



LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD & CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday, 2nd June 2026, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

at

Finn's Place, 167 Ledard Road, G42 9QU

ACTION

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Members Present: Josh Henderson, Guy Dorey, Claire Conaghan, Richard Dye

Members' Apologies: Richard Mason, Yann Sweeney, Russel Ecob, Diane Osprey, Andrew Hoolachan

Others Present: One Police representative, Members of the public (3 No.), Lyn Alexander (Minutes), Councillor Holly Bruce MSP.

JH opened the meeting. A member of the public was in attendance to speak to Councillor Bruce. Councillor Bruce was not in attendance at this point. JH explained the difference between the Community Meeting and Councillor Bruce's surgery which also takes place at the venue from 6.30 pm-7.00 pm.

JH welcomed Lyn Alexander to the meeting. LA was in attendance to take the Minutes of tonight's meeting to alleviate some of the pressure from the Members.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th May 2026. JH proposed these for approval, CC seconded. The Minutes were noted as approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING (Not Covered Elsewhere)

Nothing to report.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The police representative confirmed that there was nothing major to report.

He highlighted the ongoing dangers of e-scooters/bikes to the public and advised of his involvement in an incident en route to the meeting. He advised of limited enforcement powers held by the police. A policy change is required at a higher level. He advised that they had seized 3/4 bikes per month.

The police representative advised that these high-speed bikes (above 10 mph) are only legal when driven on private ground with the landowner's permission.

JH asked for advice if your vehicle was in a collision with an e-bike. The police representative advised that any claim for damage should be pursued through your own motor insurance policy as e-bikes have no legal obligation to have insurance. A civil claims route could be possible through the parent/guardian.

GD asked if there had been an increase in base crime related to the use of e-bikes. The police representative highlighted issues around anti-social behaviour/organised crime/ drugs with some youths being exploited due to their age.

The police representative advised that the issue needs further attention with a change in method and tactics used. As the police have limited powers help from the community is required. Parents/guardians have a part to play too but are often unwilling to assist/engage.

The police representative advised of the usual issues around activity with the night time economy.

The police representative advised of 3 major incidents with Cannabis cultivation locally. A major incident is where there are over 50 plants insitu. GD asked if there was an increase in dealing locally but no increase had been noted.

The police representative touched on the issue of shoplifting/domestic theft particularly with alcohol. He highlighted an issue with youths travelling to target a local supermarket with small shops encountering these issues too. He advised of a specialised Shoplifting Unit which had worked well with retailers together with a Vehicle Unit and the use of plain clothes officers to target youth gangs. These gangs are sometimes part of a larger organised group, selling on alcohol. He advised that this issue is not unique to Glasgow. He also advised of advanced safety measures taken by local retailers including the adaptation of enclosed counters.

5. GCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

JH advised that following the recent election Councillor Bruce was now an MSP. In the absence of Councillor Bruce JH stated that it would have been good to have been able to say goodbye. GD asked if Councillor Bruce remained as a Glasgow City Councillor with JH confirming this to be the case.

JH asked if there were any issues to raise.

- RD stated that LBCCC shall sit tight meantime due to the strength of local opposition to the parking proposals as the Council may be required to revisit this.
- RD sought clarification on whether Councillor Bruce would be attending further meetings/surgeries in the community following her recent elevation to MSP or if a replacement would be sought.



Councillor Bruce joined the meeting with apologies for being late due to her now travelling from the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Councillor Bruce confirmed that she remains as Councillor for the Langside area following her recent election as an MSP. Councillor Bruce advised that her salary as a Councillor is deducted from her salary as an MSP.

JH advised that he had received an update from Member Richard Mason that the Glasshouse in Queens Park was to close.

Councillor Bruce stated that she had received 120 emails on the subject. CC asked if these were because of social media posts. RD asked if the emails were of a generic nature. A member of the public advised that they had been made aware of the closure via a social media post from Love Your Lanes.

Councillor Bruce advised that a decision was taken in 2023 to cut the service. Greater Govanhill is spearheading a campaign for the Glasshouse to remain open. Councillor Bruce will be meeting with representatives from Greater Govanhill to discuss.

CC & JH asked if there were funds present for the Glasshouse to remain open. Councillor Bruce stated that the economic model was not working and required new vision.

CC asked about the Feasibility Study for the Glasshouse. RD asked if Councillor Bruce had sight of this and whether the Study could be shared. Councillor Bruce has not had sight of the Study.

Councillor Bruce thought it would be useful to host a community meeting to get a feel for the local community's vision/ideas for the space. JH agreed with the idea of a public meeting. GD also agreed and that the synergy was strong. CC agreed that we should engage with the local neighbourhood community.

Discussion took place around the possibility of Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) utilising the space for weddings/events. RD asked if GBPT could be invited to the final Local Place Plan event displaying boards which would be useful for future community events. Councillor Bruce agreed to make enquiries.

A member of the public shared that the Easter animals in the Glasshouse was previously a big attraction for the public and asked if this could be returned together with events i.e. weddings.

RD asked if the entire site was being vacated. Councillor Bruce confirmed that it was with plants and any remaining animals (thought only to be fish) being relocated.

JH thought it would be useful to invite Benjamin Kritikos from Greater Govanhill to the Community Council meetings.

Councillor Bruce confirmed she is happy to help support possible funding from the Community Engagement Fund. Councillor Bruce asked if her MSP email address could be used when contacting her - **Holly.Bruce.msp@parliament.scot**



Councillor Bruce will attempt to raise this matter in the Scottish Parliament and propose this as a question at First Minister's Questions.

Councillor Bruce advised on issues around Hampden e.g. area in general being used as a public toilet. Councillor Bruce is involved with a campaign to build more public toilets and for these to be free at the point of use.

Councillor Bruce highlighted issues with the public toilets outside Goals on Pollokshaws Road. The contract here is up for renewal soon.

Councillor Bruce advised of the Hampden Campaign which is to bolster bus services with the use of an easy shuttle bus to/from Hampden from the city centre using a QR Code to board. JH asked which bus companies were involved. Councillor Bruce stated that First Bus was in talks and operated a similar service in Aberdeen.

Councillor Bruce advised that she had been supporting the tenants of Trongate Art Space following the recent rent increases by Glasgow City Council as many south side residents had been affected by this increase. The tenants have a reprisal period of 6 months.

Councillor Bruce commented on Connecting Battlefield. JH asked if this had been pushed back to September 2026. Originally meant to be early 2025 but now late 2026. Councillor Bruce advised that this was ongoing due to funding package/public realm and the Letherby Triangle project.

CC asked on tendering issues and lead in times for contractors associated with these projects. Councillor Bruce highlighted the many events taking place at Hampden in the coming months and thought works may take place after completion of these events.

A member of the public raised an issue with the No. 4 bus not running during events at Hampden causing issues for the local community, particularly those with walking difficulties. No notification is present at bus stops. CC thought this was due to safety issues due to an increase in parking i.e. the bus cannot turn safely and navigate the road due to parked cars on either side of the road. JH asked if we could contact First Bus on behalf of the Community Council, but Councillor Bruce offered to write formally to them.

**Councillor
Bruce**

JH congratulated Councillor Bruce on her new MSP position MSP following the recent election. Councillor Bruce advised that she is looking for an office locally. Following her appointment as an MSP there will be no local surgeries, but appointments will be available as an MSP. GD asked if Councillor Bruce would be continuing as a City Councillor and she confirmed that this will continue until March 2027.

Councillor Bruce will share the Councillor rota to the Community Council.

**Councillor
Bruce**

A member of the public was in attendance to speak to Councillor Bruce at her surgery which was cancelled. Councillor Bruce offered to discuss the issue outwith the meeting, and they both left the meeting at this point.



6. LOCAL ISSUES RAISED OR REPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public highlighted the poor condition of the local pavements and roads. The member felt that some of the pavements were in a worse condition than the roads. Litter is an ongoing issue.

JH advised that the Community Council had written to Glasgow City Council escalating the poor condition of the road surface at Grange Road outside the new flats/M&S. Unfortunately, no acknowledgement/response has been received and no works undertaken. JH will write to Councillor Stephen Docherty asking him to escalate the matter. CC & GD agreed on this course of action.

JH

A member of the public highlighted ongoing issues with local lanes particularly the lane at Cartside Road/Dundrennan Road. The member has been clearing the lane of overhanging branches and asked how the cuttings could be disposed. RD advised that a fellow member of the Community Council stayed nearby and may be able to help as part of another Constituted Group. The member of the public stated there was an ownership issue too with half of the lane being owned them and the other half by the Council (as stated in their Title Deeds). The Council half has not been cut.

The member of the public advised that there is an overhanging tree. When contacting the local Housing Association they are referred to the Council. When contacting the Council, they are going round in circles attempting to speak to someone for assistance. JH will ask fellow member Richard Mason for assistance to clarify ownership of the tree. JH suggested that the member of the public contact Councillor Stephen Docherty for assistance.

JH

7. MURAL PROGRESS

JH discussed the possibility of a local mural following a chance meeting with the painter of the recent mural at Langside Library. An initial ballpark figure is £12,000 with the possibility of this being reduced to £9,000. The costs are high as a cherry picker would be required if at Brenfield Road. RD/JH discussed an alternative location at the White Cart which is a smaller wall and negates the need for the cherry picker. CC suggested that this could form part of the "Wish List".

RD mentioned mural work by Molly Hankinson. JH will reach out to Molly for costs.

JH

JH will work on costs for the mural together with locations and necessary permissions required.

JH

RD mentioned the William Smyton Trust which is based in Scotland offering grants of up to £5,000. The Trust will re-open for grants in 2027. RD asked if this could be listed as a future agenda item. JH is keen that any mural is reflected by public influence.

8. COMMUNITY GRANT/BENEFIT HUB

The Community Council has an account thanks to JH signing up. We can submit 3 wishes for the local community via contractors/local government/local councils. Various local councils have signed up too. Examples include a labour element/toys/playgrounds/schools.



CC asked if the cutting of overgrown hedges could be included in this which would benefit the local community. Repainting of fences was also mentioned as a possibility.

JH mentioned the possibility of a public bench at the new Sanctuary development at Grange Road as there is no seating for the public in this space.

Could the generic "Wish List" be shared on the Community Council's social media to encourage ideas?

9. LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

No report provided by Diane Osprey in her absence.

10. SOCIAL MEDIA/WEB DEVELOPMENT

GD advised that Stage 1 of the move to the new hosting site has been completed. Stage 2 includes email management with possible separate email accounts e.g. treasurer. JH agreed this was a good idea. £50 is due to Euan for costs to date at the point of transfer. £72 is due to GD for hosting costs. The new website will allow better mobile access and be less clunky. Website developer will require a possible budget of £500. Design content to be agreed. GD will work to progress meantime with technical management. RD suggested that a LBCCC member will be required to admin the site which should be easy to maintain. GD advised that the new website should be fully operational by the end of the year.

JH thanked GD for his assistance throughout this process.

11. PLANNING

JH advised that there was nothing submitted in Alistair Hoolachan's absence.

12. LICENSING

CC advised that she had received notification of the licence for the Food Festival at Queens Park (6th/7th June) and had offered no objection.

13. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN LBCCC

JH advised this is a rolling basis to improve engagement with the local community. Improve links with schools elsewhere with community via litter picks/volunteering. A previous suggestion was to engage with local schools with a World Cup theme or work with the Glasgow Football Tour Guide to sponsor a P7 trip. JH asked GD if he was able to explore these ideas given his links with the local schools. GD advised that due to recent changes to the PVG Scheme this may not be possible. This could be something for next term as it is too short notice for this term.

A pro-active timetable was suggested. RD suggested that we engage with Battlefield Community Project. GD stated that this was a tangible idea and opens doors to better community relations. Could we utilise the school fayre to engage?



RD highlighted the forthcoming events at the Queens Park Arena. Could the Community Council look at sponsoring a future event/activity? All to look at the Programme and reach out with future thoughts.

All

Link to programme: [Queens Park Arena - Open air cinema, live music & more.](#)

14. FUTURE HUSTINGS

5th/6th May are the possible dates for the 2027 local government elections. Given the success of the recent Shawlands & Strathbungo Hustings could we target w/c 12th/19th April as possible dates for Hustings? Aim to advertise and invite candidates with local residents being encouraged to attend.

Suggestions to improve the evening included limiting the online guests as this was quite a lengthy process and only one question from an audience member was taken due to time restraints.

Langside Library was suggested as a possible location for the Hustings if re-opened in time. Check September/October on progress of the Library works and a possible site visit.

All

Members to also check on the removal of the hoardings with the mural once the Library has re-opened. Will these be repurposed/available for recycling?

All

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from the Forum of Community Councils Federation. LBCCC encouraged to respond.

16. TREASURER'S REPORT

RD reported that £2,079 is held currently in the bank. Minimum spend of £36 towards hall hire. Possible DIS funding of £400 available which would be helpful. RD advised that monthly bank charges have increased to £8.50/month.

17. AOB

Nothing to discuss,

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 7th July 2026