

CALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING 1, Thursday 4 August 2022, 7:00 – 8:30pm

**VENUE: Calton Heritage & Learning Centre, 423 London Road,
Calton, Glasgow G40 1AG**

AGENDA

Item	Detail
1	Welcome and Introductions, Announcements
2	Operation Epic
3	Police Report
4	Meat Market Development
5	Councillor Reports
6	MSP Report(s)
7	Planning, including Weekly Planning List
8	Licensing issues
9	Area Partnership
10	Treasurer's Report
11	Any Other Competent Business
12	Date of Next Meeting and Close

ACTIONS

ACTION	Responsible	Complete? Y/N
Action to ask councillors / MPs/ MSPs to submit a report if they can't attend in person	Chair	YES
ACTION Derek Quinn will raise the EPIC initiative with Thenue to see if they would be interested in a similar operation in their HA area and report back to the next public meeting of the CC	Derek Quinn	
ACTION – find the link (to public toilets in Glasgow) and add it to the FB page	Belinda Price	Yes
ACTION – Belinda to forward email address for planning and licensing to GH	Belinda Price	Yes
ACTION - Child Poverty Action Group reps to be invited along to the next CC public meeting	Chair	Maebh Bradley
ACTION – Greg Hepburn to follow up with Planning and Licensing to let them know that we are back up and running	Greg Hepburn	Yes
ACTION – GH to find out what happens to the environment levy that is added to tickets for events on the Green and report back to the next public meeting of the committee	Greg Hepburn	Ongoing

Apologies

- John Mason (MSP) – apologies holiday
- Baillie Linda Pike (Glasgow City Council) – at another meeting
- Paul Sweeney (MSP)
- Maebh Bradley – Glasgow City Council
- Charlie Kleboe-Rogers (Community Council)

- Chloe Pimblett (Community Council)

In attendance

- Tricia Fort (Chair)
- Laura Scott (Treasurer)
- Belinda Price (Secretary)
- Caitlin Longman
- Sala Hossein
- Allan Scott
- Gary McLelland
- Cllr Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council)
- John Gormley (Milnbank Housing Assoc)
- PC Craig Burns (Police Scotland)
- PC Alison Miller (Police Scotland)
- Tony Devine Community Engagement Office

Announcements

- Community council notice boards – invitation to assembled group as to where they might go – suggestions invited to Secretary or paper submission at the meeting
- Maebh Bradley – defibrillator at the building site behind St Marys church on Abercrombie Street
 - Community is invited to give ideas about where this could be re-sited after the building work is completed- again, suggestions to Secretary or Maebh Bradley directly
- Glasgow City Council Transformation Plan – as described and distributed on the Facebook page
 - Q – should we put in a CC response to this?
 - Q are people interested in meeting with us to formulate a response? If so, we would need to be at the end of this month or early next month so we can submit it
- Minutes – of 23rd June – minutes approved
- Approved minutes will be posted on the FB page and the website when it is up and running
- Matters arising – boy racers – Police response - not had much of a chance to do anything about. Very few calls about it – we need to be calling 101 and raise the issue or email Community constables directly
- ACTION – CHAIR to ask councillors / MPs/ MSPs to submit a report if they can't attend in person
- Operation EPIC
 - John Gormley, Milnbank
 - Invest in the initiative to provide enhanced policing in the area
 - Covers Great Eastern Hotel area (for purposes of this CC) and beyond

- Developing and taking things forward in the Great Eastern area – we will be working closely with the GCC, local police – target medium, long term and short-term action in the area
- EPIC action plan – multi agency work
- Addressing issues with prostitution, kerb crawling, anti-social behaviour, keen to improve the lives of the people in the area
- Will be rolled out over the coming weeks and months
- There is also enhanced policing in the area – community engagement, vertical patrols (this is the policing of high rise developments), any improvements in the area will benefit all
- If there is any displacement of anti-social behaviour in the area, the police will address that
- When they do action plan, they try to stop displacement to other nearby areas
- 7th September an open evening at Carbon Footprints nursery – bike security marking, police from the team promoting the public reassurance strategy, community fire service, SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health), environmental agency representatives, heating and energy and advice – will follow on from the AGM for Great Eastern tenant's organisation
- This is a very structured action plan, and they are happy to provide updates to the Community Council
- Q – what's a vertical patrol? When you are going up and down high flats – they are paying for additional enhanced policing so that they can go up and down the stairs to check them all
- This plan needs to be sustainable and not just a quick fix
- Reminder – 7th September 7pm, Carbon Footprints nursery at Duke Wynd
- Q - email a copy to CC so we can publicise it?
- A - Will be looking to update the CCs regularly
- Q - Is there any plan to roll this out or mirror this to other housing associations in the area?
- This is down to the local RSLs (Registered Social Landlords) – depends on what they do. Milnbank is ground breaking to promote public reassurance
- They will not just be focusing on Milnbank and driving anti-social behaviour elsewhere
- They did target behaviour in Abercrombie Street previously
 - ACTION - Derek Quinn will take it up with Thenue for this area
- Only Milnbank has taken this up in the area – there is a new team at Thenue – they are happy to speak to them about it
- They (Milnbank) are going to roll this out to the Glasgow and West of Scotland forum and then it is up to every local housing association if they want to do this – other agencies will want to help and get this moving
- Last time this was raised was > 3 years ago
- Police Report
 - Departmental moves – new CI covering the area – Greg Roberston
 - Empty beats – Gallowgate / Duke Street – Miller St to Morrison St
 - John Bell, Michael Millsop will be joining the team to cover these empty beats

- July - busy month – Trnsmt, other events, football
- Also, lots of annual leave
- Trnsmt – was busy, there were incidents but not a large number of serious incidents
- August still busy but not the sheer number of events plus two new team members
- Plan for more officers coming to the community liaison team
- Main problem in Gallowgate, Little Dovehill, Bell St
- Plain clothes officers have been operating in the area, 12 persons charged with drug offences, and other associated crimes – relatively successful so far
- There is lots of needle uplift in Little Dovehill – they have had a meeting with the council – looking to ‘raise the canopy’ (this means removing ground covering plants but not the trees) to make the area more open to discourage this behaviour – the council are there daily uplifting needles
- They are looking at the future of the area as this is the only bit of the area that is not earmarked for development – contact Maebh Bradley with ideas for what should happen in the area
- Starting to deal with the problem now they have filled the empty beats
- They will also be involved with the Epic plan
- There is an opportunity for CC members to come out and see how they do speed detection or walk the beat so they can come out and see where police are working in the area
- Q - how to arrange?
- A – email Craig Burns (Police Scotland) to arrange
- Drug dealing - Claythorn Avenue - male still there every day – has been arrested again and been released again by the courts – has been spoken to twice today by Police – they know who he is and he is very robustly policed
- They do know who he is and they are addressing the issue – he hides in bushes but he is not hiding what he is up to
- Meat Market development
 - George Chalmers – the meat market development
 - Meat Market sheds – project started in 2018
 - Council approached Milnbank Housing Association
 - Milnbank had successfully instigated the Carbon Footprints Nursery / Sport facility at Alexandra Park
 - Grant from the Glasgow City Heritage to look at something to do with the sheds
 - Architectural heritage fund
 - Site appraisal by Milnbank, Reidvale and Molendinar Park Housing Assocs
 - Three associations would try to get funding to set up a development vehicle for taking forward the sheds
 - Got money from the vacant derelict land fund – did a consultation with 600 people
 - Don’t want to displace activity
 - Sport, community activity, food growing, transport, linear park across the site

- Have £8.5m Scottish Govt, GCC, National Lottery heritage fund and Historic Scotland
- Potential stakeholders – Sport Scotland, University of Strathclyde – for community learning, GCC, Homes Scotland – building 650 houses next to the sheds
- Local businesses and going into a second round of community engagement 0- there is a 2-year process of engagement kicking off now
- 5 phase – public realm – running from Melbourne Street to Belgrove Station – facilitates, art, history of the sheds
- Nation lotto – phase 2 and Environment Scotland – restoring the shed and making them secure (wind and watertight)
- Phase 3 building under the sheds – modular construction – will be brought in and put under the sheds – Westway trust – manages space under the A40 road (Kensington) – manage space modular construction under the A40 and this is all community run
- Phase 4 – secure money from Vacant Derelict Land Improvement program – start a community growing program – food, poly tunnels etc
- Phase 5 – The Superintendents House – active travel and sustainability – e charging points for cars, ebikes, information and some sort of café – this is a way down the road – as part of the National Lottery – they have to develop a heritage plan – they want the heritage of the sheds not to be forgotten
- there will be an historian gathering information about the history of the sheds
- CC involvement invited at all points
- Horsetail (weed) has been found on site – this needs to be specially removed in the next two weeks
- Survey next, costing and get onsite with the linear park starting in November this year (2022)
- Overall completion due Dec 2025
- There has been a 2-year delay due to covid – they have had money to do up what is under the shed but not the shed

Qs?

- Theory is that there needs to be a community benefit for what goes under the sheds – some of the organisations can't afford to pay market rent to make the plan work – University of Strathclyde and Sports Scotland Badminton, Archery, Handball, Rugby is a positive thing
- The nursery and the sports hub at Alexandra Park was derelict for years and now 2000 people a week are using it
- This will be a great benefit to the area – there is funding out there, but we need good projects to put in there – funding is available for the correct project the council has money to make improvements to local communities

- Q – anything that we can put on our FB page- Peter Mortimer – local historian – they are working on the activity plan – we will be setting up a Meat Market FB page and would like to work with us to engage the community – yes but we need to wait for the funding etc to be in place
 - Community around food – this used to supply to whole of Scotland for food
 - Any Qs get in touch
- Councillor reports
 - Greg Hepburn – football celebrations at Glasgow Cross
 - A lack of public toilets in the city - also a problem at Trnsmt and the Orange walks
 - There was a petition that went to the city council – the council officers consider that we have sufficient public toilets in the city
 - Q - Could GH speak to the officials who made the statement – GH has made the case before fpr more toilets at the Green
 - He will bring it up with them again and will make the case but can't promise anything
 - Derek Quinn – city council say there are sufficient public toilets- there is a map online that should have everything on it- not many dots for the toilets – need to know where they are
 - Q – is there anything they can do to help? The petition is the best thing to raise awareness and then it comes down to the council having budget to put in toilets because of the capital spend
 - Advice is keep bringing it up to bring focus on it
 - Need to convince everyone to spend on it - the council would need to consult and it wouldn't be a quick thing
 - Laura Scott – notwithstanding having permanent toilets, we do need to think about provision of temp toilets when they are known events coming up
 - Why is there not provision for extra temp bins to help not litter the streets?
 - We know that they are making money off events so why can they not be asked to organise facilities on the exit routes to local stations?
 - Glasgow Green is one of the biggest parks and has no facilities and one of the smallest (Kelvingrove) has manned facilities 7 days a week
 - GG hosts lots of events and why then are there no facilities?
 - Botanic Gardens also has manned public toilets
 - GH = the green does get a lot of money. There were toilets in the Peoples Palace
 - Freewheel north – they also had toilets
 - It was raised at the area partnership
 - Winter Gardens funding – this is the Glasgow Central funding bid
 - There is talk about the Winter Gardens / Peoples Palace will be the central structure and this is where the toilets will be
 - At events and exit routes should have toilets added
 - It is supposed to be our park so we should be able to use it

- Derek Quinn- map available – can it be feedback to CC to be put on the FB page – we need to know what the outcome is and we need to know where they are – ACTION – find the link and add it to the FB page
- GH – apologies for last month – had covid and it was council recess – they are only just back
- GH - area partnership mentioned last month in the minutes – the next meeting is 7th September – want to know if it is in person or not – it has been in teams – might be in the city chambers or it might be face to face
- Area partnership [- more funding than before – it depends to on areas of deprivation – if you know any org that is needing money for stuff – they need to put as many bids in for the area as possible – we can do funding application help – up to 9 or 10K
- £1mill fund that was mentioned – every ward has this above what the council would normally do. There are lots of suggestions – road, improving footways, streetlights etc
- Again, if anyone has any suggestions get in touch with Greg Hepburn and he will take it forward to the meeting where they want to make decisions – also encompasses High St and Parkhead area
- Tobago St playpark – improvements to be starting soon – this is area funding improvements for the playpark which will be starting in the autumn
- Police – lots of reports on drug use at the bridge at the railway – any concerns raise to Police or to Greg Hepburn
- Xmas lights – there will be a Xmas tree at St Luke’s and at Bridgeton Cross there will be switch on events for both
- Arranging a thing with the council – British deaf Assoc – to see how the council makes things accessible for people
- Get in touch if you need anything
- Q - Laura Scott – events – is fireworks going ahead this year? GH - as far as he knows yes
- Q – where will the toilet be?
- Q – if the events are on at the Green – there is an environmental levy – is this ring fenced for the Green? The understanding is yes – the levy is £2 a ticket – what is happening with this?
- Parks and open spaces fund – there was a lot in for the green but this was for work that the council should be doing
- Q – GH to check where the funding does go? AS – money that has been earned from stuff that was in the park for the last few years went to fixing up the bandstand
- Q – if there is a problem providing this why not levy extra cost on the prices to provide toilets? Money could be added to provide toilet facilities for the local area
- This is the rationale for the levy – the money is used for maintenance of the Green
- Getting funding for permanent toilets takes a lots of capital – levy should be used to provide temp toilets for these occasions
- GH – agree there should be more toilets for events in exit routes – will raise it

- Laura Scott – would help if it was more transparent about where the money raised goes
- Derek Quinn – good to see the developments take place in the area and the Barras being painted – what is happening with St James school ?
 - This is the Gaelic school – construction will start relatively soon and will open with in a couple of years – they will be expanding the school too – there will be work to landscape the garden = they want to integrate with the community and will be offering space and for the people to learn Gaelic – will be more central than Thenue
- There are lots of Gaelic primaries around they will feed into the school from the local Gaelic schools
- There will be space for local kids too – from primary 1 so that they will be able to access the school
- This should be visible soon
- The building has been made air and watertight recently – it was abandoned in the mid 2000s
- This is to make it safe for surveys and work on it
- Pleased that the council has opted to use the school for this area
- It would not be possible to get a new school because there was no funding for a normal school but there was for a Gaelic school
- Q – facilities for adults to learn Gaelic – yes probably out of hours
- They are keen to offer this to adults
- Gary McLelland– Trnsmt last year for the first time they drilled holes in the pavements to put up the fences – this year they dug new holes – there are now new holes – how is that part of the plan – this should be filled in and Greg Hepburn will raise this
- There are holes all round the fountain – basically where the perimeter fence crosses the pavements there are holes in the pavements – Gary McLelland has taken pictures of the holes – Trnsmt are liable for all holes
- MSP reports
 - Not present- no report submitted
- Treasurer’s report
 - Still no access to the bank account
 - Previous signatories have facilitated the transfer, and this is now with the bank
 - Hopefully will be able to provide a better report next time
- Planning including weekly planning list
 - Nothing from the council
- Area partnership
 - CC rep will be joining the meeting on 7th
- Licensing –Still heard nothing from the city council - GH to chase on both these fronts

ACTION – Belinda to forward email address for planning and licencing to GH

AOB

- Q - any other business – Tony Devine – Calton Social Area partnership – old social work department – everything that is not in the hospital NE – NW, S
- Run by IJIB board – 8 councillors and 8 members of the health board – formula based on a plan that is reviewed every 3 years
- What do you think of the services, what do you think?
- They run addiction services in Hunter St and Parkhead
- There will be a health hub, children’s services, older peoples services and a library
- They have built 5 health centres so far – they are open 9 to 5
- They are asking what people want – a health centre that is open in the evening and weekends - they are hoping to offer that service to people
- There will be community rooms based in Parkhead open to all – not just for people in Parkhead
- The plan is for a community hub
- Maximise independence – this is for anybody how is accessed this will all be reviewed and if you want someone to come along and explain the services
- The plan is to get community views – the consultation will close on 22nd September - can we give them 45 minutes between now and the 22nd September – they have the consultation online if you want to see it and review
- This is the opportunity for the CC and people of Calton to have their say about the service offered
- LEF meets every 6 weeks – this is online at the moment but they are hoping to go public – they are hoping to have all services represented at the meeting – will leave contact details
- Q – this meeting is about the strategic plan – what the plan is what the priorities are
 - They will come and talk to us about their plan
 - Deadline for the plan is 22 September
 - Q – TF – is Gorbals where - this is part of the south area
 - The new one at Parkhead will offer more services than the Gorbals and will be open 7 days a week and in the evenings
 - the Parkhead hub will offer services for the whole of the NE – lots of services will be moving here
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- Maebh Bradley
 - Thenue – Housing Assoc – keen to discuss what can be done about litter in the Calton – there will be a weekly litter pick and a couple of skip days – does Thenue cover all of our area (yes most of it) Derek Quinn will be speaking to the CE of Thenue tomorrow and will mention the litter pick
 - Little Dovehill – GCC are working on plans for short and long term for this area – keen to meet and discuss with local residents the short and long term plans for the future – point of note for C K-Rogers
 - Community child poverty group – shut down during lockdown – how can we revive the Calton Child Poverty Group – how to revive it if there is interest
 - Nobody at the meeting has been involved with them before
 - They had not engaged with the local councillor GH – a good group would be useful – a lot of funding is available for child poverty
 - Q - Should we put this on the FB page?
 - Could we invite them along to the next meeting ACTION

- Q - Does anyone have contact details? - Mary
- Derek Quinn – landscaping going down to the Barras – very poor – this has been raised to see if there is any reason why the landscaping at Claythorn St near St Luke’s has been stopped?
- **Parking at Glasgow Green**
 - lots of cars are blocking the ramps to get into the green – cars are parked there most days – the parking at the Peoples Palace is 2 hours max – tourists are unable to park and they are blocking the ramps making disabled access difficult for people in wheelchairs – Menteith Row at the old Menteith Hotel – there was not access for disabled people in wheelchairs – difficult for cyclists
- GH to flag this with the council – the ramp at the Menteith hotel – cars parked randomly and haphazardly and they are there all day
- Could a yellow line perhaps help this issue?
- Update about the bollard replacement for Claythorn Avenue? 2 down and another down this week
- Someone spoke to Thenuie about it – nothing has been done so far – Thenuie said that someone would be along to see it
- One is missing, two – one is particularly bad – Derek Quinn will check tomorrow and if not GH will follow up with this
- It came out in MB input last time
- Q – general state of the Calton – rubbish – Glasgow City Centre is a state and everything seems to stop at the opposite side of the clock tower the place is filthy
- There are deep cleans that are starting for areas outside the city centre – there is fly tipping happening
- The bin replacement program is putting in bigger bins – there are fewer bins but a lot of the stuff is down to resourcing – the pandemic was hard because there was a 40% attendance of staff – this is not the case any more
- If there is a particular bit GH will take it up
- The Gallowgate is filthy – the tattoo parlour are dumping their bags outside on the street this has been reported to the council
- This is ongoing and getting worse over the years
- Consistent cleaning
- Laura Scott – at Glasgow Cross – there was so much broken glass – this is still everywhere – there is a lack of commercial bins so the commercial property dump their bags and the seagulls rip the bags open and scatter the waste. The strategy is clearly not working – why are we not looking at a better strategy? GH to ask about having commercial bins in the Calton
- There is a lack of resource in the city to police these things and all these things hit what we have to deal with
- GH to raise it but can’t promise change
- Is there somebody who can come and speak about refuse collection? Maebh Bradley is the person who is the liaison for operational stuff
- Derek Quinn – Q – area partnership – funding coming – what do we need? Ideas are not necessarily priority to people in the area – GH it is limited to specific things for the area – not about enhanced council services – can

enhance the area and can make a bid for it – can't pay for people to do things because you can't pay salary from it

- Area partnership tends to cover physical things
- Close- if you are interested in CCTP – we will try to organise something over the next month or so
- Next meeting AGM and public meeting Thursday 13th October in the same venue – hope then to meet on the second Thursday of the even numbered months

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