

# Calton Community Council Public Meeting Notes 09/11/23

Item	Notes	Action
<p>Welcome and Apologies</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the group and noted the following apologies:</p> <p>Belinda Price (Secretary) - the chair noted that Charlie Kleboe-Rogers would be taking the notes of this meeting.</p> <p>The chair gave a warm welcome to John Mason MSP (JM) and Baillie Linda Pike (BLP)</p> <p>The Chair noted the addition of 2 Associate Members, Derek Pearson from the Barras Market and William Graham from the Glasgow Humane Society.</p> <p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Patricia Fort (Chair), Charlie Kleboe-Rogers (CKR) (Taking Notes), Chloe Pimblet (CP), Caitlin Longman (CL), Laura Scott (LS), Allan Scott (AS), Derek Pearson (DP), William Graham (WG), Baillie Linda Pike (BLP), John Mason MSP (JM), Craig Burns Police Scotland (CB), 6x Members of the public (MOP).</p> <p>Apologies: Sal Hosseinzadeh (SH), Belinda Price (BP)</p>	
<p>Notes of Last Meeting</p>	<p>The chair raised the notes of the last meeting. The notes were approved:</p> <p>Proposer: Laura Scott Seconder: Allan Scott</p> <p>Ongoing Actions: BLP noted the Environmental levy is set locally but this is put into a big pot of money. TRNSMT tickets for 2022 were on sale before the levy came into effect so only ongoing sales would be affected by the levy.</p>	<p>BLP to further interrogate the issue to understand the flow of money.</p>

Police Report	<p>Police Scotland were in attendance, they noted that Graham had changed roles and that a new member of the Police Scotland team was appointed as the new community police liaison officer.</p> <p>Police Constable Craig Burns and PC Nicola Doherty were in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Personnel changes, SGT Gill Maloney has been appointed as a new community liaison</li><li>* Drugs: Intensive work ongoing- several departments have been working in plain clothes to develop intelligence in community.</li><li>* Significant seizures since the start of December- £5k of cash, cannabis and there was another individual with 79 incidences of cocaine.</li><li>* Other colleagues have recovered over £4k in cash and other drugs.</li><li>* Disorder and Theft are relatively low - a lot of disorder is related to the drug trade.</li><li>* Low level theft activity in the last month.</li><li>* Housebreakings there are no residential premises been broken into but 2 commercial premises were broken into.</li><li>* There is a campaign to help reduce prostitution around the Barras areas - there is social work ongoing to help the women affected by these.</li><li>* RTC are still continuing- the POs noted they have been conducting police speed gun checks.</li><li>* There has been a number of vehicle stops and inspections, there has been 17 vehicles seized in connection with organised crime and no insurance.</li><li>* There is going to be a campaign on safe crossings, the POs noted that there has been a rise in individuals parking on crossings.</li></ul> <p>LS raised the issue of food delivery drivers on bikes on the roads and pavements being a danger to pedestrians. The POs noted that there is an education campaign ongoing with PS and there is a problem with electric bikes, they noted they are working towards education gathering enforcing the safety issues with the bikes.</p>	
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<p>Ian Elder</p>	<p>The chair welcomed Ian Elder from the GCC and invited him to talk about district regeneration frameworks.</p> <p>Ian Elder presented the topic to the audience, the presentation is attached <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>The Chair raised the issue of Ingram Street Carpark.</p> <p>Ingram Street Carpark: the DRF is not undermined by a piece of land that's not owned by GCC.</p> <p>The DRF should be viewed as a series of projects that are in process to improve the area but they will not impact land that is now owned by GCC.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if there had been further research done since 2021 to include those that are not digitally accessible. IE noted that engaging with community councils is the first step on developing the research with the wider community. IE noted that they were talking multiple avenues to develop the research. The member of the public questioned if IE had added the information to public spaces, IE noted they have't done this yet but will do this in the future, i.e. using public libraries.</p> <p>AS asked if there was any thought given to Duke Street turning it into an avenue - any thought of huge amount of traffic that uses it when there are events on in the city and at Parkhead. IE noted that they have discussed the development of avenues and said that the avenues team will do separate consultations on the issue of traffic flow and what that will mean for the roads that are being considered to become avenues.</p> <p>Caitlin asked if the if the presentation was part of the DRF. The answer was no, that is a separate piece of work but has some overlapping areas.</p> <p>Caitlin asked about the Necropolis and the through road planned and its link to potential safety concerns. IE noted there was a lot of support for a through road in the necropolis and has engaged with the Friends of the Necropolis. The Dennistoun CC were keen to see the path happen, but IE furthered that the issue of safety is still being considered.</p> <p>MOP asked about the Golden Z project in relation to the St.Enochs areas, there was no talk about reducing road lanes. IE noted that the Golden Z is working in conjunction with the DRF but is separate, he noted that there is no talk about reducing lanes in this area.</p> <p>LS noted her excitement for the DRF plans, and asked about the timeframe for the project. The DRF plans are in a 10 year timeframe.</p>	
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<p>David Mc-Cready</p>	<p>David McCready (DM) is the Community Services officer for Glasgow Life (GL).</p> <p>DM is part of the community development team; this is a new team starting in November 2022. He noted that he is available to help with Glasgow Life matters.</p> <p>DM noted that he and his team are trying to make it easier for members of the public to have a named contact for Glasgow Life. DM is the liaison for Calton.</p> <p>DM's list of priorities can be found on the Calton Community Council website.</p> <p>MOP from the Friends of the People Palace asked if he could be a point of contact between GL and the organisation. DM noted that he could help with the contact and would work with the individual and his organisation.</p> <p>LS asked what Glasgow Life does project wise in the Calton Ward. CM described that there are currently no projects active in the Calton Area and noted that that's why he's here and wants to improve. LS noted that it would be valuable to find out what GL could help provide, i.e. History Group, Activity Groups etc.</p>	
<p>MSP Report</p>	<p>John Mason MSP was present and provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* JM noted that the intents to come to each community council twice a year parliament depending.</li> <li>* JM raised the issue of street prostitution and he noted that the is working with a cross party group that is working for a change in the law to criminalise the purchase of sex. JM noted that GCC in the past has had a proactive approach to dealing with street prostitution.</li> <li>* JM raised the budget and finance continues to be a problem for the parliament and the local authorities. There has been a slight increase in income tax and the budget will be finalised in the coming weeks.</li> <li>* GRA has been raised as an issue in the media and parliament over the past weeks.</li> <li>* Covid Recovery Committee - working with understanding the issues with long covid and caring for people with long covid.</li> <li>* Levelling up fund- disappointed that no money came to Glasgow in round 2 of the levelling up fund. Applications had been made for work on the peoples palace.</li> <li>* Cladding continues to be an issue and the Templeton building in the Calton area is progressing albeit slowly. Assessments of the building have been taken but the issue of payment for work remains unknown.</li> </ul> <p>MOP asked about vaccine injury and JM exchanged details to help the member.</p>	

<p>Councillor Report</p>	<p>Baillie Linda Pike noted that the GCC are furious about not receiving money from the levelling up fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* BLP noted that there had been hints that GCC were going to get funding for 4/5 projects but unfortunately hadn't been successful. BLP noted that GCC had previously been awarded funding and that the UKGOV changed the rules 2 days before award to not award money to councils that had previously been awarded. JM and BLP noted that there was no appeals process.</li> <li>* BLP noted that the budget will be published next week for local authority spending. There is a £68M deficit in Glasgow, this has impacts on where spending might fall across the GCC. BLP noted that there is a major shortfall in money for running baseline public services.</li> <li>* BLP noted further that the communities fund £20M had been allocated but some organisations that didn't get funding are disappointed. BLP and Councillor Hepuburn are currently working with unsuccessful groups to try find alternative funding.</li> <li>* Constituents are contacting BLP about the drugs issues in the Calton. BLP noted that the conversation earlier from PS was encouraging that there is a large amount of drugs being seized.</li> <li>* Other complaints from individuals are around fly tipping; BLP noted this has been raised to council officers, who are currently working to identify perpetrators and continuing to clean the affected areas.</li> <li>* BLP said that the meat market are almost at the stage to set up a charity to develop the project. BLP furthered that there is work ongoing to set up a CIC for this to help with funding applications.</li> <li>* There is a consultation for the Barrowlands park and this should be promoted through the CC.</li> <li>* Planning application in for block of flats on the Gallowgate, near the top of Abercromby street. Previous applications for a hotel were rejected. There are current objections for the block of flats regarding levels of privacy.</li> <li>* There is an application to renovate the old police station on Turnbull Street into 41 flats.</li> </ul> <p>MOP said he was encouraged by GCC's stance on objecting to the Scottish Government's budget for LAs even though the same party runs both. The MOP also asked about the £35 charge for bulk uplifts and about whether this was a barrier and was encouraging fly tipping. BLP noted that GCC had been the only LA not to charge.</p> <p>MOP asked about the charge for the bulk uplift service, MB from GCC noted it was £5 per bulky item. It was previously £35 for 11 items and has since been changed to £5 per item.</p> <p>BLP noted that when fly tipping is reported that the GCC are quick to respond.</p>	<p>BLP to find out how much GCC has gained in the £35 charge for bulky uplift.</p> <p>CCC to publicise the consultation on the Barrowlands Park. (Details requested from BLP further to the meeting).</p> <p>BLP and JM to find out if when the builders purchased the land at the meat market if there was money to be invested in local community. (Section 75)</p>
<p>GCC</p>	<p>Meabh Bradley from GCC was present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* MB noted that the deep clean for Calton and Bridgeton is set to take place this week and next (by 17th of Feb).</li> <li>* MB noted that there was extensive fly tipping in Millroad Street.</li> <li>* Gully programme was to take place from the 3rd of Jan due to the war on potholes a lot of resources was pulled over to deal with the potholes in the area. The Gully cleaning will resume in the 3rd week of March.</li> </ul> <p>MB asked the community council to continue to inform her when there are things to be done in the ward.</p>	

Planning Issues	<p>Chloe Pimblett raised the active planning issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* CP raised the proposed 20 metre telecommunications tower on London Road, opposite 286 London Road near Monteith Row. CP noted the planners have noted they will try make the tower integrated visually in an urban furniture style.</li> <li>* 22 Abercromby Street was operating as a pub and is requesting change to a takeaway (restaurant).</li> <li>* Use of the Police Headquarters near St.Andrews Square to change to a 45 flat development. There has been a mixed response so far. Historic Scotland were concerned with the internal changes that may not respect the listed status. An MOP noted the building had degenerated significantly in the last 30 years so Historic Scotland should be shown updated listing pictures.</li> <li>* 212 Gallowgate currently vacant retail space proposed as a new cafe.</li> <li>* Development at Charlotte street- 65 flatted developments. There has been a lot of resistance so far. The current land is a disused office block. The proposed plans are 8 floors.</li> <li>* Use of 29 Claythorn Street as 10 serviced apartments. Previous application for 3 that were very large. Now application is for 10 with no garden spaces.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair raised that the community council has been contacted by developers working in Havannah Street. The Chair noted that there 2 plots of land that would be surplus to any development. The Chair, LS and CP met with the developers before Christmas to discuss the land. The developers noted that the land could be transferred to a community or development trust. It was noted that if the community does not take on the land it would be serviced by the factors of the development.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the CC will host a public meeting at 10 Havannah Street on the 23rd of March 7pm with the developers to discuss the developments and the land.</p> <p>MOP asked what the purpose of the public meeting was. The chair answers that the meeting is to discuss the two pieces of land and what the future of them would be. CP noted that the land and the developments were interlocked. The MOP added they think the developers are attempting to manipulate the CC into supporting the development of the student blocks. AS noted that the land belongs to GCC and that it is leased for 120 years to Dawn Construction. The Chair noted that a friend of the CC who is a geologist had looked at the survey of the land. AS noted that the triangle of land was originally factored by the Milnbank Housing Associated and they have handed it back to Dawn Construction.</p>	<p>CP and BLP noted they were asking for changes to be made to the mono-pole, to be more in fitting with the surrounding area.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>Laura Scott noted that there has been issued accessing the BoS Account. LS added that the old signatories have been taken off the account and new ones from the CC have been added.</p> <p>There has been a new account set up and the old accounts funds will be transferred to the new account.</p>	
Licensing	<p>There have been no licensing applications since the last CC meeting.</p>	

<p>Notice of Call for Nominations for the Election of Additional Community Council Members</p>	<p>The chair noted that the the community council will begin the process of seeking new members for the Council.</p> <p>The chair noted there will be a campaign to recruit new members over the next 7 weeks. The posters are around the community council area and on the CC website. There are currently 5 available posts, members should be over 16 and on the electoral register and living in the Calton area.</p>	
<p>Area Partnership</p>	<p>Caitlin Longman presented the update of the Area Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* PDC Thriving places - Looking to engage and create greater participation in the community. They are blurring their boundary lines and will welcome people living in the Calton area. They do a number of activities including bike rapid, women empowerment, multicultural events and many more.</li> <li>* Inner East Strategic Development Framework - Calton Area is included in these and there are slides that will be available on the community council website in due course.</li> <li>* Infrastructure improvement fund. Each AP is being allocated £1M to develop support infrastructure in the area.</li> <li>* Funding- there has been a series of funding applications and the next round of funding will be available in the next financial year, and the AP will accept applications up to the new financial year.</li> <li>* Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. There is a partnership being set up for an international community of Catholics.</li> <li>* Calton community Fire Station are starting to run 1 day fire skill courses and will be targeting schools. They will consider doing training for interested groups. There is a second hand pool table available at the fire station and they'd like to give this to a local community group.</li> </ul>	
<p>AOCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* An MOP asked about extra bins for their street. BLP noted that Meadh Bradley could help with litter picking equipment and that BLP herself will enquire about new bins.</li> <li>* An MOP asked about litter pick groups and it was noted that Meabh Bradley (no longer at the meeting) has some information.</li> <li>* An MOP added that GCC run the Glasgow Street Champions that you can contact to get litter pick equipment. - AS noted that GCC provide training for groups wanting to do litter picks specifically to help with picking up needles.</li> </ul>	<p>BLP to ask about addition bins on Tobago street.</p> <p>The CC to publicise the GCC Glasgow Street Champions.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>The Chair confirmed that the date and time of the next meeting is April the 6th at 7pm in the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre</p>	