

**Calton Community Council
Annual General Meeting 09 October 2025**

Chair's Report

This is the fourth AGM of the current Calton Community Council and we have made significant progress during interesting times.

In February this year we commenced meeting monthly, apart from July and December, and this has been beneficial in terms of public attendance and continuity. We are however, very concerned at the lack of attendance and input from the 4 City Councillors who represent us.

The major issues that we have covered are:

- The Thistle and drug related issues outwith the facility
- Football fans congregating at Glasgow Cross
- Allegations of intimidatory behaviour around the play park near FreeWheelNorth, which we directed to the appropriate authority.

We are now represented on the Community Forum of the Thistle and there is good news about drug waste collection, clearance of ground where drug dealing and drug taking has been occurring and an uptake in use of the Thistle, although there is ongoing opposition to the facility.

We have been involved in discussions with Celtic FC, further to a meeting held in March, chaired by Kaukab Stewart, MSP and we hope for a change in their stance towards the events at Glasgow Cross.

On local issues we have had guests from the Fans of Barrowland Park and, at our last meeting, from the Managing Director and General Manager of Margaret McIver Ltd, ie the Barras and Barrowland, with whom we are developing a good relationship. The Barras, the Barrowland and the Barrowland Park are treasured within our community and further afield.

A further meeting hosted visitors who spoke about the Glasgow Green Station Stones.

Two representatives from the Glasgow Life team working on the update of the People's Palace & Winter Gardens gave an update on their work. November is a key time, when their funding application will be submitted.

We are now represented, along with the Friends of the People's Palace, Winter Gardens & Glasgow Green and other organisations on the Community Panel contributing to the future of the museum and the Winter Gardens.

Our planning lead is submitting well-argued submissions concerning local applications and our licensing lead has voiced concerns about the issue of short term lets in properties with shared access.

A member of the public prompted us to carry out litter picks and we have now completed four monthly outings. We also have had issues with obstructive parking of motor vehicles raised with us and we aim to take these forward to a positive resolution.

Our thanks go to Police Scotland, who have attended all our meetings except one, when we were trumped by a need to attend to a visiting dignitary from the USA. The officers attending have given us comprehensive updates and answered many questions.

I am indebted to my colleagues on this Community Council, who give up their time to attend. Thanks are due to Caitlin Longman, who has been involved from the beginning of our journey and to Alasdair Finlayson, who are both stepping down at this AGM. I'm delighted to welcome 2 new members, Arthur and Katherine. Our Associate Member, Derek Pearson, continues to give us good service and thanks are also extended to the members of the public who join us at these meetings

Tricia Fort, Chair, Calton Community Council, October 2025