

CCC Public Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **CALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC MEETING 20, Thursday 08 May 2025, 7:00 – 8:30pm**

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

### **AGENDA**

Item	Time	Detail
1	7:00	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2	7:05	Minutes of Meeting 19, 10 April, Approval, Matters arising and Actions
3	7:10	Football “celebrations” at Glasgow Cross - Standing Item – Progress Update
4	7:15	Police Scotland Report
5	7:25	Local Issues 1: Litter Picking, with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability representative
6	7:35	Local Issues 2: General
7	7:40	Standing Item – The Thistle (SDCF), progress update
8	7:45	Treasurer’s Report including Environmental Information (Scotland) No 8040094 and Participation Requests
9	7:55	Planning Issues, including Weekly Planning List
10	8:00	Area Partnership, including funding for local areas
11	8:05	Publicity Update
12	8:10	Licensing issues
13	8:15	Councillor Reports, MSP Report(s)
14	8:25	Any Other Competent Business
15	8:15	Date of Next Meeting (12 June 2025) and Close

## Present:

- Alasdair Finlayson,
- Tricia Fort,
- Mark Taylor,
- Charlie Kleboe-Rogers,
- Belinda Price

## Apologies:

- Allan Scott,
- Laura Scott,
- Caitlin Longman,
- John Grady,
- Derek Pearson

## Minutes of previous meeting

- BP proposes them, MT seconds
- Actions – TF – wrote to the thistle centre, Craig Burns – raised concerns about the football and has an update,

## Football celebrations

- Suspect there will be action at 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.
- TF had a meeting with Chief Inspector Max Shaw this week
- CI Max Shaw said that Celtic Football Club has not changed its position on a celebration event at the end of season, Glasgow City Council are also not doing anything but would have supported CFC if they had applied
- There were people working at the cross on the building, but they had put signs on the roof and warned people not to access the roof
- CI Shaw continued that the lack of action leaves the police in a difficult position but whenever it occurs there will be people available to keep the supporters away from the Orange march which is also planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> in the same location
- Freedom of assembly is conditional, and alcohol is a precursor to violence

## Police Scotland Report

- Craig Burns – Community Policing, London Road – I have been heavily involved
- Have had a meeting with the planning sergeant and inspector
- Nobody has applied for permission to have a gathering

- It is likely to be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Might also be a gathering on 24<sup>th</sup> May
- There will be a mass fan parade to the cup final leaving from Glasgow Green to Hampden
- 17<sup>th</sup> May is what the police are planning for at Superintendent and Assistant Chief Constable level
- Days off have been cancelled – there will be a significant deployment of police that day – all police in Glasgow are going to be on duty with all operational police available to be called in
- Police, the GCC and CFC have been involved in the conversation – Orange Walk should be done by 1015 am and cleared away – they should be through and gone for the morning
- There will be a significant number of police available – Supt Bryan Fraser is aware of the trouble on previous occasions and has aired the main complaints – concerns about the time to arrive, bad behaviour in the closes and the anti-social behaviour – they are planning to have more intervention earlier on and this is the plan that they will be using on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – they will be liaising with residents in the next week and the premises in the area that sell alcohol and will be looking to enforce the appropriate legislation re: sales of alcohol and making sure that robust security measures are in place – they are planning for an event as big as last year and hoping not to see as many people there this year
- Will be sending an email to all bosses
- Q — BP – will you be going out to Celtic pubs outside the immediate area to brief them about this – A - the local city centre police will be briefed on this
- MT – it's also Eurovision that weekend and there will be an event at the Glasgow Cathedral
- Q MoP– Is there a game on the 17<sup>th</sup> – yes, this is the last home game of the season when they will be presented with the trophy – the week after is the Scottish Cup final at Hampden
- Q - CKR – safe access routes – at last years event there were no safe access routes for fire brigade or ambulances
- Q MoP – do you speak to the police liaison officer at the Royal Infirmary – they will want safe access – A - this is now handled by Stuart St (Police Station) but I will be in touch with them
- TF – we had contact from Gary McKenna who is at 120 Duke St – they have had problems in their close with drug taking and prostitution in the close – CB we have done a walk round there and pointed out some things that could be made more secure
- GMcK had heard about the meeting that took place at St Luke's last week – Anne Marie Ward was there and she has recovered and wants to see more rehab – Colin

Mc? From Blameless from the charity that looks after people who are suffering from addiction - there is another meeting on Monday at 6pm – Community Police unable to attend because they don't work Mondays - regular police cover this

- TF – CI Max Shaw said that the police had not been invited – CB has not been involved in any discussions – his sergeant (CBs) has been talking to Anne Marie Ward
- CI Shaw said that there is no evidence to support the claims being made- there has not been a spike in crime or in drug crime – he has spoken to the Dr from the thistle and he is disappointed in the numbers that have been attending the centre
- CB he reviews the numbers – there is an increase in the summer as we move into the lighter nights – more people are about and are able to report things- hasn't seen anything to suggest a massive spike – there are no hard statistics but it can take a while for the data to reveal the true picture
- Q MoP – is the Thistle – is this the drug room? What is the view of the politicians?
- Cllr Celia o'Lone – it is there to save lives, it is in the wrong place in my view – there is no transport route to it – people should be able to get there without having to walk to it – it seems to me that they have put it into an area that was seedy to start with and it has made it worse. It was a decision that was made by the Scottish Govt about 5 years ago – when the decision was taken to go ahead, no thought was given to the area as it is now – I believe it should have been attached to a larger health area facility – I am surprised that the numbers are lower than expected – it is the same people that are using it over and over and it is not increasing the numbers – I am getting reports from the Calton – at the meeting last Monday – I did get a hard time and I will be going to the next meeting – there were people reporting stuff to me who don't know anything about the centre
- Cllr CoL - I will listen to what people say and try to do something about it – the number of needles – we had a clean up done recently - Tobago St is an issue at the moment and it is now affecting streets that weren't bothered before- it is mostly after 9pm - they are being given enough needles to last overnight and they are walking down into the core Calton areas and sharing them and using drugs – prostitution is on the rise in the area as well late at night but the locals don't want to be involved or to report it – I have nothing to be able to back this up to get action
- The idea of people having a safe place to take drugs – it maintains people in taking drugs but not into recovery – we need to be helping people away from this
- We need better education to prevent young people from getting involved
- We want the centre to work but we don't want it to have a negative impact on the community
- John Grady as the MP feels the same and we have to make the best that we can
- I don't see the dignity for the users or the local residents

- Q MoP - is John Grady taking this forward? There is no shown efficacy in these places
- The local MPs support it
- We need to keep a close eye on it – we don't want it to have a detrimental effect on the people who use it or the local community
- TF – there is a community forum meeting on Tuesday, and I will be going to it
- MoP – I will write to Patrick Harvey and question what his plan is for this?
- CB – Tobago St is one that they are aware of and they are seeing calls coming in – if we have the evidence and are catching people taking drugs in a public place, we will be arresting them and reporting them to the Fiscal
- We still police the areas around it as we normally do – if we find sites of public injection, we report it to the council who will get a team out to clean it
- CKR – the café at the bottom of Little Dovehill – there is something very dodgy going on there – there was a bad car crash there 2 nights ago – the Just Eat drivers fly down the street
- There are fake profiles being set up and employing illegal immigrants on pennies to deliver food on their behalf
- MoP – I have written to council urging them to reduce the speed limit along the Gallowgate or to put speed bumps up – this came through the council. It is taking along time to implement – ACTION – Cllr CoL to look into it
- CB - up to individuals to make sure they are driving at a safe speed – we do target poor and careless drivers – we had a specific day last month targeting e-drivers of bikes and scooters – the council would have to put up any signs warning people
- You should be able to know the speed of a road due to the surrounding architecture
- CKR – suggested that the Dovehills should be one way – each in one direction
- Need to think what to do about this
- CB – we have been working with the council about on pavement parking etc around here
- Q MoP - the main thing I am concerned about – my kids go to Hide and Seek nursery – lots of drug dealing with people not from the UK at Bridgeton Cross dealing and intimidating the people dropping off the kids at the nursery – if they are reporting safety concerns – call 101, if immediate cause for alarm or danger – 999
- In terms of the playgrounds at Glasgow Green – there have been issues there – I have reported and others reporting – at the playgrounds they need now to have one to one parents – I think something bad will happen there because of what I have seen – I think that the presence of the police being there will help because I think that the older kids are running through the park for the little kids and they take them over- the dads that go are quite intimidated because the groups are

behaving in quite an intimidating way to the other ethnic groups – CB I will add it to the patrol matrix and we will try to get down there more often

- There is an escalating tension there and I fear that something bad will happen

## Local Issues

- Litter picking – Jack MoP here for litter picking
- We did take part in a litter pick that was organised by TheNue – we have not done it since- I think a few of us would be interested MB is the (Sandy her colleague) TheNue is a hub, has the equipment and hosts it – Sandy can lend you the equipment or you can book it from here – you can do it ad-hoc any time, but to organise one and do it as a group – contact Sandy and arrange a date and time so we know where to pick up the bags from
- We have rings (some) and we will provide hi-vis vests and gloves etc
- On the GCC website and put in litter picking – it brings you to the team and where the hubs are and we need the kit or we need more – each hub has 10 sets and you can ask if you want more
- Stephen Turner was interested in litter picking and that would be a better location for most of us
- MB – he did get in touch to offer to be a hub but we had run out of money so it didn't progress
- Q CKR – what if you find a needle or glass or vapes while picking? A - you don't touch it and report it in the app
- MB – we are doing a pick with the schools – vapes need to be separated out because of the batteries
- MoP – I heard Tobago St mentioned and if there are needles there – the state of the street encourages it
- Tobago St is all fenced off at the minute – a roof fell in on the old pub that is there – the metal supports have corroded and it is unstable – that whole front of the shop has fallen in. The council's issue is it's privately owned property – for the people who live there they have moved on – it's down to the insurance now – the council has made it safe – they have to deal with the individual owners who have to deal with the individual insurance companies
- It could be like this for a long time – it will be made to look better but this is not the responsibility of the council – its now down to the insurance companies – it is not known who the owners are at this point
- Mop – I phoned TheNue – they organised the last one – they said they had no plans to do another one -they mentioned MB – you contact us via the website and and we can take it from there – MB – I normally try to attend

- MoP – there used to be someone who cut all the hedges before lockdown – and this made a big difference in the area. She had a program where she was teaching people basic gardening skills
- On litter – MB – Litter Lotto – if you take a photo of you putting rubbish in a bin you could win £1000
- ACTION – MB to send BP an electronic version to publicise in the socials and newsletter
- CKR – notice boards – we have a quote to get some made – where could we put them? ACTION – MB to ask what is the process to get these installed – one in Tobago St. One in Calton village potentially and one in Calton Village – ACTION – MB to talk to the local places like Wheatley to see if they would put them in
- ACTION – CKR to email MB about getting a notice board with a view to asking the developers to install a notice board as part of the public realm
- MoP -the car park on Little Dovehill – is this private? Part of it is privately owned so this makes it difficult to manage – the other 2 x car parks are going to be developed by Lowther – the last time it was used it was left in a better state than before it was used
- What about the enclave between smoke and ideas and Ginda café – this had planning to build into it but nothing has happened as yet – they have had notice served on them to clean it up
- The barbers across from the café – there is something going on there also – at 5 in the morning - there are people coming out from under the shutters – there is something weird going on
- MB – one of the updates - the old Tureen St school has been approved funding and will be developed by TheNue – this is where one of the sharps litter bins will be going - also at the Morrisons car park – we are trying to move as quickly as possible to get this rolled out as soon as possible – there is not an installation date for this yet – there is a new process so we are counting needles that are being collected and this will also involve a deep clean. We need more people in post – we are hoping this will start soon = Elko St and Morrisons
- Q CKR – is there any movement on the Gaelic School? A - yes, my hope is that we will be more more proactive – they are starting to put in the utilities and walls around the compound – we will be putting in new footpaths, lights and making sure that the trees are not blocking the lights – this should ensure not trees are not coming down
- CKR – wants to be involved in community involvement as a native Gaelic speaker

## Treasurers report

£54.08 on web mail costs, £27 for venue hire, closing balance 1800.98

## Planning

- CKR – various representation – 2 x apps with no objections – Abercrombie St, Calton Centre – 42 flatted dwellings – no objections, extension of last with the last
- Since the last meeting – convert the Mercator Building – internal and external alteration associated with conversion to flatted dwellings
- Objections include – roof garden overlooking bedrooms and no policing when people can use the roof garden despite best intentions to the contrary – also we don't need more empty shop units on the ground floor with residential above
- We will be responding to this accordingly

## Area partnership

- Last meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April – 25/25 – £99,512 is the Calton budget
- Last year we supported the initiative the ways to spend the million pound budget
- More lighting on Glasgow green
- Improved pavement surface – see notes
- Covered area in GG
- Claythorn Park
- Green St and pavements at Green St
- Barrowland Park – Greg Hepburn is looking into it –
- Any comments or things you want raised – email Caitlin Longman – and be specific about what is needed

## Licensing

- 2 x apps – both for temporary events –
- Temp license for outdoor Hong Kong St market at the Barras
- Tour of Britain women 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Objection to HMO last month in Parsonage Sq

## Councillor Report

- Don't think that much since last time – I was going to look into the building that had collapsed
- Litter is an issue, needles are a major issue – I have been out looking and getting bits cleaned up
- It is ongoing and not sure how we can resolve it
- I need people to complain to the police – can be done anonymously so encourage people to report report report!
- I don't think people should be trying to clean this by themselves



- Transmit – it's always an issue – Q MoP - Are Kneecap still playing at it? Yes they are, John Grady has commented – that the call to kill is not acceptable – this has been reported in the media – Q MoP – has he contacted Trnsmt about it? A - Yes, but we can't do anything about it. Police Scotland are aware of this and they (Kneecap) have the support of other acts
- This could have an impact on the area – he has commented and reinforces the message that this is not acceptable
- He has raised this on social media
- In our arena of political debate we can have disagreements with each other when we are debating
- If there is trouble, the organisers will have to answer for this and it can have an impact future licensing applications
- Last time, I looked into Trnsmt on the environmental levy.
- £4.20 per ticket per day = circa £750,000 is raised through the levy – the local people have no say at present
- It goes straight to the NRS budget and they can spend it wherever they want – it is used to balance their budget
- LS asked some questions – when I looked at it – I put a motion to put into the council and it has not been taken – for those that have not been taken, they get a written reply
- I think they will tell me about a participation request as part of community empowerment – any organisation can make a request and have a say on how this money is spent – then they have to talk to us about how the money is spent
- We need to ask to be involved in how the money is spent – it won't help for this year but it could for next year
- It has been 4 years since anyone has put in a participation request – no money for any of the local house building has been necessarily ploughed back into the area
- They are not included in how money in the area is spent
- That came from here – as things come up you find out more
- I have asked questions before about Transmt – now I have
- The area partnership – the notice boards – we can apply to the area partnership for this to the area partnership so that we have our own stuff
- The infrastructure money – you got to say how you wanted it spent – I have a question going to the council to ask where the money is being spent – Calton has only spent £10,000, of £1,000,000 – other places have spent 600k
- All our stuff is “being costed” – I am asking the question – 10k to fix some pavement at Bridgetown and I think this should have been statutory – it is taking too long to get costings done
- Money was allocated to fix play parks 2 years ago – and we are sitting waiting – it was unrealistic to say that this stuff would be fixed when they didn't have staff

## AOCB

- We had 2 x people from Glasgow Life talking about the Peoples Palace – Issa Wilson suggested I joined the PP community forum
- We were at a meeting this morning – which was surprisingly positive
- There is to be an open afternoon at Bridgeton Library 1 – 4pm with people from the design / architectural team to discuss what's so going on
- 2 x meetings ago – Cllr Linda Pike took an action to find out about the Glasgow Green Station Stones and we haven't heard back from her
- MoP – things have reached a breaking point for me – Greenhead St – directly opposite GG play parks (it is noted that Greenhead St is outwith the boundary for CCC)
- I don't know what you do – but I want to raise the issue of the safety of women and children in the area – there has been an escalation of frightening incidents in the area – the kids aren't allowed to go out any more because there is too much danger
- This is due to drug dealing at Bridgeton Cross – our boundary is Arcadia St – the big play park next to Free Wheel north is in our area
- How do I take this forward – how do I take it forward? How do we keep the women, children, and nurseries forward and get people to take attention? It is noted that the nursery is outwith CCC Boundary on Redan St
- I have lived here for years and have always felt safe
- I am very familiar with the East end and it has arrived at the point that I don't feel safe in any way – the nursery teachers don't feel safe walking to and from work
- I have spoken to Patrick Harvie, John Grady, and Police Scotland who have listened to me – there are lots of different ethnic groups of people involved
- It's not specifically related to one race – there is an escalation of males that are being hostile – draw focus to the area
- Next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

WHO	ACTION	COMPLETE? (Y?N)
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