

## CALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**PUBLIC MEETING and AGM, Thursday 13 October 2022, 7:00 – 8:30pm**

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

### AGENDA

Item	Time	Detail
1	7:00	Welcome and Introductions
2	7:05	AGM – see separate agenda
3	7:15	Minutes of meeting 1, 23 June, Approval, matters arising and action
4	7:20	Guests from Glasgow Trades Union Council, Current Industrial Actions concerns
5	7:30	Police Report
6	7:40	Jamie Shields, GCC, Glasgow City Council Avenues Project, Trongate, Glasgow Cross, Gallowgate, London Road
7	7:55	Councilor Reports
8	8:05	MSP Reports
9	8:10	Treasurer's Report
10	8:15	Planning Issues, including weekly Planning List and Licensing Issues
11	8:20	Area partnership
12	8:25	Maebh Bradley, GCC, Local concerns, including Calton Child Poverty Group and local development issues
13	8:30	Any other competent business

14	8:35	Date of Next meeting (24 November) and close
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## **Apologies**

- John Mason MSP
- Cllr O'Lone
- Cllr George Redmond
- Derek Pearson
- PC Craig Burns
- Cllr Hepburn – apologies due to illness

## **Attendance**

- Tricia Fort (Chair)
- Laura Scott (Treasurer)
- Belinda Price (Secretary)
- Chloe Pimblett
- Caitlin Longman
- Sala Hossein
- Charlie Kleboe-Rogers
- Allan Scott
- Police Scotland x 2: PC Craig Thomson, PC Chris Divers
- TUC x :1 Stuart Graham
- Meabh Bradley GCC
- Ryan McGonnagle
- Jamie Shields – Avenues Project
- Tom Joyes – Barrowland Market
- Ash Eillot – Barrowland Market

## **Welcome and Introductions**

- Welcome and intros from the committee
- Apologies as shown above

## **AGM**

- Approve Chair's written annual report
  - December meeting in November
  - Another meeting in April (April 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Derek Pearson – chair of the Barras Traders elected as an Associate Member
  - Complex Needs and Asylum services in Hunter St
- Approve Treasurer's report
  - Engaged with BoS to get the previous account signed over to new CCC
  - Hoping to get this set up in the next week or so
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- Remit of current office bearers
- Call for nomination for the election of office bearers

- Chair – Belinda Price nominates Tricia Fort Laura Scott, seconds Tricia Fort appointed
- Vice Chair – Gary McLelland nominated by Laura Scott, Belinda Price seconded, Gary McLelland appointed
- Secretary – Tricia Fort nominates Belinda Price, Charlie Kleboe Rogers seconds, Belinda Price appointed
- Treasurer – Bel Price nominates Laura Scott, Tricia Fort seconds, Laura Scott appointed
- Planning and Licensing contact – Chloe Pimblett nominated by Bel Price, Laura Scott seconded, Chloe Pimblett appointed
- Calton area partnership lead and sub – Bel Price nominate Caitlin Longman, Tricia Fort seconded, Caitlin Longman appointed. Sub Tricia Fort nominated by Caitlin Longman. Laura Scott seconded; Tricia Fort appointed
- Note the appointment of an independent examiner of accounts for the next year
  - LS – there are no accounts now due to problems transferring at the back
  - Gordon Kerr finance manager of Milnbank has offered to examine the accounts. The committee agreed they would approach him when the time arrived.
- Note the appointment of Derek Pearson as an associate member
- Chair to confirm date of next AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **Minutes of last public meeting for approval**

- Allan Scott proposes, Laura Scott seconds
- Matters arising – Trisha has asked them to send a report if they can't attend
- Derek Quinn was to raise the EPIC initiative to see if THenue were interested. He is not here, and we have no update – this is carried forward to the next meeting
- Toilets link on FB page – ACTION complete
- Planning and licensing information – raised as we were not receiving info – this has been addressed
- Child Poverty action group – MB is here and will talk about it at this meeting
- CLLR Hepburn – some actions but he is not present at this meeting
- 5 of us joined an online consultation about active travel – of the 5 of us 2 cycle regularly in the area and 2 have tried and find it too daunting
- We were asked what we wanted to see – enforcement of existing legislation – this is not being done
- Minutes approved

### **Guest from Glasgow Trades Union Council**

- Stuart Graham, Glasgow TUC exec committee – represents the cities trade union structure
- The TUC is doing an outreach program to engage communities in the action that is taking place in the city in the next few months
- Embedded in the community, have communication routes, communication hub
- They have reached out to all the CC in Glasgow – we are the first one that they are talking to
- All the strikes are not all about pay, but they all have a pay element to them
- Increase cost of living, cost of food, housing, and energy this is something that is affecting everyone
- The role of the union is to protect members against the rising cost of living
- This is about protecting living standards of the ordinary members who are members of the community
- Not just about one specific range – this about all workers who live in the community
- Workers' wages have fallen in real terms over the last 12 years
- The narrative relies on public support – the public support carries that through
- We need public support – visibility on picket lines, using CC resources to publicize picket lines and where they are
- What we are looking for is for people to be able to engage with the workers

- We have set up 4 x solidarity groups through the city – we are introducing residents to people who are striking to start these conversations
- If local workers are paid better, they will spend this extra in the local area
- There needs to be some level of community solidarity for those defending their standards of living and achieve future gains
- Q – not asking any CC to take a party-political stance.
- Q – Allan Scott – what you are saying is correct – as a CC it is difficult to get this message out there
  - A - have you thought about using areas and public halls to raise awareness in the community – yes but we didn't want to make any assumptions
  - We want to have in person meetings and address the questions of people and answering questions
- What we ask is to use the conduits and comms networks to communicate with the people in the community
- Council agreed yes, we will if it is not party political

## **Guest from Glasgow Avenues Project**

- Jamie Shields GCC – Avenues project, Principal Officer, Project, and Program Manager
- City Deal is a 1bn pocket of money across the Glasgow region
- Sustainability
- Clyde Waterfront – Collegelands and Calton Barras, North Gateway
- Lots of background information
- Pilot delivered in Sauchiehall Street – very grey, no green infrastructure
- Thinking about vehicles and not people
- Concept design is about traffic land reduction
- Giving the space back to people
- Segregated cycling infrastructure
- Targeting a lone 12 year old – it must be safe for them
- Green infrastructure – targeting surface water management
- Trees trap water, treat water and manage the return of the water into the sewage system
- Increase footfall
- Empty premises on Sauchiehall Street a lot of this is due to covid
- Street furniture, café culture, infrastructure
- 17 streets will be funded
- 21 million from Sustrans for another 4 avenue projects
- Duke St will be targeted
- Argyle St and Trongate – it is broken into 3 areas – Argyle St West, Central Part, Trongate
- Concept of Trongate – southern road will be closed and will be used for cycling only – this will be for cycling only
- On High Street – west lane will be closed
- Single lane traffic each way on high street
- They are responsible for infrastructure
- Not strategy, not enforcement using e.g., LEZ
- Make a more sustainable city centre
- Bus stops and parking will be relocated as part of this
- Not just looking at Trongate – if there is an issue at a wider location, they will be looking at that
- Want a sustainable area and draw people back into the city centre to get rid of the dilapidation
- Q – when?
  - A - The latter stages of the designs are being developed – 6 months procurement after approval – Trongate to Hope St – don't know which direction the improvements will take place
- Q – High St – lots use this to get up to the motorway

- A - it won't be able to drive to or through the city centre \looking at the east city way – arterial routes that will be used to channel traffic out of the city
- A - People first – taking private vehicles out of the city
- Q - SG – how do you stop people parking in the local area where there are no restrictions and walking into the city centre
  - A - there will be restrictions put in place and targeted enforcement – to prevent this sort of behavior – they will put bollards in place if needed
  - A - Up to a 5-year monitoring plan to look at the benefits and drawbacks as this is rolled out
- Q - AS – in the avenues – when this is extended into Duke St – when there is a game at Parkhead – if they are half the width of the surrounding streets – this will lead to congestion?
  - A - Yes it will get worse – they will miss the game, in future, they will take a bus or leave earlier
  - It will impact on the people who live and work in the area
  - We are aware of the CC and will be in touch to see what we can do
  - They will do everything they can
- Q - TF – there were proposals to restrict parking around Parkhead – this was resisted by the clubs – this was going to be taken to court
- Q - CKR – with public transport – is this likely to reopen a conversation about reopening Glasgow Cross Train Station
  - A - unknown – this would take a lot of infrastructure upgrade and other stuff – the train is close to the surface in many areas – not heard anything about it
- Q - Glasgow Cross – was it connected to the Parkhead station?
  - A - No it was connected to Bridgeton
- Q – GM – cycle paths – junctions e.g., Springfield Rd – cycle path ends before the junction and cycling is spat out into the junction which is dangerous
  - A - they are looking at full segregation and bringing it all up to the junctions, changing the traffic light phasing etc.
- Q – 4 other projects – they are part of the project, 150m pounds and 21m pounds for additional cycle lanes, Duke St, Bellgrove St, Dobbies Loan, North City way and for Great Western Road to the city centre. South Portland St into the waterfront
  - A - Consultation for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan – there is a lot of traction to develop this outside the city centre
  - A - Difficult to develop in the city centre and there is a lot of infrastructure and funding for sustainability

## **Councillor Reports**

By email from Cllr Hepburn – apologies due to illness

*“I raised issues from our last meeting with the departments and officers and provided an update to the Chair with the responses that I received. I was given reassurance that each would be dealt with, but I understand that the CC is still not receiving planning/licensing notices. I have flagged this up again and I am hoping that it is resolved swiftly.*

*Secondly, I was going to raise ongoing issues at Glasgow Green and Free Wheel North, which have been escalating for some months. The organisation is an independent charity that holds a lease from the Council, which limits the options for Cllrs to get involved. However alongside other local members I have been raising concerns about the ongoing continuation of the service with Council officers and have shared our concerns with OSCR, the charity regulator, who we understand are investigating the matter formally.”*

## **MSP Report(s)**

- No MSPs contributions so we will move on

## **Police Scotland Report**

- Craig Burns and Graham Hazel – not available today.
- GH has just joined the team.
  - He has 5 years' experience working in different parts of Glasgow.
- Greig Robertson is the new CI.
- There were calls on resources over the Queen's funeral
- 7 new officers have been trained in the use of the handheld speed cameras – they will be using these at the evenings and weekends.
- Concerns have been raised into the city centre traffic plan.
- 13 vehicles have been seized in the area.
- Drugs – LPST have been involved for several years.
- 6 people have been charged and >7k worth of Class A drugs have been charged.
- A number of people have been charged with personal drug possession.
- This level of enforcement will continue for the foreseeable future.
- There is a joined effort across a number of different agencies to target antisocial behaviour at all levels.
- They are trying to introduce a drug harm program
- Street prostitution – a new operation is ongoing. There are plain clothes and uniforms officers targeting this in the area at the moment. The prostitutes are being offered advice and support.
- Thefts remain at a low level in the area. Mostly to support drugs etc.
- Q - MoP – drug issue – now moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation dealers
  - they are moving to another house in the same family.
  - This is happening 24/7.
  - They work in shifts.
  - They bring in the prostitutes, the homeless people are coming in with the money that they are managing to raise by begging.
  - It's a well-known operation and I know when they are coming and going.
  - Why are the police not doing more?
- Police input all intelligence into the computer system and evidence needs to be built up and warrants raised and execute. Things are constantly moving, and they are constantly different people. They are well organized and changing constantly. Conditions are being put into place and we rely on the courts to lay down these conditions. They are being arrested and released.
- 2 teams at London Road community police. They are not enough of them to be in the area all the time to see what is going on. Understand the frustration but there are not enough of us to deal with the issues.
- If we can stop the big shipments – this is the key. We are trying to, but we need to be in the right place at the right time. We do try to get the right people. It's not easy for the police to see it and to be there. As soon as we make one stop/search, that is the end of stuff for that day. There is a steady supply of people.
- TF – we are concerned that there is a resource issue.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Nothing to add other than the AGM report

### **Planning, including Weekly Planning List**

- CP – GM and CP sharing the duty
- They are receiving the weekly planning list
- Nothing particularly relevant to Calton area
- There are new flats being built on Bell St
- This is in the planning phase at the moment –
  - ACTION – CP to take this up
- Information about HMOs and other matters
  - ACTION – CP will publicise stuff through the appropriate channels asap

### **Licensing issues**

- As above

## **Area Partnership**

- CL – attended first meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September – chaired by Greg Hepburn
- There is a lot of new vocabulary, and she is learning on the job
- GCC has allocated budget to development for parks and open spaces
- There are 3 projects for the area
  - Dechmont Street
  - Bluevale Street
  - Glencillar Street planters and bulbs
  - ACTION – BP to get details from CL when this is available

## **Maebh Bradley – GCC local concern**

- MB – coordinator for ward 9 – all of Calton ward
- Work within the neighbourhood liaison team
- Coordinates between all interested parties in the area, CCC, police, Community Groups, etc. MB brings people together
- Last month – the Calton Child Poverty network – this was a community group that was supported by the city council
- It became more and more minuted and hosted by GCC
- The network included agencies involved with children in the neighbourhood – to give information
- about things to do in the area
  - funding
  - activities

The need for this needs to come from the community and the council will support the resurrection of the network – MB happy to assist to get it u p and running

- Upcoming developments – police and GCC want to get conversations going about Little Dovehill, and what can be done moving forward
- Managing expectations about what can be done
- Who owns the carparks
- There are no plans for the carparks now – not certain who owns it
- MB has been involved in trying to get the area cleaned up
- West of 331 Bell Street
  - Carpark – Bell St – not aware of anything happening there
  - Outside Little Dovehill
  - Spoutmouth is potentially going to be built on
  - The other car park has been cleared
- MB has been trying to find out what is going to be done on that car park
  - Where the trees are is privately owned
- MB will find try to find out how to turn this into a nicer space
- MB happy to have a separate meeting about what can be done and facilitate the conversation
- She is listening to residents, police, colleagues – a coordinated conversation and approach is what is needed to move this forward
- On Collegelands – where there are the two blocks of the student accommodation at present the third stage is still to be completed – DAWN – opportunity to gain an acre of green space – their view is to develop the land to meet dual purposes – broker the possibility of bringing forward land for the community – for growing and public amenity
  - They want to enter constructive dialogue
  - They are in discussion to sell the land and are trying to broker community space
  - The land must be in public ownership
  - A community public trust – must be in community ownership

- Can't be a housing association for example
- Want a conversation with residents and everyone in the area
- The whole segment
- They want a community engagement plan
- MB happy to send links to the other master plans that are open to the public but are hard to find
- There are lots of little master plans that have been proposed as part of a bigger city plan
- They want to see how this can fit in
  - - MB to send the links
- The conversation needs to begin
- This is only being proposed
- DAWN accepts that a community development trust that will need input from Townhead, Merchant City, Calton etc. to bring this together
- MB happy to broker the conversation but this is all the detail that she has
- Planning permission would be put in alongside the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the development
- Q - TF – we will be left with a diminishing area of green space. Need a meeting to discuss this
- The new developments are all high density
- Therefore, MB is keen to speak to as many people as possible to start the conversation
- Q - AS – this green area is not currently accessible
- This is important that this green space is accessible to the people of Calton
- It is also used for fly tipping
- Only the north side of the railway line would be available
- Q - CKR – what's below this? Why are they keen to give this away for nothing? We need to understand what is under this before we can recommend anything
- This happened in Ballochmyle in Ayrshire – a developer offered land up to the community and it turned out there was a graveyard under it
- Q - GM – understands that there will be planning for another block of student accommodation which is contrary to the original master plan
- MB – only here to broker the conversation, can they find out what is under there?
- Q - AS – we can ask Dawn construction to carry out surveys and test bores before any community trust can be set up
- If it is worth doing, then it is something that we should think about
- Q - AS – what would help would be if we could get local elected members to turn up and take part in the council
- ACTION - TF to contact MB to see how we can move forward
- MB – any other issues?
- TF – grateful to MB for upgrading the noticeboards on the Green
- Parks development need photos and descriptions of what needs to be fixed ACTION – Trisha Fort to send this on

### **Any Other Competent Business**

- Tom Joyes – Margaret McIvor Limited - operate the biggest part of the Barras market
- There is an application in to open the market on a Thursday evening
- Come from the new traders in the market
- There is a new direction using money that was ring fenced through covid
- They have been investing in the market and making improvements
- There is a new strategy to attract new traders
- Things are going quite well, and things are improving a lot
- There is a need for an evening market in the city and the barras in hoping to introduce this
- There is a younger element coming to the market
- There is a need to do a monthly event to see if this works – mostly arts and craft and sustainable things



- This will be restricted to 244 Gallowgate – beneath the Barrowland ballroom – this is mostly now doers and makes
- Want to do Thursday evenings
- Might be problematic with events happening at the Barrowland ballroom but they would manage this and close prior to the show coming out
- Good for the east end and good for the market
- If there any other ways to connect better with the community, we are keen to do this and emphasize the Calton and the community – get int touch with them and get the community and younger people involved
- AS – get in touch with the local schools – they would probably want to know the history of the barras and how it works
  - ACTION – leave information for the website and we will publicize this
  - Q – what time? 5pm to 11pm – need to try it and see what happens. It wouldn't be every Thursday night – we would start with every Thursday especially in the run up to Xmas
- Want it to be a Thursday night to allow time to put stuff back together for the weekend trading
- Would close early on nights when things are on at the Barras
- Will start in the first weekend in November
- Redeveloped London Rd Market about 20 years ago
- The market went through a hard time during covid – this year they believe that they can turn London Road market about
- They are planning to open a Xmas Market at the start of November
- OACB? nothing

### **Date of Next Meeting and Close**

- Next Public Meeting is Thursday 24th November 2022

### **ACTION**

ACTION	TAKEN BY	COMPLETE?
Investigate the new development on Bell St further	CP	
Publicise planning and licensing applications in the area through the online channels	CP	
Information from the area partnership to be advertised via the online channels	BP	
Maebh Bradley to send links to plans for green areas in the ward being offered to the community	MB	
Tricia Fort to send pictures of the state of the notice boards in Glasgow Green so that the appropriate repairs can be taken. Send to MB	TF	
Ash Elliot of Barrowlands to send details of the new Thursday night market to the community council to publicise.	BP / CP	