



Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council

**Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 May – 7pm to 9pm at Finn's Place, 167
Ledard Road, G42 9QU**

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Members present: Richard Mason (RM), Josh Henderson (JH), Claire Conaghan (CC), Andrew Hoolachan (AH),

Members' Apologies: Guy Dorey, Diane Osprey, Yann Sweeney, Russell Ecob, Richard Dye

Others in attendance: Cllr Stephen Docherty, member of the public, Nikita Gavrilos (Police Scotland), Luke Stronach (Rep of Gordon McKee MP)

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed: JH

Seconded: CC

Josh Henderson (JH) raises point about getting a minutes secretary. Council happy to go ahead with this approach.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

JH mentions contacting Cllrs regarding Grange Road potholes and safety. Cllr Aitken has noted she will raise it with council officers. We are aware that the road is being kept until the Connecting Battlefield work starts, but LBCCC agrees that the road is not in a good condition to drive, cycle or walk around. JH also raises that contact with NRS rep has not been back in contact.

Andrew Hoolachan (AH) mentions that a large investment in roads infrastructure has been announced.

JH proposes LBCCC awaits response from councillors and NRS but the position of the group is that we still want action on this

4. Community Police Report

Provided by Nikita Gavrilos (NG).

Road action plan highlights of speeding and non-indication of motorists in heavily residential areas.

For parking, NG notes that permit parking may help with obstructive parking. Also mentions action on things happening on the roads action plan continued to focus on speeding, unsafe driving and obstructive parking in residential areas.

Fireworks have continued to be an issue, but not clear of any particular events happening. It seems that someone may be selling them but unclear as they were so recent.

JH asked about Queen's Park Weekender. Not sure if there are any but nothing major reported.

NG noted that some drinking-related incidents had taken place in Kings Park and Linn Park during good weather.

Commonwealth Games could affect Police ability to address things happening at Hampden. Resource will be focused on Commonwealth Games across the city so

To get in contact with the Police for particular issues: contactus@scotland.police.uk for attention to Community Police Cathcart.

5. GCC Councillor's Report & Questions

Cllr Docherty notes there has been a deep clean from the top of Millbrae Road and adjacent streets.

Grange Road – Cllr has noted there can be some work to smooth the road. Went on a walk with officers across the area to look at other relevant places that have very bad potholes.

Cllr has also flagged blocked drains around the area.

Problem at Langside Place with rats.

Roads and clean team can focus on things like blocked drains

Has also had meetings with the Wheatly Group to talk about overgrown hedges and over-hanging branches. There are some hedges that are quite a bit larger than they should be – extending out into the pavements and blocking paths.

AH asked how dangerous potholes are prioritised. Cllr Docherty advised that he had raised concerns directly with the Roads Director and noted that a wider programme of road repairs was expected.

JH asks if there is a certain department or contact we can write to in order to raise issues. Glasgow City Council NRS may be the best place to go.

JH notes that LBCCC may want to bring together a list of hot-spots for potholes in roads and pavements.

RM raises that green space next to the bridge over White Cart (Sinclair Drive) regularly has cars parked on the grass, past it. Cllr Docherty advised to contact him with further details.

6. Glasgow 850 funding

JH mentions that the funding is available for local groups. RM and JH previously discussed that the gable end at Sinclair Drive and the corner gable ends of Battlefield Road and Holmlea Road.

Still to fully check if funding is available but it seems that there is possibility for grants of up to £5,000.

Cllr Docherty notes that Wheatly Group may be an avenue for arts funding and also potentially Scot Rail. Wheatly Group is quite keen on doing environmental engagement.

Council agrees that we should contact the artist that did the work on the hoardings for Langside Library.

Luke Stronach (LS) notes that Mount Florida CC have been engaging on a mural in their area.

7. Glasgow Community Benefits Hub

JH notes that this was something he found. It is an initiative set up to link local people and community groups to local businesses in order for relevant work to get done. A constituted group signs up and gives 3 wishes. A local business can then do the work if willing to do the work. If a wish gets fulfilled, you can then add another new wish.

Examples discussed included benches, planting, lane improvements and environmental enhancements.

Members agreed that the initiative appeared worthwhile and should be explored further.

8. Queen's Park Working Group Update

RM updates on what has been discussed at the group.

The major update was that SRUC would not be continuing its involvement with the glasshouse facility.

Councillor Docherty advised that discussions were ongoing but required committee consideration before formal announcements could be made.

Members discussed proposals regarding park lighting and debated environmental impacts, walking safety and possible anti-social behaviour concerns.

9. Local Issues – raised or reported by members of the public

None that are not covered elsewhere.

10. Social media / Web development

LBCCC agrees that Guy Dorey's proposals are good to go ahead. Some concerns raised about the website domain and link to QR codes on banners and posters.

AH suggested that creating an Instagram account could improve community engagement.

Members generally agreed that social media activity and digital communications should continue to be developed.

11. Planning report

AH advised that there had been issues receiving GCC planning update emails and that council officers had been contacted regarding this.

Discussion also covered the third phase of the Victoria Infirmary development and a private consultation undertaken by Telefonica.

Members agreed that planning information should continue to be shared openly with the wider community.

12. Licensing report

None.

13. Community Engagement in LBCCC

AH suggested engaging with local primary schools and potentially sponsoring a school trip linked to the Football Square Mile and local heritage.

Members discussed wider opportunities to improve engagement and visibility within the community.

14. Future hustings

On the back of the Shawlands and Strathbungo Hustings, JH notes that hosting future hustings for an opening council seat in this ward.

It could act as a bit of a dry run ahead of full council elections next year (2027) for a larger hustings for that election.

15. Correspondence

Nothing new.

16. Treasurer's report

Not present but can catch up ahead of time.

17. AOB

Members briefly returned to discussion regarding the possibility of appointing a minute secretary.

It was acknowledged that preparing detailed minutes required significant time and administrative effort. Members remained supportive of exploring recruitment and remuneration options.

JH thanked everyone for attending and contributing. The meeting concluded with agreement to continue progressing the actions and initiatives discussed.

