



Langside Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

**Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2026, 7pm till 9pm
at Finn's Place, 167 Ledard Road, G42 9QU**

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:

Members present: Richard Mason, Emily Benita, Josh Henderson, Diane Osprey, Richard Dye, Guy Dorey, Russell Ecob, Claire Conaghan, Yann Sweeney

Members' apologies: Andrew Hoolachan, Jay Cowan

Others present: Cllr Holly Bruce, members of the public (14)

GD, as co-chair, welcomed everyone present, explained the itinerary of the meeting, and briefly introduced the function and purpose of the community council, as well as noting that there are three vacancies, in case any members of the public in attendance would like to join when interim elections are opened.

2) Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

JH proposed these for approval, YS seconded; the minutes were noted as approved.

3) Community Police Report:

No police officers were in attendance. A written report might follow.

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

Queens Park Working Group

RM gave updates from the recent QPWG meeting. There still isn't much definitive information on the closure of the Queens Park Glasshouses. NRS, who are responsible for the buildings, said they're working with SRUC and the [Glasgow Buildings Conservation Trust]. Ongoing essential works will see daily closures take place. RM has requested the feasibility report and for a participation request to be made on behalf of LBCCC, in order for the community to be involved in the future of the Glasshouses. He has also requested relevant representatives to attend a future LBCCC meeting to give public updates on the situation. Concerns about the number of pedestrian crossings that lead into the park and the lighting conditions in the park were also raised. Solar stud

lights are available on paths for people walking through the park in dark conditions but the balance to be struck is for the benefit of the wildlife in the park and the safety for those passing through. RD added that Friends of Queens Park are also aware of this issue. More drainage and leaf clearing in order to climate-proof the park are key tasks for QPWG. Responsibility for the noticeboards in the park is under discussion and not confirmed, though they are well used by the community across the park. Another QPWG meeting will be held this month.

RD added that LBCCC received in writing that the Glasshouses would be permanently closed from Cllr Susan Aitken, confirmed by Glasshouses staff. The public and community councils, nor any of the other stakeholder groups, have been allowed to see the feasibility study commissioned and paid for by GCC. The SRC appears to be listing horticulture courses open for enrolment, none of which are being held at Queens Park. He also added the potential of a collaboration with people involved with Victoria Park, who were able to successfully lodge a participation request. The next QPWG meeting would be an opportunity to push for action or risk the Glasshouses, a significant landmark of the park and the area, being closed permanently without a community response or attempt to turn the decision around.

Motion: The community council supports submitting a participation request and possibly a freedom of information request in order to release the GCC commissioned feasibility study of the Glasshouses.

Proposed by GD, seconded by JH, unanimously agreed by the community council. Motion passed.

Langside Library Refurbishment

GD proposed making a request for an update on the ongoing refurbishment works at Langside Library, including a site visit, with Glasgow Life representatives. DO attended the Langside Area Partnership Meeting where a brief update was given, noting the roof protector was due to come down shortly, and that the project appeared to be on track to finish in 2027. She also commented that they were keen to engage with the community and members of the public, so was happy to approach them to attend a LBCCC meeting or send email updates in future. Cllr Bruce added that January 2027 is the expected completion date. DO will contact the contractors to arrange a site visit and the possibility of them giving the presentation at a future meeting.

Graffiti

A resident raised via email with GCC and LBCCC about graffiti on a residential building off Holmlea Road. GCC claimed that height restrictions stopped them from removing the graffiti, while the resident noted that there is a ladder used for access by utility and trades frequently. This matter was referred to Cllr Bruce.

White Cart Walkway Hedges Clearing

A member of the public raised this via email and attended the meeting. Hedges were removed without notification. RM and the member of the public engaged with NRS, who said it was due to potential lighting obstruction, but the biodiversity of the riverbank is threatened with this scale of clearance, and given that only two lampposts were in the 20m stretch of hedges removed, the clearance seemed excessive. The member of the public requested from LBCCC for signature to investigate GCC procedures, requirement is 25 signatures or council petition.

Cllr Holly Bruce responded that she could get a site visit by an officer made to assess whether that is normal practice and, if not, that it should be replaced with shrubs native to the Cart, and could follow up with local ecological groups. The member of the public appreciated this offer. RD noted that local volunteers who work along the White Cart way were probably also negatively affected by this clearance.

Local Policing

JH raised, in lieu of police attendance, his intention to discuss with the police about their response and strategy around a sexual assault that took place in Queens Park, as well as concerning video footage showing stealing of delivered parcels from closes and properties.

Cllr Holly Bruce responded with her dismay that the Police Commissioner didn't mention the assault at all at the Langside Area Partnership meeting. She wanted to understand if there had been any movement by the police in terms of identifying any potential perpetrators or surveillance. DO commented that there was no communication to the community about the forensic set-up in the park, fuelling rumours. Cllr Bruce flagged a rise of car and van thefts in the area and Glasgow-wide. Four Ford Fiestas were recovered in Cardonald.

Flags

A member of the public followed up with Cllr Holly Bruce on an email sent four months prior regarding the flags attached to lampposts. GD responded that the flags were raised by groups independent of GCC and LBCCC.

Cllr Holly Bruce responded that notwithstanding her own personal stance, the flags are against GCC policy and count as flyposting. The majority of flags have been taken down in a non-partisan fashion. The flags remaining are suspected to have been put back up in protest. JH commented that GCC are almost having to play "whack-a-mole" with removing the flags, as the raising is very well organised and might be an ongoing issue for GCC with limited resources.

Potholes

A resident raised that the potholes by the bus stop on Battlefield Road at Langside College appear to be constantly being repaired. Concerns that substandard materials are being used and multiple repairs are expensive, uncertain if this is a contractor issue.

Cllr Holly Bruce responded that road infrastructure funding is slim, and that Battlefield Road receives a lot of traffic but would follow up with the resident about the materials used and the cost of the repairs. JH asked about the possibility of the duration of the upcoming Connecting Battlefield Project construction in March being 48 weeks and hoping that the project would be finished more completely than the Victoria Park cycle path project. Cllr Bruce commented that the project would be done in phases and would follow up about getting a confirmed time frame, as well as details about the contractors involved in the Connecting Battlefield Project.

5) GCC Councillor's Report:

Cllr Holly Bruce gave a report, commenting positively on the public attendance.

Childcare Provision

Cllr Bruce raised a motion to improve childcare provision across the city to protect the hours children in Glasgow get. Glasgow has gone above and beyond the statutory minimum, with each child in receipt of 1180 hours when they turn 3. Pushing for better parental leave and pay across the board for all parents, including a childcare offer for inflexible working hours, shift workers, and carers.

Climate Plan

The Glasgow climate plan is the best in terms of Scotland for its ambition. The consultation is open on GCC's website, which closes on 14th February.

Hampden

Working with Mount Florida community council about the effect of Hampden events on residents in the local area. Free transport to and from the stadium to alleviate traffic has been suggested, with First Bus keen to participate at this point in time. Moving bus stop to Aitkenhead Road to aid flow of traffic. Trains are well used but the capacity of the station is limited.

GCC Budget

The GCC budget is being set at the end of February, with the situation looking poor, especially in areas of homelessness, with not enough social housing or temporary accommodation, and an overall gap of £15m. Many councillors are working to press both the UK and Scottish governments for funding.

Meetings

Cllr Bruce has met with Community Renewal, Institute for Architects, LGBT Youth Scotland, and South Seeds. She has upcoming meetings with Hampden Bowling Club, and those interested in refurbishing the Queens Park Recreation Ground skate park.

Southside Parking Control Zones

Cllr Bruce commented that she understood the strength of feeling behind the PCZ proposal, poor communication by GCC, and their lack of acknowledgement of the frustrations of residents. Prior to the PCZ proposals, she had been receiving emails about problematic parking and driving in the area. She is keen to seek a compromise through moving into a managed system but safely and for the wellbeing of everyone. She is meeting with Kevin Argue in the next couple of weeks to discuss possible amendments. These include flexible permits such as visitor permits and price point, especially for local businesses, charities, and social enterprises. She agreed that the proposed control hours are too long and can be reduced. She will suggest introducing more speed cushions and better safety measures, and that the money raised can be invested back into speed camera measures. There is a need for frontline workers, including NHS / carers, to be recognised how essential cars are to their jobs, as the PCZ unfairly penalises them. She also wanted to suggest zone flexibility, merging the zones into one so as to offer a better choice of parking for people locally. Parking bays do need to be marked out as this does lead to better / safer parking. She commented that there needed to be an increased audit and uptake of disabled bays and noted that delivery drivers stalling were causing chaos, and perhaps introducing bays specifically for postage and delivery would mitigate this. The timeline of PCZ application will be pushed back from its initial date of April 2026.

GD commented that LBCCC were concerned about the processes of the proposal but aimed not to

take a stance on the PCZ themselves.

Questions and comments from members of the public in attendance:

- Consensus reached in the 13 January extraordinary meeting was that there was a lack of clarity about any aspect of the proposals and consultation fuelled rumours. The timeline of the consultation and which personnel were involved was unclear. The materials provided had to be opened using Adobe and be zoomed in on in order to see. It is challenging to have meaningful public engagement if people can't see or understand what's happening in their area. The letter drop was poorly executed. GCC should have known this would have caused confusion, upset, and instability. Though the formal consultation closed at the end of December, residents were assured that they could communicate via Cllr Bruce and the Sustainable Transport Team directly to feed into the ongoing consultation.

- A resident asked how multiple permits will be monitored, whether they're intended to be monitored on an address basis? How will that work, including if one address has multiple cars. The cost for permits in other areas of Scotland are much lower, e.g. an annual permit in North Berwick costs £40, and a certain amount of parking time is offered free before a charge is required. If permits can be handed out indiscriminately, how will residents be the ones to benefit?

- For residents like those at Vale View Terrace who own their car parking spaces, the broad brush application of the PCZ is frustrating. They are also concerned that their private road might be available for permit holders to use for parking. Cllr Bruce agreed that trying to enforce a permit in this instance would violate basic contract law, and that her position is that a private road shouldn't be paying GCC for parking.

- Christine, former chair of LBCCC shared that the process undertaken so far is non-statutory, according to the National Engagement Standards (NES), which lay down the standards public authorities have to follow to carry out meaningful community engagement. If these are not met, then a consultation is null and void and has to be disregarded. For example, with the PCZ consultation, the only way to fill out a paper copy was to go to the one event held at the library, the original letter didn't give details of a contact phone number or that paper copies were available in other languages or versions to appreciate any sight / hearing loss. Appealing to the NES has been positive in getting GCC to admit fault in previous situations. Christine has drafted how GCC has been non-compliant and will share with LBCCC, other community councils, and Cllr Bruce.

- A resident shared from a FOI request they made that the PCZ will make £3.3mil estimated income, whereas the cost is £700k, meaning a £2.6mil profit. Why is the cost of the permit not just the maximum cost of provision of the service? The implication is that GCC is profiting off of its residents. This is not legal to do, so GCC has to prove that this is not just a financial incentive. Cllr Bruce commented that road safety and parking issues do need to be solved but appreciated the poor messaging from GCC and the strong feeling from residents about cost of living, transport and road costs.

GD commented that LBCCC will publish official responses to questions on the community council website and social media.

Questions and comments from LBCCC members:

- RD asked Cllr Bruce what the formal process is to solicit community views for an acceptable compromise? He has worked with local businesses, with 7k signatories on a petition that was rejected by GCC. What is the mechanism for Kevin Argue to consider these views?

Cllr Bruce responded that the survey online should have been the process. Those in attendance pointed out that consultation letters were sent out just before Christmas, and that the one drop-in event was held on the same day as many people received letters. Cllr Bruce noted on the business aspect that she understood that the reference to West End was not comparable. However, in the southside, cycle lanes have taken away parking but retail hasn't decreased on Victoria Road, might actually have increased between 14-20% in 2025.

- JH commented that it feels to a lot of local residents that an area of perceived affluence is being targeted to raise funds for GCC. He queried who Kevin Argue is accountable to, as it's not the voting public. What information or mechanism has GCC established that there's public consent for these controls? Cllr Bruce acknowledged how poor the communication has been, and that this consultation should have been the process. The PCZ is supposed to be cost neutral in budget papers, so if the PCZ brings in excess funds of what it costs being administered, it will be reinvested into this area and not the rest of Glasgow.

- YS asked for confirmation that charges are by law reinvested into the same area. Cllr Bruce said she was not sure for certain but could be similar to the extended producer responsibility payment reinvested back into Polmadie. Members queried who would monitor the reinvestment? Cllr Bruce said she was determined to follow up on everyone's inquiries and concerns.

6) Planning Report:

None, nothing submitted by Andrew Hoolachan in his absence.

7) Licensing Report:

Sylvan La Cave on Sinclair Drive, applying for premises offering alcohol for consumption off the premises and offering club meetings, recorded music and live performances. GD commented that he understands that they're considering applying for an on licence for tastings and this might be the first stage. Looking to be in effect 10am-10pm, Monday to Sunday. Local residents will receive a copy to object to on their grounds. No concerns lodged by members.

Dubai Desserts / Goodies on 192-194 Battlefield Road, applying for late hours catering licence to be in effect Monday to Sunday from 11pm-4am. Previously applied and had been withdrawn, appears to have been reduced by an hour from 5am to 4am. Domino's has the same licence but tends to close earlier. Local residents will receive a copy to object to on their grounds. Members were concerned about the potential for littering and congregation by delivery drivers at unsociable hours but uncertain how to object on those grounds. CC offered to follow up to understand whether it would operate as a sit-in or takeaway.

Frank's at 39 Sinclair Drive, increase licence to be in effect Monday - Saturday 12pm-11pm, add off sales, live performances and recorded music, private hire celebrations and events, not before 8am. Amend footprint to increase a floor above. Members suspected that this is an additional floor of

event space and extending existing licence. No concerns lodged by members.

Grain and Grind / Queen's Diner on Battlefield Road, extend off licence hours 11am-11pm from Monday to Sunday, on licence 11am-10pm from Monday to Sunday. No concerns lodged by members.

The meeting was closed to the public after this item.

8) Outstanding AGM Items, inc. Office Bearer Resignations and Elections

Approve minutes of last AGM

GD presented minutes of the last AGM in November 2024. RM proposed, JH seconded. The minutes of the last AGM were approved.

Chairperson's Report

GD provided a report, a version of which is supplied with these minutes.

Continuation of Scheme of Community Councils.

It was noted that LBCCC would continue to adhere to the scheme.

Constitution Update

The constitution, written in 2019, is compliant but needs to be updated with signatures by two office bearers. This will be done at the next meeting in March.

Office Bearer Resignations

All the office bearers stood down.

Office Bearer Elections

GD submitted a nomination for JH as Chair. RM seconded for JH as Chair. Unanimously passed by members. JH was elected as Chair.

GD proposed establishing a position of Vice-Chair, to share duties pragmatically. GD proposed the motion, JH seconded it. GD nominated himself as Vice-Chair, RE seconded. Unanimously passed by members. GD was elected as Vice-Chair.

In relation to the position of Secretary, JH suggested taking on a minutes secretary to help with admin burden. CC asked about the stance on AI technology. YS noted that the secretary is responsible for minutes, how they are generated could be shared between human and AI. The members agreed they were open to creating the role of Minutes Secretary and filling it at a later date.

JH submitted a nomination for RM as Secretary. GD seconded. RM was elected as Secretary.

In relation to the position of treasurer, two signatures are required for every payment. RE had been a signatory with RD. RD suggested having three signatories going forward, to ensure flow of payments. JH agreed to be another signatory for the bank account.

GD nominated RD to be Treasurer, YS seconded it. RD elected as Treasurer.

AH put himself forward to be Planning Representative.

CC put herself forward to be Licensing Representative.

Discussion of new roles to be put on the agenda for next month.

Ratifying Member Resignation

Alistair King, in his absence, resigned, and Emily Benita resigned in-person from the community council, after prior notice.

Noting of Appointment to External Bodies and Area Partnerships

RM at QPWG

DO at Langside Area Partnership

Note Independent Examiner of Accounts

RD will find an independent examiner of accounts prior to October 2026.

Associate Members

There are no associate members.

Assets and Inventory

Banners and flyers for publicity purposes.

Next AGM

Tuesday 6 October 2026

9) Correspondence:

None noted.

10) Treasurer's report:

RD reported that the current bank balance is £2,227. A second account has been created to help with the PCZ campaign and other local projects, with a current balance of £341.

11) AOB:

DO raised the previous funding application submitted by herself and GS. She asked about costing at the Langside Area Partnership, with the response being that not all requests would be funded, so elements of the application must be prioritised. Their next meeting is 31 March, so prioritising these requests must be added to the LBCCC agenda for March.

RM mentioned that the Queens Park Neighbourhood Place Plan hadn't had recent updates. RD spoke of an appetite for more collaboration between the community councils but that lack of funding meant that these projects were still pending.

JH raised AH's question submitted to WhatsApp of migrating email and other community council communications to Google. This was agreed to be added to next month's agenda.

RM has drafted a business engagement survey to understand concerns of local businesses and will share in the WhatsApp group.

RD reported back from the PCZ steering group, having attended the first meeting. The view for the next action was to pursue a legal challenge against GCC. Challenging on other grounds would be much cheaper, as legal counsel could be as much £375 an hour.

12) Date of Next Meeting:

3 March 2026 at 7pm at Finn's Place