

Calton Community Council

Minutes of Public Meeting 23

Date: Thursday 11 September 2025, 7:00–8:30pm

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

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair, **Tricia Fort**, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Apologies received from:

Laura Scott, Bel Price, Alasdair Finlayson, Caitlin Longman, Arthur McJimpsey, John Mason MSP, Annie Wells MSP

In attendance:

- Tricia Fort (Chair), Allan Scott, Charlie Kleboe-Rogers, Mark Taylor, Derek Pearson, Tom Joyes (Barrowlands), Dugald McArthur (Barrowlands), Meabh Bradley, Craig Burns (Police Scotland), 16 members of the public (including 4 members of the newly-formed Parkhead Community Council)

2. Minutes of Meeting 22 (14 August 2025)

The minutes of the previous meeting were **proposed** by Charlie Kleboe-Rogers and **seconded** by Mark Taylor.

The Chair reminded attendees that draft minutes are published on the Community Council website and formally approved at the following meeting.

3. Matters Arising

- A member of the public asked about outcomes from the previous discussion on safety for women and children. The Chair confirmed the Council had signposted the matter to Police Scotland and elected representatives.

4. Football “Celebrations” at Glasgow Cross (Standing Item)

- The Chair reported that letters had been sent to Celtic FC, with reminders copied to the Supporters’ Liaison and Press Office. No response has yet been received.

5. Police Scotland Report and Q&A

Craig Burns provided an update:

- Engagement ongoing in schools ahead of **Bonfire Night** to promote safety.
- Preparations underway for festive events.
- Road traffic offences remain a priority.

Concerns raised:

- Just Eat drivers parking on pavements, obstructing disability access.
- Drug users congregating on Orr Street.

6. The Thistle (Standing Item)

- The Chair attended the local forum and reported that a cross-committee meeting will take place on **2 October at Holyrood**, led by the Justice, Health and Social Justice Committees.
- CCC has been invited to attend alongside representatives from Morrisons and The Thistle.

7. Barrowland and the Barras – Presentation and Q&A

Dugald McArthur (Managing Director) and Tom Joyes (General Manager) gave an update:

- Significant improvements since 2018.
- Commitment to **diversity, inclusion, and heritage preservation**.
- Exploring use of empty spaces for positive community activities.
- Aim to create a vibrant, safe, and inclusive venue.

8. Local Issues, Noticeboards, Litter-Picking and Elections

- Chair attended meeting at the People's Palace on future use of the museum.
- Noticeboards: Charlie Kleboe-Rogers to liaise with Meabh Bradley.
- Parking: Concerns raised about parking on **Glasgow Green** (impacting cycle lanes), **Millroad Drive** (blocking pavements), and commuter parking issues. MB to check restrictions and provide contacts.
- **Community Council elections**: Applications open for new members.
- **Christmas 2025 Winter Village**: Proposed for **Glasgow Green, 30 Nov – 7 Jan (10am–10pm)**. Concerns raised over use of the Green instead of George Square.
- Public toilets on Glasgow Green currently cost 20p (card payment); expected to become free by summer 2026.
- **Litter-picking**: 12 bags collected on Millroad Street. Community team has completed 7 actions from local list with work ongoing.

9. Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance: **£1,472.94**, Expenditure: £54 (venue hire), £31.84 (webmail costs), Closing balance: **£1,387.10**.

10. Area Partnership Report

- Mark Taylor attended the quarterly meeting on Wednesday 3rd September for Calton Community Council. Public Minutes are available on the Glasgow City Council Website [here](#), along with the materials for the agenda items discussed. Mark briefly explained the function of the partnership and if anyone had further queries to contact him separately. Key points from the last meeting:
- **Representation:** Low attendance from elected officials at recent Calton Community Council meetings was raised; the impacts of this on the Council's work was made clear.
- **Local issues raised:** *The Thistle*, illegal worker fines, safety concerns.
- **Applications reviewed:** funding approved for area applications and general concerns raised on funding for staff/venue costs.
- **Next meetings:** 24th September (interim), and 12th November (video).

11. Planning Issues

- Mark Taylor provided an overview of the new and existing planning applications concerning CCC, and mentioned weekly updates are provided on the CCC website and social media (Facebook). Mark asked if anyone has any questions to contact him (planning&licencing@calton-community-council.scot).
- **23/00026/FUL - 58 – 72 Charlotte Street.** CCC has contacted Suzanne Cusick at GCC Planning for details of the pre-determination hearing CCC has requested to be part of.
- **23/02880/LBA, 23/00635/FUL Former Police Buildings** at 4 - 16 Turnbull Street Glasgow – CCC has contacted Detail Residential Developments Ltd and Suzanne Cusick at GCC for an update in progress following concerns about the deterioration of the listed building.
- **25/01316/FUL & 25/01317/LBA – The Pipe Factory, 42 Bain Street, Glasgow G40 2LA** - No objection proposed: no objections to the proposals from MOP. CCC Representation will be made in due course.
- **25/01537/FUL - Groundworks for development at 206 High Street Car Park** - No objection proposed for this specific application but as it relates to a site where planning for student accommodation is still pending (21/00543/FUL), submitted in 2021 before CCC was in office, Mark will include in the CCC response similar concerns that CCC has raised in applications for other developments nearby such as for the College Street Goods Yard (24/02728/FUL) which recently passed, and Havannah Street Collegelands (24/02272/FUL) so that the Planners are aware of CCC's views on the development. No objections to the proposals from MOP. CCC Representation will be made in due course.

12. Licensing Issues

- Written update provided as Alasdair Finlayson had given apologies.

13. Councilor and MSP Reports

- No elected members were present.

14. Any Other Competent Business

Member of the public raised concerns about the Community Council's low visibility. Suggestions to improve this included:

- Producing an **annual or half-yearly report** of CCC activities.
- Hosting an **open day** to encourage wider community involvement.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- **Thursday 9 October 2025**, including the **Annual General Meeting**.