

Calton Community Council Public Meeting  
8th August 19:00  
Calton Heritage and Learning Centre

In attendance:

Community Council members: Tricia Fort (Chair) (TF), Caitlin Longman (CL), Chloe Pimblett (CP), Laura Scott (Treasurer) (LS), Allan Scott (Community Councillor)  
Associate member: Derek Pearson (DP)

Police Scotland: Nicola Docherty & John Bell

Apologies: Bel Price (Secretary), Charlie Kleboe-Rogers (CKR), Alasdair Finlayson (AF), John Grady (MP), John Mason (MSP) Annie Wells (MSP)

Members of the Public: 3 Members of the public (MOP) were in attendance.

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair started the meeting and welcomed the room and those in attendance. It was noted that the IT was not working and thus we could not show the agenda or show the presentation at Item 5.

### 2. Notes of the last public Meeting June 13th

The Chair introduced and invited comment from the previous meeting's notes. LS proposed the notes and AS seconded.

### 3. Police Report

Community team provided an update:

- No police stats for the local area as our main contact is on leave but will update at the next meeting.
- ND will raise the football celebrations again with colleagues. TF noted concern about the lack of comments/insight and action.
- CL asked about UK wide protests. No protests yet confirmed, but the situation can change, and a plan is in place. Extra 'reassurance patrols' are in place this week and over the weekend.
- There is a planned Republican walk on Saturday that Police are prepared for.
- AS also noted other events going on in the city centre this weekend: 6 possible events. Police noted that only 3 are confirmed: Republican walk, Black March (Orange Walk) and Rangers are playing at Hampden.

### 4. Football Celebrations

The Chair raised that no comments or updates have been shared.

### 5. College Gardens

- Alex Orr (consultant), Matt Walton (developer of the site), Paul Stallen (architect) and Rashid Ali attended.
- Until Friday 30th August there will be an ongoing consultation where individuals are able to submit thoughts on the proposals.

- 15<sup>th</sup> August 14:00-19:00 there will be a consultation at Many Studios, Ross Street, G1 5AR
- They will be developing the site at the former High Street Goodsyards. Site is disconnected as it is surrounded by railways. Propose to address this through their design.
- Planning on submitting their planning application in October.
- Proposing a mix of housing, houses, build to rent, co-living (units that are rented typically aimed at student dorm style accommodation) and student accommodation.
- TF – asked about the planned bridge, does this rely on the High Street Station upgrade? Answer no, funding not from National Rail but rather the council. TF – what is the attraction with buildings of different heights. Answer – Heights not confirmed but highest height 18 storeys.
- AS – concerned about the number of homes. Answer 650. Car free – unrealistic and puts more pressure on the surrounding neighbours. Answer – disabled access parking will be provided. They don't see a demand for a car park in the city centre.
- CP – north/south connection seems central, how have you connected with the Collegelands Park team? Answer – we have had communications.
- CL asked about how the design has been influenced by the safe consumption room and drug usage in the area. Answer: Better lighting, consulting with police, awareness in the design will all be considered.

## 6. Area Partnership

Highlighted that local organisations can apply to the Area Partnership Funding.

## 7. Planning Issues

**Past action**, CCC to write to the buildings at risk group at GCC about the old court building Turnbull street. CP emailed but no response yet.

CKR had been notified that the vacant land between shops at the Gallowgate is to be developed. This will be shared on the website when more information becomes available.

## 8. Publicity

TF – asked about the noticeboards in Glasgow Green.

**Action: Derek to chase the person looking at the new noticeboard.**

## 9. Licensing Issues

No updates as AF sent his apologies.

TF noted concerned with the process for objecting to licensing applications. TF reach out to council to ask how licensing board works, no response.

**Action – follow up with a representative of the licensing committee and board to talk at a future meeting.**

## 10. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer shared the financial situation of the CCC balance is at £1597.97.

Expenditure:

- £50.00 – new community centre room booking
- £61.92 – internet
- £22.24 - internet usage.

## **11. Local Issues**

TF – wanted to raise flooding by Turnbull Street near Glasgow Green. Have flagged with Councillor Pike in the past and will raise again.

TF received an email about public toilets from chief executive office, council is developing a strategy around public toilets. TF shared past campaign and the concerns around lack of toilets in Glasgow Green and Calton in general.

Action – TF to report flooding to Councillor Pike.

## **12. Elected Members' Reports**

None in attendance.

## **13. AOCB**

- Member of the public (MP) concerned about drug paraphernalia in the abandoned lot near Tobago Street near our meeting venue. Land needs to be tidied, and bushes cut to discourage drug usage and needles need to be picked up. TF noted that reporting needles information is on our website. Information about who owns the land can be requested through the land registry.
- MP asked what is planned for the September (note date has changed) at Abercromby Street in the graveyard – this was identified as the Calton Weaver's event. We will add any additional information to the website. There will be talks and entertainment. <https://calton-community-council.scot/new-date-calton-weavers-commemoration-moves-to-the-22nd-plus-songwriting-course>

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is October 10th 19:00 at the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre. This will also be our AGM.