

CCC Public Meeting 10th April 2025

Welcome Intro and Apologies

Present

Committee

- Tricia Fort
- Laura Scott
- Belinda Price
- Caitlin Longman
- Alasdair Finlayson
- Mark Taylor
- Derek Pearson (Assoc Member)

Councillors and Representatives

- Cllr Cecilia O'Lone
- Maeve Bradley GCC
- 2 x Guest speakers from Glasgow Live – see below
- Craig Burns Police Scotland
- Andrew Park Police Scotland

Apologies

- John Mason
- John Grady
- Charlie Kleboe-Rogers
- Allan Scott

Minutes of Meeting 18 – 13 March Approval, Matters Arising and Actions

- Minutes – proposed BP seconded LS
- Actions – most will come up as we go along – leaflet from PS to follow
- ACTION - Write into the Thistle Community forum about the Terms of Reference and visitor from Parsonage Sq. to be involved – they have been written to about this

Football celebrations at Glasgow Cross Standing Item – progress update

- Update on football celebrations
- 1 – TF was invited as were reps of MCCC to a meeting with Kaukab Stewart

- Attended by reps x 2 from SPL, 2 x CFC, 2 RFC, 2x PS, 1x GCC, 1 from Scottish Government at Hampden
- No successful outcome to the meeting
- PS – they can't intervene until there is illegality
- TF pointed out that drinking in the street is illegal
- There was discussion about having a celebration event in the grounds
- KS was confused as John Paul Taylor pointed out there was an event when the cup was awarded at the end of the season
- Discussion about having a celebratory event at the stadium – they won't do that in the stadium because alcohol is banned in stadia
- The clubs are going to go back and advise their fan – we know that fans are already communicating with each other about the end of season celebrations
- They are tweeting about it – telling each other to get prepared – they want toilets and bins and perhaps even on Glasgow Green
- Likely to happen on 17 / 18 May Supt John Menzies and Johnny Waters were there from PS
- Afraid this is it – if anyone does have any information – please pass it to us
- TF – the man from GCC said it would cost 100k to set up a fan zone – it costs that much to clear up after the event last year
- If there are any updates, we will let you know
- Q – is there anything we can do to prevent this from happening every year? I've seen my neighbour be assaulted in our courtyard and it happens every year
- PS – there is nothing in their planning currently – they need at least 2 wins to clinch the title - at least this year the dates are looking like it will happen sooner. CB = give me information and I will pass the details on to the correct parties
- Cllr O'Lone – as a local councillor we have not been involved. They have been calling for an event to be organised on Glasgow Green. If there is an organised event with a proper fan zone it makes it much easier to manage. We know every year it is going to happen, and I have supported that something should happen in Glasgow Green for this end of town or Bellahouston on the other side of town
- ACTION Cllr O'Lone to take it back to the GCC and to John Grady
- LS – for Craig – act on the feedback that we gave last year. Get there earlier – last year it was midday that they started to congregate and began kicking balls into the traffic. LS phoned 101 with hours wait. 999 told it wasn't an emergency. When Extinction Rebellion set up a boat there were 24 riot vans, and they were moved on in a couple of hours. If they dealt with it sooner, it might not come to this. CB – difficult to police if we are not sure it is going to happen. Need to take the ground early. Set the tone early. LS – left it late last year

Police Scotland Report

- If anyone else has any points let me know

- CB – leaflet – will be scanned and sent
- Good work targeting drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. Male arrested with £1500 worth of cannabis – charged with dealing had his car seized
- Enforcement around the red-light area – one charged for kerb crawling
- High level deal caught mid deal
- Group of youths – banned from the city centre are now congregating in this area – breaking into closes, stealing from Morrison, filming for likes on social media – they were arrested last night – ongoing work to get them in from of the fiscal asap
- Personnel wise – 3 x new probationers for May and then they will be going to the response teams
- Planning for the big summer events – Sgt & Insp are trying to minimise people - being sent to events
- Working with GCC on security and safety improvements to the general area
- Planning to target local dealers
- Need residents to be heard regarding the anti-social behaviour and encourage people to give statements – we have three months to gather information for prosecution – we can take statement anonymously – TF – when we had the meeting about the Thistle the residents were out in force – will leave a card with details to be publicised for residents to contact PS anonymously
- Cllr O’Lone – I have been dealing with the state of Calton and several streets because it is bad – it needs to be cleaned up
- Cllr O’Lone to take the details and pass it on to the appropriate people
- There are needles lying about the place on the pavement
- PS can offer support and there is no reason not to talk to us about what is happening
- Cllr O’Lone – one of the things I have noticed – a lot of young male teens riding e-scooters – doing it at night without lights, going through red lights – PS there is a National Day of Action coming up soon
- The law on e-scooters and bikes – essentially – if it’s a child’s toy – not a problem – once it gets above a certain speed it will be counted as a motor vehicle and all laws apply – speeds are increasing, and the potential damage is getting worse
- This is the same with the e-bikes – above a certain power rating it is classed as a motorbike and it must be taxed, insured and correct license must be held – road traffic law applies
- MT – it is illegal to ride on a footpath – it is illegal to ride them on the pavements – one of the compel at Stuart St is the lead on this and is taking them off people on a daily basis – if they fail to stop we are limited to deal with these so we have to be careful how we deal with this – CB to let us know what happens at the day of action
- MoP Q – on the topic of cycling – there is a shed being put up on Gallowgate – want to know more – TF ask MB when it gets to her

Local issues with NRS

- Follow on from Elko St – there will be a deep clean in the area
- At the last meeting we mentioned the recruitment drive – we are now trying to understand how best to use the additional resources
- Who can we be specifically more proactive with things like drug paraphernalia – we respond but we haven't had enough people – hope to get out daily to deal with this before it gets reported
- We are getting more reports via the website and via the app and I hope that this is being seen because we can target areas that are not on our radar – while I am here, I am happy to be told of any other areas that need deep cleans or for more regular checking = places that aren't so obvious
- Response- Claythorn St and Ave and London Road and Gallowgate- between Morrisons and Glasgow Green – drug paraphernalia there. It is used a lot by commuters that park there – loads of rubbish – there is a lot of room to make this more pedestrian friendly perhaps for people with mobility issues – people struggle to cross and speed regulating improvements and improved lighting which is already on the list – will put stuff on the website
- Q about the bike thing – some of the bike shelters are put in place by housing – Might be Wheatley or Lowther – opposite Thompson on the Gallowgate - are there plans for any more and where might they go – there used to be a place on the website to put suggestions for where they might be needed – ACTION MB to look into this and see if this is still the case and will let us know
- Q – there will be a deep clean in which area? MB – each neighbourhood had on a yearly agenda when the deep clean team would be in the area – MB would point out which streets needed attention – this would happen twice a year – but other things happened to prevent this – we are now hoping there will be a deep clean team in each neighbourhood so we don't have to wait our turn and we will be able to look more proactive and then base additional cleans on the data being received from the app
- The deep clean is weeding, removing litter, removing rubbish / fly tipping Tobago St, Stevenson St – stuff lying around for over 2 years – the problem is that this is on private land and opposite the garage and it is owned by a land lord and he has had notice served and still hasn't taken it away – they can't take the stuff away in case the landlord is upset by that – it needs to be an extremes case before the council will go onto private land to deal with it – MB has been dealing with it but the landlord has taken away the rubbish but you can't see because of the height of the weeds
- At best the council can clean the periphery
- Public realm they can do something about

- Litter pick last year – will there be another organised on – they tend to be community led and we will support it = let MB know and she will help with that
- On the website – put in NIES in the search function and you will be directed to the appropriate person
- MoP – if there is a litter pick done by the community are we restricted to the public realm – MB they support the pick with their insurance and making sure you are safe – they encourage you not to stray from the public realm for safety reasons
- MT – I wrote to all 4 MPs and the councillors about St Andrews Street because it was a mess – it was cleaned and by the next week it was covered in sick, rubbish and needles again – there is a lot of traffic through there – and a regular clean would be useful – there is a business on there and their rubbish gets scattered
- TF – just be reminded that some flower beds on Duke St which were installed were taken away again – MB – they appeared before they were ready to go in- ACTION - MB will be finding out what date they are going to be installed finally – and why they arrived and then were removed again – dates and planning possible not aligning

The Thistle Centre Progress Update

- We were unable to be represented at the last meeting and TF has no minutes yet, but she is intending to go to the next meeting
- Two things TF has seen in the press – retired cop says drugs should be legalised as an enormous amount of time is spent on drugs
- Leader of hate Lib Dem's in Scotland has said that we need more safer drugs consumption facilities in Scotland

The People's Palace and Winter Gardens

- Victoria Thomas (SPM – museum side) and Robert Gartshore (Special Projects Manager) Architecture and services Infrastructure Glasgow Life
- Intros
- Project objectives
 - o Want to create an innovative social history museum
 - o Dynamic community owned museum and space including programming to include local people and how we will manage the museum
 - o Accessible and inclusive museum – physical access and improvement into and within
 - o Sustainable museum – environmental impacts in return and once running
 - o Connected museum – connect to the green and the environment
 - o Attractive in the east end and bring a positive economic impact to the east end
- Project status report

- Architecture conservation and restoration in the building
- Better services infrastructure and plant
- More energy efficiency
- Access improvements
- Still at the early stage of the project still building the team
- Have an architectural team involved with the project
- This will start to develop
- Development phase
- Large chunk of funding from the lottery
- Trying to recruit people to the project
- Trying to find less traditional ways through the employment process into the project
- In the last 2 years we have worked with community groups -- there is a proposal form – there have been over 120 suggestion which are being internally reviewed, and we are developing stories
- In community engagement we have an external facilitator who will help us develop session
- We are setting up a youth panel to make sure we capture your views
- We are setting up a community partners panel
- We are doing a Glasgow Green use survey
- In terms of the architects we are meeting with an access panel to see how people can access the space
- There will be a changing places toilet
- There will be an educational and learning space for use for learning and for the community
- Q – from Mark – all this sounds it will take some time – which not get some plants in, get the glass fixed and get it open – at this stage our focus is on going forward and getting the planning done
- Is this just a feasibility study or is there real funding – yes, we need to get this together and we need to understand how much it will cost to get this sorted and reopened
- The glass bit at the back – will this be as it was – as part of the consultation we will have consultation about the winter gardens – they will be reunited and will be one whole venue run by Glasgow life museums
- Is there a time frame – the lottery application is due by November this year 0- we need a concept and the application for November this year and funding possibly by March 2026 – with a view to reopening by the end of 2027
- We need to understand the scope of the works and what people want to see
- Once we understand that, we will have a better view of what is required

- Funding – when you say lottery funding – applications in November – there is no confirmed funding – we have lottery consultants, and we are trying to get funding from the lottery
- Will the lottery cover all – the costs – no - the council will be covering part of the cost, and we are seeking other external funding because the council can't cover it
- I hope it is not going to be a rip out and a modernisation inside – this would be terrible – sympathetic restoration and improved access rather than throwing out the baby with the bath water
- It is a listed building, so we need to conserve the building and the architecture, and we have gone back to the original building
- With taking the old museum out we are discovering the original building underneath
- As Friends of PPGG = we have put in to be part of the community partners planning. We are trying to watch everything and thanks for referring it to the winter gardens not the glasshouse – we have done an extensive survey, and we have given you the report, so you know what the people want
- We have had several meetings this week and we are engaging more widely with the community – now we have the team there the engagement will increase – Q are we on the community partners panel? No, we were unaware of it
- Glasgow 850 is doing a pop up of the Peoples Palace exhibits between June and November – this is something to look out for
- We didn't know about the timetable for the next part of proceedings
- As part of this it will come to the planning process – we are getting things planned
- Q – who is your external facilitator – yes- I can provide the name – I don't have it on me
- We genuinely welcome the interest and want community input into the project

Planning Issues Including Weekly Planning List

- There are 2 applications and one proposal
- One for a short term let and one for a building of 42 dwellings for THENUE round near the old school
- Planning proposal for 55 flats at London Rd, Stevenson St and Bain St
- Attended a planning education session run by the council
- There is a spreadsheet of all applications which we will reply to in due course
- Short term let – there are a lot of problems where there are shared facilities – this one has its own door all neighbours have been consulted and there are no comments are present – as a community council we oppose those with shared facilities. If anyone does object, please contact me – no comments from the crowd

- Calton Centre – old Tureen St School – façade will be kept, and they will build flats – one comment has been raised that the façade will crumble when the development happens. The plans show a modern build with the façade. The site is a mess at the moment, and it is affordable housing by TheNue. If you want to add anything. As a CC we support this. If anyone has concerns let the CC know and we will be submitting responses

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Area Partnership

- The meeting takes place next week. If any groups are looking for funding reach out

Publicity Update

- Nothing specific

Licensing Issues

- 5 licensing applications from the council
- 3 for temp uses for Glasgow Green
- 1 HMO
- Flats at 6 Blackfriars Road- purpose built student accommodation High St, Blackfriars St and Ingram St
- 17 Parsonage Sq - 4 people to stay in the property as an HMO – townhouse – same landlord has one next door HMO – one of the townhouses
- This is for a new HMO – the same landlord owns both
- Q – how does it affect the people who live there? The rest of the houses are owned – there is a lot of rubbish about – it takes family homes away from the market and we are building student accommodation everywhere
- The houses are too small for all the people living in them – there are no bin stores, the bags are ripped open by seagulls attracting vermin, the houses are not taken care of - so it looks run down and it encourages people to hang about and there are lots of drug problems around here
- CCC will object
- Cllr O'Lone will also put in an objection
- It is changing the nature of the development
- Mark – opinions are important and as part of this – the planning goes to the neighbours
- On this one does anybody object to the CCC and the Cllr O'Lone putting objections in? No
- Object to Glasgow City Council
- 3 temp licensing applications for GG
- Sunday 18th – Race for Life catering units

- Public entertainment – on the green 24-25 May Glasgow Green
- Outdoor concert 3pm – 11pm DF concerts
- Q is this before TRNSMT? Yes
- We have published when the next drop in for TRNSMT at TheNue
- Q Cllr O'Lone – we asked about what the levy for the events at GG is used for and it all goes into a big bucket and it is not necessarily used for GG – I have asked the question before (Cllr O'Lone) – if they need money for the peoples palace, why are they not using the money raised on the Green for this project
- The environmental levy is imposed on more that TRNSMT – because George Sq is closed, they will be starting walks from Barrowland Park

Treasurers Report

- Spent 50 on this venue, 23.44 on webmail 1858.62 closing balance

Councillors Reports, MSP, MP updates

Cllr O'Lone

- a lot has already been discussed – I have been ill
- Thanks to the Friends of PPWGGG – you are keeping it at the front of people's minds
- Since I have been back, I am back on the planning committee – I have a massive interest in how the development of areas affects the people who live in it, Education and Finance and Scrutiny
- I feel like I have something to contribute to planning
- Tureen St and the People's Palace have annoyed me for years
- Am I confident they will retain the frontage -? Maybe not – I know the condition of the building, but I do trust TheNue to do the best they can for it
- If they can't I won't be too upset but hope it will work
- That whole area has been discussed, and I have asked for a deep clean in the area – a fire has been lit in the middle of the path – they are diverting people away from the area – the place is covered in drugs litter, and I am pleased to hear it is getting a deep clean
- The new Gaelic school – there is a path that runs along there and now with a walking stick I can't manage to walk on the path – bushes need cut, needles need to be removed – there is meant to be children's area
- Q - is there any update on the school – it went to committee last week or the week before – the contract has been awarded to finish it – I had raised a question about it = they started the roof which was ready to fall in – they have fixed the roof – they awarded the contract to City Build which is part of the city council family and they also have an apprenticeship scheme which will further benefit the are
- It's' a 76-week development
- This will change the whole area – that and Tureen St

- I also want to talk about the child poverty program in the Calton – will provide written information about this

John Grady update

- Will send update by email
- John has a YouTube channel with all his speeches – John Grady MP
- He has spoken about the space industry
- The Children’s Bill
- The Church of Scotland bill
- Cladding (Templeton Building) £97m has been given to the Scottish government for cladding
- He attended a meeting of CCBs for voluntary organisation
- He also has a website

AOB

- Q - is the building coming down on Tobago St – with the barriers around it
- John’s Bar – unknown – nothing in planning about it – there are still people living in the upper floor ACTION - Cllr O’Lone to look it up – there is nothing in planning for this
- The shop has closed, and barriers are round it – the cast iron pillars are all cracked
- ACTION - Cllr O’Lone to ask what is happening about this

ACTION	WHO	COMPLETE
Find out if the building coming down on Tobago St (John’s Bar)	Cllr O’Lone	
Write into the Thistle Community forum about the Terms of Reference and visitor from Parsonage Sq. to be involved	TF	YES
Cllr O’ Lone to take the request for action to support the football celebrations to the GCC and to John Grady	Cllr O’ Lone	
Raise the concerns of the resident raised time and again to supervisor level	Craig Burns	
Raise the state of the public realm in the areas surrounding the new	Cllr O’Lone	

Gaelic school for deep cleaning		
Report back on what happens re electric scooters and bikes on the pavements following the national day of action	Craig Burns	
Find out whether there are any more council planned bike storage facilities being planned for Gallowgate	Maeve Bradley	