

Calton Community Council  
Draft Meeting note of Public Meeting held 08 February 2024  
Calton Heritage and Learning Centre

Attendance:

Charlie Kleboe-Rogers  
Patricia Fort (chair)  
Allan Scott  
Alasdair Finlayson  
Caitlin Longman  
PC J Gann  
PC C Burns  
5 members of the public  
Cllr Linda Pike  
Cllr George Redmond  
John Mason MSP

1: Apologies

Apologies from Bel Price (secretary), Chloe Pimblett (planning), Laura Scott (treasurer).  
On 17 December 2023, Gary McKenna stood down from being a member.

2: Minutes

No correction to the draft minute of the December meeting

Proposed: Allan

Seconded: Caitlin

Actions:

Change draft to approved

Save to google drive

Publish on website

Send minute to Glasgow City Council

Actions:

Rent increase in student accommodation

Linda Pike

Police

Local Place Plan: approach GCC to see how to start the process: AF & Chloe

Annual grant from GCC: check on progress getting it paid, obtain contact in Finance from

Cllr Redmond:Laura

Matters arising:

Rent increase in student accommodation:

Response received from Paul Maclennan, Housing Minister. Nothing can be done at this time

SCDF drop in meetings:

Correspondence received from a member of the public via website regarding existing operation at Hunter Street. Action: put information on the website about how to report needles

3: Police Scotland

Trnsmt drop-ins for members of the public on 24 April and 22 May where the police will be in attendance. On the 24 April one, the Police public events organiser will attend and would be happy to discuss any other events in the area too.

Traffic safety: at the moment focus is on speed detection and pedestrian crossing safety

Plain clothes officers are focusing on street trading and drugs

Emerging issue of youth disorder at Morrisons Supermarket and at Bridgeton Library (outwith our area but may be used by CCC residents)

Q – CKR CCTV camera requests?

A – Glasgow City Council

Q – Fly tipping at car park at Little Dovehill

A – Will look into fly-tipping

#### 4: Treasurer

Concern that our annual grant has been sent to a third party bank account – the treasurer of the previous Calton community council.

Action: Laura to contact Martin Booth, Director of Finance, Glasgow City Council or forward email to Cllrs Linda Pike & George Redmond to chase

Indication that an uplift to the amount of the Community Council's annual grant will happen next year because it increases in proportion with any population increase in the Community Council area

#### 5: Planning & Licensing

Chloe will continue to cover Planning matters and Alasdair Finlayson will cover licensing matters. The mailbox will continue to be shared.

No active planning applications

No response from licensing board in respect of notices for short term let applications not being displayed at a location near the premises to which they relate. (Post-meeting update: Licensing Board confirms by email that it has requested the applicant display the notices at the premises to which they relate)

Seeking clarification that the Licensing Board has the correct contact details for sending us licensing notices

Processions: notification received of a funeral procession on 10 February, and of a 75 Anniversary Parade on 4 May

Q Josh: frustration at response from Housing Minister

A: John Mason MSP: fresh housing legislation is due that might look again at this issue but agrees that current housing legislation places student accommodation outside the regulations

Havannah Street land: email received from Dawn Developments regarding community use of development land. A pre-application notice is due to be submitted shortly. Cllr Linda Pike recommends that the Community Council respond to that notice in due course.

## Licensing

Several short term let licensing applications have been submitted but not advertised in accordance with regulations leading to questions about how to effectively make representations if unaware that an application has been submitted.

Discussion on whether the Community Council should object to applications for Short Term Lets where the application premises are in a common close. Agreed. AF to draft model response.

Q Cllr Linda Pike: consider whether existing title restrictions would limit flats to residential use only? Suggests that community activism would encourage participation and that Bridgeton & Dalmarnock Community Council uses a template which could be shared. Action: explore whether Licensing could be issued with a joint invitation to explain STLs and how to effectively engage with the applications at a meeting?

Q Allan: why is Glasgow City Council not automatically rejecting applications that are contrary to its policy? Suggests this could be explained at a joint meeting

Current applications:

Action: objections to be submitted on grounds that these are shared closes as discussed

## 6: Area Partnership

Tricia Fort replaces Gary McKenna as the substitute representative for these meetings.

Caitlin attended the most recent meeting. The partnership has a small budget for community groups to apply for funding.

## 7: Publicity

Flyers have been printed and are ready for distribution  
Posters have been produced suitable for shop windows  
Digital distribution can be carried out via Housing Association lists  
Notice Board renovations

## 8: Local issues

Q: emptying the bins in Calton, houses on Drake Street not getting their bins emptied but the flats on that street are getting a frequent service. Issue reported by member of the public but no response or acknowledgement

A: Cllr Linda Pike: happy for her and Cllr George Redmond to take this further

Q: recycling bins appear to be getting tipped into the same collection vehicle as the general waste bins

A: Cllr George Redmond: current circumstances show that improvement is required

9: MSP and Councillor reports

John Mason MSP

- More legislation about housing and rent control is in the pipeline but student housing remains a separate issue for now
- Some properties in Calton area are affected by a cladding issue
- Practical help with keeping up with tenement maintenance is being looked at
- Drew attention to an issue that had been raised by Scottish Hockey in respect of access to changing rooms for local teams at the Fleshers Haugh centre

Councillor Linda Pike

- Pavement parking regulations due to be implemented shortly
- The streets at Monteith Row, Stevenson Street, Tobago Street and Green Street have been highlighted as requiring particular attention
- Noted that recruitment of additional parking attendants is under way
- Award from Heritage Lottery Fund towards feasibility study for renovation of Peoples Palace and winter gardens
- Land at Spoutmouth earmarked for disposal to Wheatley for either mid-market rent or social housing
- At Barras market, some road markings and missing bollards/street signs are to be replaced
- Point raised by members of the public seeking a fix for potholes and surface defects appearing on Gallowgate in the recently laid new road surface

Councillor George Redmond

- Supports enforcement of pavement parking ban
- Supports award to Peoples Palace and winter gardens
- Homeless and addiction cases are reported to be on the increase
- Supports better use of the Hockey facilities
- Notes refurbishment of the school at St James is under way
- Potential for changes to short term lets may be supported

10: Any other business

None

11: Date of next meeting

The next public meeting of the Community Council will take place on the 11th of April, 7pm, at the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre.

More details about our next meeting will be published on our [website](#)

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