LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD & CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday, 1st September 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 (JH), Claire Conaghan (CC) , Richard Mason (RM), Russell Ecob (RE), Guy Dorey (GD), Richard Dye (RD)

Members Apologies: Diane Osprey (DO), Andrew Hoolachan (AH), Russell Ecob (RE)

Others Present: Councillor Stephen Docherty (SD), Luke Stronach (LS) (on behalf of Gordon McKee's office), Christine Jess (CJ) (former Chair of LBCCC), Tony Smith (TS) (local resident), Derek Bolton (DB) (local resident), Lyn Alexander (LA) (Minutes),

JH opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

JH asked the meeting if there were any issues with the previous Minutes. No issues raised and the Minutes were approved.

JH will endeavour to upload all previous Minutes to the LBCCC Website. GD to assist. **JH/GD**

3. MATTERS ARISING (Not Covered Elsewhere)

Nothing to report.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

No officers were present at the start of the meeting. JH stated that they may appear during the meeting and, if so, their report would be accommodated at that time.

TS stated that there were reports of a recent drugs raid in Garry Street with 2 people being arrested.

An incident occurred on Sinclair Drive over the weekend resulting in the police closing the road. Aside from speculation on social media, no further information is available at this time.

DB raised the issue of graffiti in public places. He felt this had become significantly worse in recent times with every utility box covered. Beyond the visual impact, the sense of neglect it creates is affecting residents' mental health and pride in our community. DB asked if this issue had been discussed previously and what can be done to improve cleaning and prevention in the area? JH advised that the issue has been raised previously. JH had previously reached out to a local mural artist to cost a mural located on Battlefield Road, but the price was too expensive unfortunately.

A discussion took place regarding artists' tag lines as there is an understanding that these will not be painted over by others.

DB gave an example of the shutters of a local pharmacy which is covered in graffiti, with an estimated 15-20 tags. DB stated that this is unsightly and causes concern for neighbouring residents.

Discussion took place around a Neighbourhood Watch. It was felt that appropriate signage may function as a deterrent. Sponsorship/funding was also discussed. JH stated that an application for funding could be made but this funding may be prioritised to other areas in greater need.

DB asked if the Community Council could do something to address the issue. RD stated that, unfortunately, the Community Council is currently short of volunteers to assist but will offer support and assistance where possible. DB suggested that consideration be given to designating a specific derelict area for graffiti.

LS advised that, in his role working for Gordon McKee MP, he visits various Community Councils and this is a recurring issue. LS stated that there are difficulties identifying individuals responsible due to the wearing of hoodies and/or face coverings. DB mentioned that he had attempted to obtain statistics for this type of behaviour but, surprisingly, there are no public records available. JH stated that he would submit this as a question to Police Scotland to seek a more robust response. **JH**

5. GCC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT & QUESTIONS

SD provided an update from the Environment Committee on parking controls. The Shawlands Arcade proposal of 600 units with 30 parking spaces was discussed. It was noted that when challenged, the Council stated these figures were not its own. CJ commented that further intervention is required, including a greater mix of public transport, and that parking controls need to be introduced in a measured way.

SD felt that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme may be a good idea in that it would act as "eyes and ears" for the community. SD highlighted that cameras in local shops and surrounding areas were invaluable in assisting Police Scotland with a murder case in Queens Park.

SD stated that members of the public are around at various times during the day and night and can provide valuable observation.

CJ mentioned that a discount on home insurance may be possible if you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

GD asked what Neighbourhood Watch means. SD stated that it is a community-based organisation focused on individual neighbours remaining vigilant and looking out for one another.

DB stated that individuals may see Neighbourhood Watch signs and think that people may be watching and leave without committing a crime.

JH asked what action the Community Council could take. CJ mentioned that friends have a WhatsApp Group which is used to keep in touch and highlight relevant issues. Window stickers may discourage individuals. DB stated that everyone should be diligent about reporting issues.

Discussion took place around the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

RE raised the issue of residents highlighting issues on social media ie Facebook but not contacting the relevant authority/department to report the issue concerned. RE mentioned how inaccessible the Glasgow City Council website and App is. RE asked SD if there was an easier route to report issues. SD stated that this issue has been highlighted on numerous occasions.

DB used the smoking ban as a comparison, in that if it is the law then folk must respect it. DB noted there is no specific law around anything relating to graffiti etc.

JH stated that if residents required assistance with matters, they should contact their local Councillor to assist.

6. FIRST HAMPDEN CIC

JH advised the meeting that the Community Council had been contacted by Siobhan Crampsey from First Hampden CIC. Unfortunately, Siobhan was not present at the meeting. JH will advise Siobhan on the date of the next meeting. JH stated that it was important to assist in what is an extremely important local historical location.

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7. PARKING ZONES UPDATE

JH advised that, after many months of correspondence with Councillors, he had recently attended a two-hour meeting during which the Councillors acknowledged failings in the engagement process and offered their apologies.

Following a lengthy Q&A session, the Council has agreed to return to the beginning of the process and work in partnership on the design of the parking levy scheme. Implementation is expected to take 12 to 13 months. All aspects of the scheme are open for consideration, and the Community Council will have an equal and meaningful say. Plans must be influenced by the Community Council and others.

JH expressed concern that barriers to discussion remain. Questions were raised during the session regarding the % share for bus, rail and car use, etc., but no answers were provided. It was also noted that there has been no variation in usage since the installation of the cycle lanes in Govanhill. RD advised that he still awaits a response to issues raised via FOI.

RD advised that My Shawlands has been helpful in gathering correspondence. RD confirmed that a significant delay had been won.

RD and CJ advised the meeting of the original proposals and the information subsequently requested via FOI, resulting in the Council's non-compliance consultation.

CJ highlighted confusion regarding the original time proposals. CJ advised that the models provide no evidence to explain the rationale, for example for restricting parking after 6:00 pm. There is also no consistency in the timing of the data, with some dating from 2016 and 2019. As an example, data collected in 2016 references issues around the Scottish Power Building in Cathcart. That building has since been converted to residential properties, yet no further survey has been undertaken. The Council has proceeded but has insufficient evidence for a decision to be made.

RD acknowledged the need for further studies. He confirmed he will contact Strathbungo Community Council and the BID to feedback on recent findings. JH advised that the process has been driven by the Community Council together with the BID and expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by all those involved. It was noted that further policy change is required. **RD**

SD highlighted the issue of the recently installed cycle lane alongside Queen's Park, asking where the cars that previously parked there have now gone. The vehicles have spilled over onto neighbouring streets, causing further issues. A further example cited was the cycle lane on Haggs Road. The road has a wide pavement which could have been used as shared space, but instead a cycle lane has been installed, reducing the road from four lanes to two.SD also raised the need for an air quality assessment following this installation.

CJ advised that terms of reference still need to be agreed, and that parking enforcement is on the cusp of change. CJ noted that there are currently insufficient traffic wardens to undertake enforcement duties.

CJ suggested taking photographs now and again in a year's time to provide a comparison and demonstrate whether the changes have been effective.

CJ also raised the issue of three areas being merged and the resulting difficulties with boundaries e.g. a permit for Battlefield may not be usable elsewhere locally. The model needs to be the same across the area. This anomaly will be fed back to the Steering Group.

RD advised that he is keen to reduce his involvement in the Community Council and focus on the Steering Group, unless the Community Council becomes more involved. CJ has offered to continue reporting to the Community Council on the findings of the Steering Group. RD considered it sensible to co-opt CJ onto the Steering Group together with TS and this proposal was seconded by JH.

TS asked where the 2026 survey document could be found or how it could be made available. A copy of this document is required as soon as it becomes available.

In summary, the Council's parking proposals survey is flawed and further consultation is now required. Various data has been used, but it is clearly out of date and context. Greater investigation and consultation with the community is needed, as the current exercise constitutes a non-compliant consultation.

8. LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP

RD attended this meeting in space of DO. It was noted that the aim of this Partnership is to prioritise ideas and allocate monies accordingly.

RD advised that the top priority was the installation of a new crossing from The Ivory Hotel into Queens Park. Additional suggestions were the installation of mirrors on the White Cart path and a crossing at the new Victoria development. With £70,000 remaining in the budget, it was decided to support the installation of the crossing at The Ivory Hotel. In addition, it was agreed that £500 would be allocated to install mirrors on the White Cart Walkway to assist those walking or wheeling, particularly on bends.

RD advised that the Infrastructure Budget has now been spent.

RD advised that he had received a Sub-Nominee Form to be completed for the Area Partnership. A discussion took place on not having a named Sub-Nominee. As most of the meetings were in the afternoon JH was unable to commit due to work constraints.

There was discussion around the new proposed crossing at The Ivory Hotel. The existing crossing near Langside Halls remains.

CC asked if there was an update on the planning application for The Ivory Hotel. LA mentioned that her residents' meeting was held there recently with a member of staff advising that the Hotel was to remain open.

9. LOCAL ISSUES – RAISED OR REPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

RE advised that he had attended a meeting of the Queens Park Working Group. The QPWG discussed the recent events relating to the Glass House. It was noted that there has been some misinformation circulated.

RE advised that the QPWG is open to discussing new/different ideas for the site. It was likely that the future of the Glass House will be opened to Public Consultation.

SD advised that the site extends to 4.5 acres. Discussion around proposals from the community is key.

RD advised that, sadly, Collette from Finn's Place is leaving and will not be replaced with some restructuring to take place.

RD stated that the Area Partnership funding for the Lantern Parade is suffering from a cut back on funding from the third sector. Could the Community Council assist in any way? JH stated that the Community Council is under-represented as a community organisation, but that it would help in any way possible.

10. PLANNING REPORT

AH sent an update in his absence. A Planning Application has been submitted for a residential development at 8-10 Sinclair Drive (next to the Nursery) incorporating a roof garden.

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The Application is for the erection of 5 townhouses and 17 flats. There is no associated parking provision.

Discussion took place around the proposed development and the loss of light to neighbouring properties. From experience there is "no right to light" in planning terms. AH highlighted residents' objections already submitting citing the height of the buildings and overshadowing.

JH asked the meeting if the Community Council should lodge an objection to the Application making reference to the possible noise issue from the proposed rooftop garden.

CJ & SD advised of a similar issue surrounding a development on nearby Mansionhouse Road where, despite objections, permission was granted.

It was agreed that the Community Council would post on Facebook to alert residents and highlight awareness. The date for objections is Monday, 7th September 2026. JH advised that AH is best placed to submit an objection on the Community Council's behalf. JH to contact AH to organise. **JH/AH**

RD advised on his attendance at the recent Community Council Development Session together with JH. RD was impressed at the information contained within the presentation document. Questions arise in relation to delivery of the proposals given that the Council is short of funds and in the middle of a housing emergency. The Council may be relying on private sector investment. That said, there is some good stuff proposed. RD advised of a drop-in session at The Couper Institute on Wednesday, 9th September.

JH will promote this meeting on the Community Council's Facebook page. **JH**

11. LICENSING REPORT

CC advised that no applications had been received.

RD advised members of the automatic renewal of the Licence Application relating to the Farmers' Market at Langside Halls. He stated that he had previously spoken with the owners of Park Lane Market who, subject to cost, had expressed an interest in hosting the market. RD advised that he had lodged an objection to the automatic renewal of the Licence on the grounds that the renewal proposal had not been seen advertised, despite there being other potentially interested parties. RD will advise on the outcome of the objection in due course. **RD**

12. SOCIAL MEDIA/WEB DEVELOPMENT

GD/JH to organise the upload of all previous Minutes. This has been delayed due to the recent change over in the web hosting. GD advised of some minor issues on web hosting still to be resolved. GD will resolve as soon as possible. **GD/JH**

JH mentioned that he had uploaded a video of an otter in the River Cart, which had attracted a significant number of views on our social media channels.

13. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN LBCCC

JH stated that the Community Council will reach out to the local community sharing our recent wins and using this as a springboard. JH mentioned SD's involvement in assisting with the recent road resurfacing at The Battlefield Rest. Further examples are the installation of the new crossing at The Ivory and the reconsideration of the parking controls. What can we do next?

LS asked the meeting if they were aware of the Mount Florida Breakfast Group which is held at Hampden Park? As no-one was aware of this Group, LS will provide an introduction. **LS**

14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Discussion took place regarding the forthcoming elections. It was agreed that, to comply with procedure, these would be held at the Community Council meeting on 6th October 2026. RD advised that the AGM would also take place at that time. It was noted that interim elections require 21 days' notice. JH will contact Toni at the Council to advise her accordingly and will prepare the necessary graphics for social media. JH further advised that, due to the closure of Langside Library, the Notice will be displayed at the Couper Institute, Finn's Place and Langside College. **JH**

RE advised that Laura Hunter, a local resident, had been instrumental in cleaning up the community lanes, utilising tools provided by Finn's Place.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

JH advised of correspondence received from a local resident regarding trees and branches that had been discarded by the Council following recent cutting works. It was noted that this issue had also been discussed at a previous meeting, where Councillor Bruce provided input. JH will respond to the resident accordingly. **JH**

LS asked JH if he had received his recent email on fireworks. Due to technical issues, JH had not received this. LS will resend the email. LS outlined the content to advise that the UK Government has a live consultation in 2026 (open until 7 October 2026) which proposes cutting the maximum noise limit for consumer fireworks and removing the loudest products from sale to the public. LS advised that Gordon McKee is keen for the survey to be completed. **LS**

16. TREASURER'S REPORT

RD advised that funds held amount to £1,965. He proposed retaining £300 for use in the parking campaign. RD further advised that he would submit an application for a £400 grant to be used within the community and for the interim elections. The funds will be used to promote the Community Council at local events. **RD**

17. AOB

Nothing to discuss.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6th October 2026 at 7.00 pm. The AGM and interim elections will also take place at this time.