

## CCC Public Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Draft minutes

### ACTIONS ARISING

ACTION	WHO	COMPLETE? Y/N
Report concerns about Havannah St and other issues arising about policing back to Supt Corrigan	Craig Burns	
To coordinate action to prevent replay of CFC celebrations of 27th May 2023	J Mason, A Thewliss, L Pike	
Share link for pavement parking	CKR	

Present	
Tricia Fort	Chair
Laura Scott	Treasurer
Belinda Price	Secretary
Alasdair Finlayson	Committee
Allan Scott	Committee
Caitlin Longman	Committee
Gary McKenna	Committee
Chloe Pimblett	Committee
Charlie Kleboe-Rogers	Committee
Derek Pearson	Assoc Member
Alison Thewliss	MP Glasgow Central
John Mason	MSP Glasgow Shettleston
Linda Pike	Glasgow City Councillor, Calton Ward
Local Business Owner	
Local Residents	

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies.
  - a. Gerry Corrigan (Police Scotland)
  - b. Derek Quinn - Committee
2. Minutes of previous meeting
  - a. Approved – LS propose, AS seconded.
  - b. Matters arising
    - i. nothing
3. Police Report
  - a. Busy couple of months with concerts, parades and sports events
  - b. In the team of 9 there have been 90 policing days lost for operations, annual leave, court, training etc. has removed them from the beat.

- c. Spike in recorded numbers of crimes – due to the number of events – low level disorder, drugs offenses etc.
- d. Significant detections for drugs and street disorder
- e. 1kg seized class A – 1 person in remand for offenses.
- f. Will be reviving road traffic offenses and checks once the summer ends.
- g. Have been at a meeting with the Celtic Foundation – program to help prevent young people 16-24 who are involved in criminality or disorder to get them onto a training scheme to divert them away.
- h. Council DVLA and Police – operation to target garages that are causing issues with broken down cars blocking street etc.
- i. From Supt Corrigan – with regards to the issues with regards to Celtic celebrations he is liaising regularly with the council and Celtic FC to keep an eye on what is happening, and action will be taken next year if it looks like something similar is going to happen next year. A report will be provided.
- j. LS – herself and TF met with Supt Corrigan, and he seemed to understand what had happened. Issues raised were primarily public safety and public service access in case of emergency. Lack of initiative, planning and action when people started to assemble. What we were wanting was someone to raise these concerns in the strongest possible terms that we don't condone the behaviour and there was nothing to be done. Apathy is the response that we have had from police and from Glasgow City Council.
- k. Steven from Outlier – shop window smashed and had reported it to the police – and had captured the footage on London Road – he is still waiting to hear from the police – Craig Burns to look into it and get back to Steven about what is happening with that.
- l. TF – if you can ask Supt Corrigan when he might come to one of our meetings that would be helpful.
- m. AT – to reinforce that constituents and shop owners have been in touch – the lack of planning – you might not have necessarily known about it and there was an impact on the surrounding – should have happened in an organized fashion and it was frightening for people.
- n. They had several dates when it might have happened. It's not possible to cover everything just in case something happens.
- o. PS - we did talk to pubs in advance of it.
- p. AT - All the off licenses should have been approached and told them not to sell and Tesco was shut.
- q. TF – Havannah St - Drug abuse at site
  - i. CP – contacted by the general manager that borders the vacant site – there are children living in there for the pipe band championships – there was an overdose today that one of the piping visitors had to deal with it – an off-duty paramedic.
  - ii. This is No1 on the radar and we are trying to deal with it as much as possible – CB – will highlight it to the CI as something that is becoming a big issue.
  - iii. AS – not just drugs – also prostitution – they are increasing round there – they are taking their punters round there because they think they can't be seen – but they can and there are lots of tourists and

children and this is happening outside where they are staying – they are coming down the street in hordes.

- iv. Also accumulating at Watson St at McPherson St
- v. CKR – tubs of drugs being dropped in his front garden at Little Dovehill
- vi. Also injecting in behind the building at the corner of Little Dovehill and on the waste ground
- vii. PS - Little Dovehill is on their list of people for the night.
- viii. GMc – It's very intimidating – the Spar on Havannah St has to close because they are being targeted.
- ix. PS – the patrols will be starting back up – they have not been able to police the usual areas because of operational demands.
- x. They are trying their best and they need to feed this back up to try to get other agencies involved.
- xi. Community Safety would love to get involved with the Havannah Street work when it is in the planning phase – they are able to provide input and makes it easier to police.
- xii. LS – Residents – have a series of videos and drug dealing on the street – what is the best way to report that – via Crimestoppers is the best way to do it – or the “contact us” form directly to us.
- xiii. Who are they, where they are, when they are dealing it, where they are storing the drugs, any cars that are regularly passing, where they hide the drugs when they are dealing them – the more information we can provide the better?

#### 4. Havannah Street

- a. Consultation about who wants to take the land forward.
- b. Matt from Dream Machine on London Road is keen to take it forward.
- c. Series of shipping containers that are available for rental – initially on the triangle and eventually on the bigger strip of land.
- d. Community centred, artistic endeavours that are beneficial to the community.
- e. Timetable – Matt and Paul have been talking.
  - i. Planning application is going in in January – access to the site from next year and access to the main site in some years.
  - ii. There will be a large amount of consultation as they want it to be community led.
  - iii. Gary Mc – have attempted to arrange a meeting to discuss the range and scale of work going on in the area.
  - iv. Wanted to make sure that all parties were communicating and that there was joined up thinking and took into account the anti-social behaviour in the area.
  - v. Gary Mc has been struggling to get in touch with the various other parties – he has been to an event today and they are going round talking to people at other events – getting out to build a groundswell around what is happening and then try to bring everyone together.
  - vi. AS – our worry is we are going to provide a nice place for the drug users and prostitutes to congregate – that is what we don't want.

- vii. ACTION – Chloe to reach out to Craig Burns to provide an email address to ensure that PS could have an input into the safety of the planning on the site.
- viii. PS have been doing work with factors of buildings south of London Road to ensure that the buildings are secure and prevent drug use and anti-social behaviour is reduced.
- ix. Q- CP – we are very keen to work with the police to provide a view into the site.
- x. There have been operations to crack down in prostitution in the area.

#### 5. Planning Issues - CP

- a. Information for all events recently – TRNSMT, Cycling, World Pipe Band Championships, no notice for the Orange Walk – the big parade in July
- b. CP found out that you have to apply to get notice of processions – when we had the community council here before we were issued with notice.
- c. At one of the events, we were told that it is incumbent on organizers to issue information.
- d. How do we get to know when the processions are, when are we told and when will people be told when they can get vehicles out or in
- e. AS – they weren't scheduled to go down any of the roads – they were scheduled to go down Saltmarket, but they were told at very short notice that they were not allowed to proceed down the Saltmarket.
- f. TF – they used to get notices of processions that were sent through by licensing.
- g. We have now opted in so we will be given notice.
- h. LP – as a community council you have to opt in to be notified? What was the response from the council that residents are not being notified? We are not notified as residents.
- i. LP – will ask why the community council is not notified.
- j. JM – there is a difference between other licensing because they only need to notify the council, they don't need permission.
- k. It is advertised to an extent – the council will only act if the Police object to the route.
- l. The Orange Walk the night before that was meant to go down Abercromby St which was objected to, and which was rerouted.
- m. Might not get notification because the road isn't closed – it's just blocked.
- n. CKR – his neighbour was very upset because he was almost assaulted by someone because he was trying to cross the road – we need to communicate it better to people who live in Glasgow.
- o. JM – the law does not allow the council to stop it at the moment.
- p. BP – can there not be something made available to raise awareness of what is acceptable on parade days.
- q. Response to Spoutmouth planning application (flats and shops on current waste land / carpark) – support for with a mention of Barrowlands park – vital green space if you are adding more flats to the area.
- r. Christal Bell Pub, 31 Gallowgate –application to install an acoustic ceiling and general improvements – very high level

- s.
6. Licensing
    - a. Only one at the moment – secondary short term let on High St – if you have any views, let us know. Suggests a holiday rental and potentially student rental – no HMO so suggestive of holiday rental.
  7. Area Partnership - CL
    - a. TF – thanks for attending the last meeting on my behalf.
    - b. Neighbourhood infrastructure improvement fund
    - c. 137 people have contributed.
    - d. Open spaces, condition of road – see doc for detail that Caitlin has shared.
    - e. Improve and create leisure facilities or sports and leisure facilities.
    - f. Crossing and pavements accessible and safe for all
    - g. Improve or create green spaces – Q BP what about Barrowland park? Not specifically mentioned.
  8. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Opening – £2119.96
    - b. No deposits –
    - c. Expenditure £57.72 and £50 for the last meeting for the meeting
    - d. £4.80 – internet fees
    - e. Current balance – £212.24
    - f. Accounts will be audited before the AGM.
  9. Local issues
    - a. What's going on across the street – the site that has been flattened across from Thenuie – making more space for parking with landscaping around it for Forsyth's building.
  10. Councilors Reports
    - a. LP – since last meeting the council has been in recess – no committee meeting – nothing to report back on
    - b. One thing from the last meeting – the money raised the the environment levy on tickets for events in the park goes into a general pot and is spent anywhere in the city – LS has raised a FOI request to get more information about where the money is spent.
    - c. Barrowland Park – nothing else has been discussed about =- will update us if anything is raised
    - d. This is a stalled space, and this has been mentioned as the next to be developed – it attracts tourists. Ingram St which is being used as a car park = this has been objected to in some detail by Patrick Harvie – if something comes up, we should be contacting him for his help (as well as theirs) to save it
    - e. There is a strong feeling that people love the park, and we should fight for it if we can.
    - f. LS – there is more and more development in the area and Glasgow Green is restricted for large parts of the summer – so it is one of the very few parts of the area that are not concreted over.
    - g. Which budget does the environmental levy go into – LS I have asked this as part of the FOI request – LP believes it goes into the NRS budget and it is for environmental issues?

- h. LP would like to see the answers to the FoI request – the CC should be putting the case forward to the council to spend the money locally and we should be using the events that happen here as a positive for the area.
- i. LP – happy to have these conversations because I believe that some of the money should be spent locally.
- j. The majority of the impact is felt in the area and the community should benefit from this.
- k. GMc – other priorities mean that we were close to a fatality by OD that a visitor had to address.
- l. The TNSMT green levy – this is not for paying for police, it is for environmental benefits to the community.
- m. 7 Ways pub in Bridgeton is going to be a coffee shop.
- n. Have been out and about in the community seeing events that have been happening.
- o. The Meat Market got a 25-year license approved so some work should be starting there.
- p. Q – TF to LP – after the meeting about the 27<sup>th</sup> of May – reply on behalf of Eileen Marshall – not reassured at all about the response that I got. We heard in the press it had cost 34K to clean up after the event – TF wrote to the city council and expressed dismay at the response – the council should be asking Celtic to pay to cover the costs. Emailed on 4<sup>th</sup> July to say we shouldn't (as residents) be paying from the clean-up – got another email which was a cut and paste of the previous response. A poor response in the first instance, and a cut and paste of the same response purporting to be from another person was completely unacceptable.
- q. JM – we will all coordinate MP, MSP, Councilor will coordinate to ask the council to address this.
- r. AT – general apologies to make - being able to make it along every month but does see minutes and emails.
  - i. Issues have been well covered.
  - ii. Office opened 369 cases – 154 were individual issues with constituency casework – DWP, Home Office etc.
  - iii. There is a huge need out there and it's to do with the cost-of-living crisis – trying to ensure that people are not panicking and working on a series of cost-of-living surgeries.
  - iv. Write out to people to get them to come along and get support with issues – will be one in the Calton soon – there is often something that can be done to bring support and bring more support.
  - v. E.g., prepayment meters – vouchers were very under-claimed for those on prepayment meters – if you are aware of anyone, we can take those things up.
  - vi. What about student accommodations where we have no contact with energy suppliers- we are having rental hikes to reflect rising costs – we are taking it into account, and we are trying to take stuff forward happy to talk about that
  - vii. Barrowland Park – it was always to be temporary but we would like it to become more permanent.

- viii. It is still zoned for housing on that basis – the longer it has been a park the more likely there is a case to be made for it.
  - s. JM – I can't come to all the meetings – you are the first one I have been to twice.
  - t. Congrats on the litter pick – it is great if the community comes together while chasing the council to do better.
  - u. Marches – did meet with Prof Dominic Bryan, chair of the working group and action group he has said we don't need a parades commission in Scotland – I am disappointed about that – I think we need new legislation about that at some point.
  - v. Glasgow Green – a number of trees have been cut down – there are 2 million trees in Glasgow – 200,000 of these are Ash trees – 60 – 90 percent of these are going to die due to Ash dieback – they are committed to replant these.
  - w. Council Tax – there is a suggestion that bands e, f, g, and h should pay more – there is a consultation on until September about that.
  - x. Everyone would like to abolish council tax, but nobody can agree on what should replace it – local income tax – not going to happen, local land valuation, govt saying there will be no change before the next election – CKR has the link for that and will share.
  - y. Pavement parking – legislation has passed but it needs to be enacted - they are in the process of deciding where it will apply before it is enforced.
  - z. Same with hate crime and same with prostitution – the legislation has a working group where the men should be criminalized not just the women.
11. AOCB
- a. No other competent business
12. Next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – will also be the AGM.