to confirm. JH also asked about the possibility of putting some LBCCC money towards improving the condition of the noticeboards in Queen's Park. Cllr Docherty confirmed that QPWG had been in discussions about fitting the noticeboards with new locks.

15) AOB:

A meeting for businesses affected by PCZ proposals is being held at Finn's Place on Wednesday 3 December, 6.30 – 8pm, to update about survey results run by LBCCC, SSCC, and MyShawlands, as well as inviting businesses to support the petition. All welcome to attend.

Members organised an extraordinary meeting in January for Tuesday 13th January 2026, 7pm at Finn's Place.

EB requested to use some budget to print minutes with usual printers in order to have hard copies available at Finn's Place, due to home printer being temperamental. JH offered the use of a printer he has access to.

16) Date of Next Meeting:

13 January 2026 at 7pm at Finn's Place