



Langside Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

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

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:

Members present: Richard Mason, Emily Benita, Guy Dorey, Alistair King, Richard Dye, Russell Ecob, Claire Conaghan

Members' apologies: Graham Stark, Josh Henderson, Yann Sweeney, Diane Osprey

Others present: Cllr Stephen Docherty, Cllr Holly Bruce, PC Gerry Stephen (G1164), Jay (observing)

2) Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 September 2025 had been circulated.

GD proposed these for approval, RM seconded; the minutes were noted as approved.

3) Matters Arising (Not covered elsewhere):

None.

4) Community Police Report:

PC Stephen gave updates for the past month.

Langside Halls

Police are looking to minimise youth vandalism - damaging the property through graffiti, seem to be attempts to start fires - through ID-ing and setting up a CCTV system. SD also updated that refurbishment of basement and ground floor first, collection of local area partnerships have donated £500k. During council recess in July, there has been an escalation of property damage. More footfall and refurbishment would help avoid this kind of damage. SD suggested it might be worthwhile speaking to Shawlands Academy head, as pupils from there appear to be congregating there.

Shoplifting

Significant increase in shoplifting incidents, in line with the rest of the country. New initiative underway by community police on the basis that 5% of offenders seem to be responsible for 95% of incidents, so community policing will focus efforts on them to secure more prosecutions.

Businesses with no security guards tend to be targeted, as non-security staff are explicitly told not to approach shoplifters.

House break-ins

Not in the exact CC boundaries but a rise in cases in nearby wards.

Langside Primary

Traffic incident affecting a pupil on Tantallon Road earlier this year, parking issues and complaints, but have no traffic restrictions in the same way that Battlefield Primary has in place. Want to avoid punishing parents for quick drop-offs at school but head approves of police presence to encourage common sense approach in parents with the view for them to self-regulate.

Fireworks

Not in the exact CC boundaries but increased cases and complaints in nearby wards of youth setting off fireworks and causing noise disruptions. Community police and council looking for more powers to challenge youths that might be involved in this kind of fireworks misuse, risk assessing in the meantime.

Questions

RM asked for updates about the burnt-out motorcycle found along the middle of the Cart river path, as the vehicle has been removed but the path hasn't been cleaned. PC Stephen said he would follow up.

5) GCC Councillor Report:

Councillors Stephen Docherty and Holly Bruce gave updates.

Connecting Battlefield - Pavements

Upgraded in preparation for cycle lane work, central reservation will disappear to reconfigure the road for cars and bikes. Estimate given of a year, with the work done in sections to minimise disruptions. The college side of the road is where the cycle lane will be placed.

Environmental Health

In an earlier environmental health meeting on 7th October, SD tried to highlight the importance of cleaning up the city, particularly in advance of the Commonwealth Games in 2026.

Committees

HB spoke about the childcare policy project, Free at Three, whereby families can access childcare for their child from the first Monday after their child's third birthday. Funding clawbacks mean it could be affected by term time, so support becomes a birthday lottery. She also spoke about concerns around facilitations of protests and their safety, HB engaging with chief commander Emma Croft, questions around the proportional policing of protests. HB has met with David Halliday, head of Queen's Park and Holmlea Park operations. Positive developments in tidying up monument ahead of Doors Open Day.

Cycle Storage

Some cycle storage has been allocated on Dundrennan Road and Sinclair Drive, though waiting lists are still high.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund

The next area partnership meeting is scheduled for later in November. HB asked for LBCCC to prioritise the list of projects that were submitted to the area partnership in the last round in order to aid steering of those discussions. LBCCC will ensure this is on the agenda for their November meeting.

Questions

Domestic Noise Complaints

GD asked about the closure of the domestic noise complaints line, so that only business and commercial noise complaints could be made, and whether that was a permanent decision, as it seemed like a loss. Guidance seemed to be to call the police instead. SD said he would engage environmental health regarding the proper procedure.

Parking Consultation

CC asked about the upcoming parking consultation and what form it would take. SD has been speaking to Kevin Argue, the lead on the parking consultation, regarding the balance of vehicle provision, including cycle hangars and parking spaces, and would speak to him further about the methods and format of the consultation. The estimate for the parking consultation was to begin soon and into next year. HB met with road colleagues in September, indication is consultation would begin in this month (October).

Street Bins

HB said that consultation of the community about locations and positioning of street bins would happen soon and would ask more about what the consultation would cover and when it would be rolled out.

Langside Library

RD commended that work appears to be underway on Langside Library and that the community council had initially received good communications from Glasgow Life about the process. He asked for clarification on the overall timescale of the project given that 6 months has already passed. Neither of the councillors had been given updates on the progress of the works. AK considered two years a generous construction timeline but that might have taken the slower start into account.

Queen's Park Glasshouse Closure

RD asked for clarification about the Queen's Park Glasshouse closure. RM is taking over from RD as the LBCCC rep for Queen's Park Working Group (QPWG). The current message is closure is due to budgetary reasons, GCC in conversation with SRUC in hope they'd take over the lease for the whole site and hope for a sustainable business plan that would allow for reopening. The concern is that this could become a similar project to Langside Halls, as it could become more complicated. Given that SRUC is already an overstretched agricultural and educational institution, are they the best placed to take on a project like this? Best process in place for other options to be considered, valuable space for community, huge amount of money sitting in development contributions fund ringfenced for projects like this in the specific area.

SD shared that the closure is for a temporary repair, significant funds to renovate the building, the understanding is that Scotland's Rural College (STRUC) are not paying a massive lease, and a solid business plan needs to be in place before more funding from anywhere can be allocated. GCC do not have funds available to fix the glasshouse, would be great to see it back in use for the community. HB said that this was a budget decision 3 years ago and is being rolled out now. HB will check whether staff will be relocated to People's Palace and Winter Gardens with Rachel Smith, Head of Parks, and will invite relevant people to the next community council meeting. RD stressed that Glasgow Building Preservation Trust came in to consult and haven't even finished their business plan, then to hear about these closures was disheartening in terms of engaging the community. Could the arm to the toilets still be open and used? HB forwarded relevant email to LBCCC inbox and will ask Rachel Smith to engage with the LBCCC via email.

Lane Clearing

RM gave updates to members about Cartside Street and Dundrennan Lane clearing winter strategy for spring delivery. Waste removal is already underway but larger items need uplifted. Given that it's a private lane, that's causing issues for things to get done. RM asked SD and HB about the council's ability to flatten the lane as a good faith action. LBCCC has offered itself as a constituted group to enable access to the private lane clearing fund, and that Cllr SA had posed community use of payback labour in September's meeting. Previous asbestos flytipped had been removed thanks to private residents collaborating on funding and organising licensed removal. HB has raised the issue with Jenny O'Hagan to improve ease of access to the fund. HB encouraged RM to engage with Christine Martin. Councillors supported this access to and use of the fund. Members briefly discussed issues surrounding gating the lane, including logistics of keys and not necessarily stopping flytipping.

ENV2 / PAGES fund

Though this is a straightforward application process, there are narrow stipulations. HB met with Neil Moran via Zoom. HB will send information on, and work to ensure meaningful community engagement in future.

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

RM and JH put up LBCCC publicity banners recently and wondered about LBCCC's responsibility regarding the noticeboards in Queen's Park, as they are in a dilapidated state. SD encouraged refurbishment for all the noticeboards in the park. Change the lock to make it a latch instead of anything as official as keys. HB suggested getting costs and to submit to the area budget next year, April onwards, as the budget has been spent. NB: QP is in Southside Central ward but the park is covered by three community councils.

7) Planning Report:

Nothing major to report, some cafe licensing near Sinclair Drive and Overdale.

8) Licensing Report:

Christmas lights switch-on at Shawlands Cross. No concerns lodged.

9) AGM Arrangements for November:

AK has minutes of last year's AGM. RD has completed accounts and is looking for relevant sign-off. AGM is meant to occur in October but no major issues have been raised about holding it in November, probably best to arrange for October in future. The community council can only bring on new members by notifying GCC of the process to nominate and elect members. Co-opted people with particular expertise who don't necessarily have to be full members. RD is happy to notify GCC to start the process. Community members to organise recruitment drives over the month and EB to arrange agenda to include AGM necessary items as well as council meeting items.

10) LBCCC Response to Glasshouse Closure:

RD gauged the community council's desire to release a public statement or position regarding the glasshouse closure, perhaps launching a petition to galvanize the community. Jay asked whether there was any publicity surrounding the closure, including that lease was available, HB answered that this was a budget decision three years ago and disappointing there's been no real engagement with community council about it. What is the tangible goal for mobilising the community? Keep Glasshouses open and more options to be considered in order to create a sustainable business plan. A recent series of events at Glasshouses demonstrated appetite for more community activities to take place there, such as making the space available to programme for the community.

RD suggested potential integration of allotments in the Glasshouse space. HB spoke to the heritage of the buildings and the preservation effort. SD noted that the Glasshouses would require an updated feasibility study, probably in the region of millions to revitalise it. Unclear external communications around the Glasshouse. HB suggested holding a public meeting. GD proposed reaching out to the community regarding the Glasshouses closure and set up an open forum with SRUC, Rachel Smith, and other stakeholders to invite opinions. RD could reach out to Opal Rowe, RM can represent at QPWG and Friends of Queen's Park. HB suggested discussing with primary schools. AK suggested Historic Environment Scotland (HES) would have an appetite regarding heritage and community. RD any scope for developer contributions to keep them open? HB very prescribed fund.

11) LBCCC Interest in Local Place Plan Collaboration:

RD brought Jay up to speed, a collaboration between community councils, LPP submitted to GCC in March. Haven't had enough engagement to realistically progress, in a holding position currently but activity around Glasshouses could galvanize. Legacy project that came out of LPP was a collaboration with University of Strathclyde marketing master students on their industry project, and opted to work with the neighbourhood to look at relationships between local business and the community. Christine Jess, former chair of LBCCC, worked with RD on the project and both have seen the resulting research document, credit the university for their willingness and inclusion regarding community collaboration. RD asked other members about their feelings with Christine and Queen's Park Neighbourhoods (QPN) suggesting this. Document circulated with members.

12) Community Engagement in LBCCC:

RM and JH have distributed more LBCCC recruitment banners and flyers. EB suggested Finn's Place for an in-person recruitment drive. HB suggested Queen's Park Bowling Club as a potential venue for an in-person recruitment drive. Businesses were reluctant to take flyers, would giving prior notice or consulting them on how they feel help with uptake?

LBCCC members to gauge viability of presence at Christmas lights switch-on on Friday 28th November. RM suggested flyering at Shawlands monthly farmers' market, members also suggested flyering at Park Lane monthly market. HB offered to share anything from the community council on her social platforms. HB suggested getting in touch with South East Integration Network, approx. 90 charities collaborating, beneficial for LBCCC to understand what projects they're running, especially as they're now a member of area partnership as well.

GD asked if there was any restriction on membership or association of LBCCC with any charity, etc? HB doubts it but suggests checking our constitution and getting in touch with Toni Abbott, the LBCCC's CSO.

RM will draft a local business survey to consult them on their concerns and look into the viability of a public forum meeting for Glasshouses.

13) Correspondence:

Tickets for the Commonwealth Games are starting to become available. Members are encouraged to check the inbox for details. EB to nudge Heather McCloud regarding health walks that begin at Finn's Place info for LBCCC social media.

14) Social Media / Web Development:

Recruitment drive and health walks to be publicised.

Members allocated social media rota dates for November as follows:

Richard Mason first week

Josh Henderson second week

Claire Conaghan third week

Richard Dye fourth week

GD will update on web development costs and suggestions further next meeting, with a view to make it more user friendly for both upkeep and visitors. RD said the website needs to be updated with meeting details, events, and minutes, and can't continue doing it himself, and requires a further task share / rota. Newsletter sign-up on homepage. GD will upload October minutes and November AGM details on the website. RD emphasised map of area boundaries important to include. RE asked about the viability of an interactive map, GD said might not be as useful for community council purposes.

15) Treasurer's report:

RD reported that the balance is £1,726. The only expenditure to note is hall hire spend of £27.

16) AOB:

Lantern Parade will take place on 23rd October and is appealing for volunteers.

17) Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 7pm at Finn's Place