

CALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2023

Chair's Report

Calton Community Council is now celebrating its first full year of operation and it has been a busy year.

We continue to have public meetings every 2 months but over the last year we have also held 2 Special Meetings.

The first of these was on 23 March and was held in conjunction with the developer of the land on Havannah Street. As their work there comes to an end the developer is keen to see the land not required for building move into community ownership. After significant work by 2 members of the Community Council we are pleased that discussions are ongoing between the developer and a local Community Organisation and we will keep people updated on progress.

The second Special Public Meeting was on Thursday 28 September and was held to inform us all of the development of Scotland's first Safer Drug Consumption Facility to be housed at the medical centre on Hunter Street. This was a particularly busy meeting at which it became clear that residents wish the use of illegal drugs to diminish.

Our regular Public Meetings have included a number of speakers: Jamie Shields, Glasgow City Council (GCC) to talk about the Avenues Project around Glasgow Cross, Glasgow Trades Union Council on Current Industrial Concerns, Lisa Ross of the Hunter Street medical facility, Ian Elder of GCC highlighting the local District Regeneration Framework, David McCready, Community Services Officer with Glasgow Life, and Derek Speirs, GCC, spoke about Community Empowerment and the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund. In addition Meabh Bradley, Community Liaison Officer, has kept us informed with infrastructure updates and we have been pleased to welcome Councillor Pike, John Mason MSP and Alison Thewliss to our meetings.

We are also indebted to the Community Police Officers of Police Scotland who have attended all our regular public meetings to exchange news and views.

We have continued to take forward the views expressed to us on Planning, Licensing and events in the area and to liaise with the appropriate authorities to improve life in this busy area of Scotland's largest city.

We have an ongoing programme to advertise our existence across the whole Calton CC area, with a series of posters and flyers, plus the use of social media. We now have 66 subscribers to our weekly email news update, 94 Instagram followers and 63 followers on our Facebook page.

Sadly, for various reasons, 3 of our initial complement of 10 Community Councillors stood down over the last year. Fortunately, an election restored our numbers back to 10. However, we still have 3 potential vacancies and, if anyone does wish to join us, please do speak to us.

We are pleased that we now have 2 Associate Members: Derek Pearson of the Barras Traders and William Graham of the Glasgow Humane Society. Both these people have valuable knowledge of the Calton Area and we are pleased to have their input.

However, we are not standing still; we recognise that we have some gaps in our performance and we will be meeting in November to review where we can do better and how we can improve our interaction with all the residents of Calton.

Tricia Fort  
Chair  
04 October 2023