

CCC Public Meeting Thursday 12th June

- Apologies – Alasdair Finlayson, John Mason
- Attendance – Tricia Fort, Caitlin Longman, Laura Scott, Mark Taylor, Charlie Kleboe Roger's, Derek Pearson, Belinda Price
- Cllrs Linda Pike, Alan Casey, Celia O'Lone
- Craig Burns Police Scotland

Welcome, Intros, Apologies

- Apologies Alasdair Finlayson

Minutes of previous meeting

- Any comments / corrections?
- Approve – Laura Scott
- Seconded – Charlie Kleboe-Rogers

Actions

- COL – writing to the council about the speed limit – she has done it but it will take you a while to do
- MB – electronic version of the litter pick still outstanding
- MB – still to come back about the notice boards
- LP – find out about the Glasgow Green Station Stones – I have not got any information – I will follow that up
- MoP - email Patrick Harvey about the injecting rooms – he didn't reply

Football celebrations

- Progress update – they went ahead this year
- Craig Burns (Police Scotland) – directions were that the officers on the ground were to be more direct and to stop anti social behaviour, notices were handed out for anti-social behaviour, arrest for possession of pyrotechnics, no serious incidents this year, a number of simple assaults, reports of vandalism, hasn't had the official report to the Chief Constable, numbers were down on last year, I was not personally there. It was very busy and there was a lot of anti social behaviour, numbers were down
- MoP – very bad at Parsonage Square, people on the verge of becoming amorous at the side of the sub station within the square – at the car park off Bell St

- Behind McChuils – this was not included in the plans and I will make sure that it will be included in the plans
- CB – when you see it phone in and someone will answer
- MoP – it was sprawling this year – the park (Barrowland Park) was mobbed and got trashed – the police were breaking up the congregation at Trongate
- TF the public order police went in this year first, they have additional training in crowd dynamics
- The road was cordoned off – they had to stop the traffic when people start to gather – the start is the problem
- At the end they didn't allow people into the area – I wasn't allowed into Trongate
- TF – the situation was better than last year
- LS – better this year and the police had listened and the presence was a lot more obvious, the police broke it up earlier this year, there were a lot less fireworks this year
- TF we are still pursuing this and will be writing to Celtic football club
- LS. We have drafted FoI request from Police, Ambulance Service, Council, Fire Service, multi agency cost is substantial and we need to bring this to Scottish Govt – CB – some of this is on the website
- Mop – managed positively

Police Scotland

- Craig Burns – been another busy month – there has been a lot of work ongoing
- Lots of intel in the selling of drugs, several warrants have been executed and drugs have been taken off the street
- 2 electric motorbikes have been seized – male arrested was inducing other to sell drugs
- This is the work we will be continuing in the area
- Vehicle stop on a local dealer recovered dealer quantities of cocaine and £1500 cash
- More info means more results
- Anti-social behaviour – smaller drug seizures, notices for drinking, shoplifting has been a focus also
- Police Scotland are setting up a national retail crime team – this affects people individually – if a supermarket isn't profitable it could close with impact on they community
- Prostitution – work ongoing in the evenings, plain clothes out patrolling, arrests are being made for kerb crawling – it is the same people we are seeing
- Initiatives for road safety – drink and drug driving initiatives are having good success

- July is soon and will be very busy – most of July will be very busy and all extra days off has been cancelled
- July will be busy, please keep trying and if there is a risk to life, call 999
- Contact us via the website and it will be answered
- TF – went to the nursery and spoke to 2 x women about taking kids to the park and they said they take them to the Astro turf pitch – there were problems with boys kicking balls but this has stopped
- There is a problem with people being able to speak about what's happening in the playground
- MoP – they won't disclose what is happening because there is an issue around free speech and to verbalise what's happening
- They haven't been to the play parks for a number of weeks, there are videos on facebook, I have submitted my own video to the police and for a number of weeks they didn't take them to the park as they were scared to do so
- There are men videoing the kids and they are now going to another park
- MoP – last night I was walking past Glasgow Green and there were a whole load of people congregating in the play park at the West Brewery, all adults and they were prepared and had ruck sacks and other stuff with them
- There are issues because the cost of stuff is going up and pubs are expensive, and they are hanging about in the parks
- I have written to several MPs and I don't think I am being taken seriously
- Many of these things are not in our area
- This is part of a pattern, there was a man there and I phoned PS and videoed this man, he is drug dealing in the street
- Craig Burns – if people tell us what is happening then we can investigate and look into it
- I sent an FOI to PS after the last meeting, and asked many questions about the safety of women and children in the area
- I have phoned repeatedly to PS
- AS – to get back to CB about the spike in shoplifting and thefts and the increase in prostitution – do you think this is any direct link to the Thistle
- CB – yes, and no. There has been no great increase in the levels of prostitution – this is what the increase appears to be
- The increase in theft – what the link is I can't say – generally the people involved in drugs have to fund their habit
- Cllr Linda Pike – address the remarks about Glasgow City Council declaring there is a mass immigration emergency – we have not said that and personally I don't think this is true
- This is way outside the remit of the CCC and I don't think it is appropriate

- If you have general concerns about the conduct of people in the community council, bring it up with the Police and then it will come back
- MoP - I feel minimised, gaslighted and put down in this experience,
- LS – what can the CC achieve? And what you want us to do?
- What specifically do you want us to do? I'm not sure what we can do
- MoP - There are men hanging around in the community dealing drugs, looking at me in a sexualised matter, my daughter has to live through this, I am being gaslit and minimised
- MoP - When females are afraid to walk about and take their children then people will lose faith in the police and the council
- Police Scotland should record nationality and ethnicity, this data is not consistently captured, why is the data not being recorded? When crimes of a sexual nature are against women and children
- Craig Burns – one of the things, they take details – where they ask their ethnicity, and what their observations are – both of these are recorded on Police Scotland systems, where that goes, I can't tell you – you can ask the information commissioners office who can enforce public bodies
- AS - For the council for enforcement officers, we can't give ethnicity under GDPR
- We can't give out number if they are so small that you could identify an individual
- Stop and search numbers are broken down by ethnicity
- Could we increase patrols in the area and maybe we could look into CCTV?
- Craig Burns – please continue to report things to us – it is important that we continue to report things
- CCTV – there is quite good coverage in Glasgow Green for CCTV including the parks
- It is one of the easier ones for us to patrol – the more reports we get the more we can do about it
- MoP – a lot of the problems we have in the city centre are due to young people who have nothing to do
- TF – do we know where the cameras are in GG? Craig Burns – this is not information that we would want to make public
- AS the CCTV is only manned 12 hours a day but they are in operation 24 hours a day
- Craig Burns the council operators do a good job and are directly in control with our control room and they point it out to us
- TF – anything else?

The Thistle

- TF – drug deaths are going up
- Some of us have been to the meetings at St Luke's

- MoP – I went yesterday and was very impressed with what they are doing and I give them all of my support
- They are going to target Parsonage Sq because they didn't know about Teviotdale – they are going to come round and monitor the area
- Cllr Celia o'Lone has been to 2 of the meetings at St Luke's
- Alan Casey – update
 - I've been on 3 or 4 occasions to give an overview on the Thistle – I hope to come along and speak to local people to get feedback on the 3 year pilot
 - MoP - I am a Cllr for Dennistoun ward where we have a lot of similar experience with drug taking and antisocial behaviour
 - It is there to reduce harm for those taking drugs and those in the community impacted by discarded needles
 - There is still public injecting because it is closed after 9pm – as part of the pilot we will evaluate the service and see if the timings are correct, if it needs to be extended
 - There are now 300 individual users
 - The study showed that 500 users are injecting in the area
 - We have reached a good proportion, we are trying to get them to return
 - We have take 2500 needles out of the community
 - We have had over 3000 visits, we are trying to get people into recovery but so far there have been no people moving into rehab
 - Some people have moved into different types of services
 - It is doing what it should be doing,
 - It has reversed 38 overdoses, these might not have resulted in fatality but some would
 - There is a lot of more eyes on what is happening in in the local community, there is a perception that things are getting worse
 - The data does not support this – the statistics will be coming out as part of the study
 - There have been 171 report this year but year on year the numbers have reduced slightly 180, 184
 - The numbers are remaining static
 - It is not making a reduction in the drug litter in the community but we hope that people will begin to feel the impact soon
 - We have been doing deep cleans in the community and we have take action to try to remove any spaces that can be used for public injecting and antisocial behaviour – ie pushing people to use the thistle
 - We want people to come to the forum and get involved and we want to hear local voices
 - I wont be attending the meetings mentioned as I believe they are politically motivated with the aim of closing the centre down

- I think there is under reporting = we need people to report things to us and we have the app and a phone number and we aim to remove discarded needles within 24 hours
- There are new bins out in hotspots, there was a successful trial in Old Wynd on Trongate and 2 more will be rolled out in the east of the city centre
- Any questions?
 - MT – when you mentioned that you went to visit the facility and pointed out where there are problems – if you could publicise this ability to contact the council it would help with the outreach
 - The Monday meetings have angry people for a reason
 - TF – I can't go to the next one, its during the day and I'm away – there is a space for someone to go – some of the other meetings are in the evenings
 - The community forum is a membership forum - for people who want to contribute and business's and community representatives can come along and contribute to the solutions to the issues being raised
 - The thistle has 6 outreach members to go out and try to engage with people who are not using the service- there is a dedicated page in the HSCP about the thistle
 - MoP - I wanted to ask about the needle picking service – many of our paths are private and we have to pay which is prohibitive – how can this be addressed?
 - Q - How do you decide where to place the bins? At the end of Parsonage Sq, could a bin go there
 - The council can't use public funds to clean private land – under public health legislation there is a case to be made for cleaning the area
 - We have done analysis before and they will be coming back again – MoP they were counting in the wrong place and I told them that
 - The needle bins are being located as strategically as possible – I think one will be put somewhere near where you are, the corner of Bell St and Parsonage Sq is public
 - What about the at the bridge – this is just beside parsonage square – under the bridge near the recycling
 - There is an underpass at Bell St. – this has been an issue in the past and is still an issue
 - I appreciate that members of the public have genuine concerns and I have no disdain for them

Local Issues

- TF – litter picking
- There are several people interested in doing litter picking

- There is an enforcement drive this week for litter, dog fouling etc
- CKR – third Sunday of every month we will do a pick and choose an area to go through – it might be beneficial to meet at Barrowland park and I have spoken to Sandy at the council and have asked him if he could drop it off to someone involved
- LP – when we do it, the Cleansing Dept drops the stuff off on the day and then they advise where to leave the bags and they then come round and collect them once the pick is finished
- CKR – I will tell Sandy where we will be and he will tell us where we will leave the bags
- You can ask for a certain amount but you need to tell them how many people
- Outlier has there stuff still and we could borrow that if needs be
- We will do it the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10 – 12
- MoP - I was making a wider point, I think it is important not to treat the symptom – we have a lot of people coming into the city centre with bus passes but they are congregating in places where we don't want them to congregate – we need to look at bringing in the non-profit centre – they don't have youth centres at the moment - the amount being spent on dealing with the consequences of crime
- We have another problem because alcohol is expensive and people are drinking in public places – I'm not sure what you want us to do about that
- LS – have you reported this to the police? It's not out in the open, this is adults in a play park
- Mop – this is a similar issue to where my parent stay – no facilities for young people – could we be approaching organisations to see what opportunities there are for young people to do?
- Cllr Co'L – we do have a lot of youth groups in this area that do organise things – there is an age group that stops being engaged and they want to hang about with other young people and the police do know they are there, they are in one place, and the police know that they will break up
- We used to have outreach teams – this is part of the problem – they don't know where they can go and there is nobody there to divert them into doing other things
- This is happening a lot – they don't have a place to congregate – do you have someone that we can contact – other services need to be involved
- TF – come back to a future meeting and address
- AS – I work in the city centre response team – there are initiatives in place at the 4 corners, GOMA, Gordon St to talk to this young people to try and address the issues

Planning & Licensing

- See AFs and MTs information
- Partial objections raised about the roof garden, flats on the ground floor and lack of parking
- New telecoms pole at the back of the Barras – near the kebab shop at Menteith Row and London Rd – no objection to this – opposite Glickmans
- CP – I'm sure this was a location that was brought up 2 years ago – it's just under 30 feet – if there are any objections let me know
- Digital ad board – this had a previous application that had been declined
- Between the car wash and the new flats
- We did respond that it could cause accidents if distracting drivers at that junction – there had been no complaints from nearby residents
- Acknowledgement for the Tureen St development and noted concerns about the facade
- There is now a full application for the Mercat Building
- Short term let in Charlotte St, we will oppose if it is in a shared stair
- This one is at planning application stage
- Complaints to the planning enforcement team on the council and the police
- Make sure that you do report things to the police
- MoP – Q - do you know anything about the building on the corner of Bain St and London Rd? Yes there is a planning application for flats to be built at this site
- London Road at the pedestrian crossing – there is a part of land there that is fenced off and look unsightly – we have no applications about this
- At Collegelands further along – there are plans to build student accommodation there
- MoP – is there anything about the empty spot in Gallowgate – it's full of rubbish – the shops around there
- CKR – the Glinda café failed the food safety license
- Cllr LP - with regards to the building on Bain St – it was severely damaged during the storms which is why the Dream Machine moved out
- The other site at the pedestrian crossing – they haven't completed the proper planing application yet – it will be housing
- Cllr Co'L – the scaffolding round the dream machine is down
- MoP - would come to help with a local place plan

Area partnership

- There hasn't been one since the last update
- Remind people that the infrastructure fund is looking for suggestions
- Clean the gap between the shops

Treasurer Report

- £1800.98 opening balance
- %54 hiring venue
- £30.64 on webmail
- £1716.34 closing balance

Councillor Reports

- Cllr Co'L – everything covered – clean ups in the Calton
- I have been attending the meetings and there are 2 separate issues – the Thistle Centre and saving lives, the drug paraphernalia and the clean up is a separate issue – this is making a difference and people are mentioning it
- Hopefully both of these things will come together
- I want both things to be successful – I'm to sure its in the right area
- AS – I invited the people at the Monday meeting to come to the public meeting – none of them had ever been
- Co'L – people need to report needles so that we can prevent new areas attracting this mess
- MoP - Even if it is on private land? Yes – if we want the council to go to onto private land, we need to know that it is happening – we need to get enough reports – the focus is on the area with the most reports
- CKR – I live in Little Dovehill – the car park is private – I photographed it and and reported it through the Glasgow app and they came out within an hour to take it away – because it is public health they have to do something about it
- Cllr LP – I have not attended the (Monday) meetings and won't be going, when I asked the purpose they said it was for residents to raise concerns, I also invited them to come to the community council – this is an elected body to represent the community - there is the focus group for the Thistle – I think that this is possibly causing a divide
- Regards the Thistle – at the last focus group MB reported about Morrisons – there is a problem with the private land in Tobago St, this was cleared last week regardless of being private because it had been so overgrown is was becoming a venue for public injecting
- It is a public health matter, pin it on the app and send it
- Hopefully this will make a difference
- Q – MoP- you will target about mess – the bin on Tobago St is fenced off currently because of the collapsed building – the building on Tobago St is privately owned and Cllr LP and Cllr Co'L will get something done about this
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Publicity

No update on notice boards

Licensing

- For 5th July at Glasgow Green – food stalls on Glasgow Green for the annual marching

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