

# CCC 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Public Meeting and AGM Minutes

## PUBLIC MEETING - Agenda

| Item | Time | Detail                                                                                                                      |
|------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 7:00 | Welcome, Introductions and Apologies                                                                                        |
| 2    | 7:05 | AGM, see separate agenda                                                                                                    |
| 3    | 7:15 | Minutes of Meeting 23, 11 September, Approval, Matters arising and Actions                                                  |
| 4    |      | Standing item: Football Celebrations, 2025, progress to a positive solution?                                                |
| 5    | 7:20 | Police Report                                                                                                               |
| 6    | 7:30 | The Argyle Street Avenue, Trongate to Barrowland Park: Emma Hargreaves, Project Officer, City Deal – Client Management, NRS |
| 7    | 7:45 | Treasurer's Report                                                                                                          |
| 8    | 7:50 | Local Issues: The Christmas Hub Glasgow Green. NRS issues with Meabh Bradle                                                 |
| 9    | 8:00 | Area Partnership report                                                                                                     |
| 10   | 8:05 | Standing Item: the Thistle, the Safer Drug Consumption Facility                                                             |
| 11   | 8:10 | Planning Issues, including Weekly Planning List                                                                             |
| 12   | 8:15 | Licensing issues                                                                                                            |
| 13   | 8:20 | Councillor Reports, MSP Report(s)                                                                                           |
| 14   | 8:30 | Date of Next Meeting (13 November) and Close                                                                                |

## Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

### Present

#### Committee

- Tricia Fort (Chair)
- Laura Scott (Treasurer)
- Belinda Price (Secretary)
- Charlier Kleboe-Rogers
- Allan Scott
- Catherine Kerr
- Arthur McJimpsey

#### Local Representatives

- Cecelia O'Lone
- Linda Pike

10 Members of the Public

## Apologies

- Mark Taylor
- Derek Pearson
- John Mason
- Annie Wells
- Meabh Bradley

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes of the meeting from September – any concerns? Corrections? None raised
- Allan Scott proposed, Cathy Kerr seconds

## Matters arising

- **Item 8** – NRS and Meabh Bradley who was here last month has confirmed that we are concerned about finding someone to speak to about parking in the area
  - **ACTION – TF to catch up with MB about that**
- **Item 14** – AOCB – Betty Cosgrove suggested we should host an open day to encourage community involvement – we spoke to Tom Joyes from the Barras and he says we are welcome to have a stall any time at the Barras and we will take this up and do something in the run up to the end of the year

## Standing item: Football Celebrations, 2025, progress to a positive solution?

- Football ‘Celebrations’ at Glasgow Cross – TF had written to CFC and had not heard back – we have now heard back from Celtic. 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept e-mail from George Campbell head of Legal at Celtic. Apologies for the delay, recently been contacted by Glasgow City Council and Police Scotland suggesting a further meeting is held between them. Been in touch with GCC and have scheduled a meeting with proposed dates. Also email from JP Taylor, support liaison from Celtic. Apologies for delay, noted George Campbell contact for further meeting. Laura Scott asks councillors to find out who the supporters have been in contact with at GCC.
- Q - Is the Community Council invited - Chair - I don't think so.

## Police Report

- Police Scotland not present

## The Argyle Street Avenue, Trongate to Barrowland Park:

Emma Hargreaves, Project Officer, City Deal – Client Management,  
NRS

- Chair introduces Emma Hargreaves from GCC about the Avenues Project.
- The project overviewed the proposals including Argyle street opening up eastward which will include more greening these will be in planters due to the shallow ground connecting to the train network below.
- There are 4 sections of the Avenues Project that is covered in the GCC website, the community can sign up to updates.
- The full scheme will be complete by March 2029.
- Points raised by MoPs regarding the project concerns about increasing the traffic on the Gallowgate, people living in the middle of a roundabout, no consideration given to those who live in these new heavily traffic filled areas, 4 bus stops in the space of 200 yds below a heavily residential area

## Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance – £1418.91, spent £54 meeting costs, £31.84 webmail, £1333.10 in the bank
- Q - Allan Scott – when do we get the allocation from the council?
  - LS - Usually November

## Local Issues

- Local Issues – the use of Glasgow Green and the failure of GCC to speak to local residents before they decide what's going on
  - MoP – wanted to raise the issue of the Xmas hub whatever it might be – there has been a complete lack of transparency of what is being planned
  - Increase in events over the year
  - Noise, pressure on roads, parking and access to the Green
  - The Green should be an open space for everyone for their leisure and this is being edged to the side for events for profit for private organisations
  - This comes back to what was mentioned before – we don't know what this brings to the council – if this were filling council coffers it might be different
  - There is also an impact on local businesses, people come to spend at the event and they don't spend in local businesses
  - MoP - I moved to Glasgow a couple of years ago – prior to that I lived in Liverpool. I am shocked by the lack of local democracy, the remoteness of GCC, not being available or contactable – this is very negative and has a negative impact on people caring about their own neighbourhood. I don't know what actions could be proposed, we need local councillors to be talking to us and to be accessible, we need to be talking to other groups and other groups e.g.

Glasgow Life, we need to consider if petitions can have an effect, how do we improve the situation so that we are not presented with fait accomplis and our needs disregarded?

- TF – I am happy to write to Francine O’Rourke about this and us being told that the event is taking place
- Linda Pike as far as petitions are concerned – the CCC can submit, a MoP can submit a petition
- Q – TF - is this on the city website? We can use private organisations, or we can submit to the city council via the website – we have to ask the GCC if we can issue that petition? TF this is how the city councils petitions work – it has to be approved by the council before it goes on to the website – or you can use for example - change.org
- The city council site has to be someone who lives in Glasgow – would the council approve a petition to be published that criticises it?
- Linda Pike – chairs the committee who considers petitions – as a community council you don’t need to get signatures – the hub will be the same as the George Square market it’s just being relocated because George Square is closed – I don’t think it is affecting the local businesses
- People do spend money locally
- Allan Scott – I work for the council as an enforcement officer - I am involved in ‘policing’ St Enoch and George Sq events at Xmas – what is being held at the Green is much larger than what is usually held at the Square – for example, the ice rink will be double the size, for 37 consecutive days from 10 in the morning to 10 at night
- There are all the different things that are on at the Green – the longest thing that is on at the Green is the shows during the (Glasgow) fair
- To put this on for 37 days without telling people is shocking
- MoP – you have said this is happening and the contracts have only been given out – I am not totally against it but I think that they have made it very plain that it is going to be on a much larger scale and it is going to detract from it being about Xmas – particularly at this time of year, it is Xmas for us and we want access to the local park and the local green – there is nothing clear to say that we are going to be able to access the green – no guarantees that we won’t be expected to pay – you should have looked at the scale and it will not benefit the city or the taxpayers. It’s important that we get it right for the people that live here – reiterate the lack of transparency
- Q - CCC are you able to pass some motion about this? No.
- TF – we will get a small group of people together to submit a petition and as well as putting it forward we can put signatures on this
- Cecelia O’Lone – this is what I was going to speak about in the councillors report section – I have raised a concern about the number of events on the Green and the spread of the events – including one event where cars were parked on the Daisy Park

on the grass – I have raised that there is a lack of consultation in the community, that these events were happening every weekend for 6 weeks during July and August. I have raised it, and I have a meeting next week – why are the local community not consulted and how can we manage the community and their way of life during these events?

- Linda Pike – to answer a couple of questions – there are no hoardings round the Xmas market – TF we have no details about what is happening about this market. We had an email saying that this was about to happen and that is it
- Laura Scott – I find it astonishing that the CCC will get a notification about one trader setting up one stall at the Doulton fountain and we get NO notification of an event of this size
- **ACTION - Arthur McJimpsey and MoP to look at the GCC website to craft a petition to submit about this**
- Arthur McJimpsey – I joined because I stay facing Glasgow Green and the noise is getting beyond a joke and I have considered moving away as are many others on the block
- TF - We have been doing litter picks – there will be no litter pick in October – CKR – the area covered in the last one was bigger than usual
- Meabh Bradley got in touch about a new landscape technician joining the landscaping team NRS - they are looking at updating the Galleon Play Area and want to check if we have any knowledge about needs for the play area –
- **ACTION BP to publicise the request for information**
- Arthur McJimpsey – the parks and GG are not disabled friendly and this should be taken into account – there is kit you can get but it is not accessible as it stands at the moment

## Area partnership report

- MT went to the recent meeting. It was primarily about the Xmas decorations – there is action to purchase and plant real trees at Bridgeton Cross and outside St Luke's and lighting at the Barras – they will put up column lights
- Linda Pike pursued that and there will be 15 column lights throughout the Barras – it's not Bridgeton Cross – it's Dalmarnock at the School and at Bain St
- £4.5k every year for each tree for each area
- Bridgeton would be the only area without a real tree because of the logistics of that
- MT also expressed concern that this is one of the busiest councils with many high-profile issues and we seldom see councillors – Linda Pike stated that she tries to make all that she can

## The Thistle

- Joint committee meeting at Holyrood – Morrisons, People from the Thistle and TF – the meeting went quite well

- We are going to put out a copy of a link to the meeting so that people can watch what was said
  - ACTION – BP to put a link to the video on the website
- One of the benefits of going was that we did make contact with Morrisons – they had notified that because of the publicity about the facility and the action taken it has reduced anti social behaviour at the store

## Planning

- MT has done a long write up which will all be on the website – there is a proposal to put an ATM on the front of the Shoptmart store in front of the shop – fear is that people will need to pay to use it because not related to a bank
- Retrospective application for use of land on Bell St as a carpark for the Pram Centre – it has been used this way for years, the fear is, if not approved, that it will be used by people who don't make it as far as The Thistle
- The Mercat Building - the plans have changed on the ground floor to commercial use and we are still waiting for progress the residential development on Charlotte St - TF spoke to 2 local residents yesterday and MT will be meeting with them about their concerns – there are concerns about the ongoing issue with the old police offices on Turnbull st

## Licensing

- AF – 2 applications – Street Trader on Glasgow Green for the day on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the McDonald fountain – McDonalds fountain is on the other side of the peoples palace – 6am to 1pm.
- There is a run on that day
- Market operators license- west sides Ross St and Suffock St at Ross St – Barras
- MoP– Q - was there not a licensing application in for the Xmas hub? – they might also need a public entertainment license as will all of the licensing
- AF – temporary events of 28 days or less don't need planning permission – this might need planning permission
- LP - they haven't applied for an alcohol license as yet – licensing board is tomorrow and it is not on the agenda
- Depending on what is proposed, it might need planning permission
- What will happen if people object? Would it go ahead with no food or drink?
- Arthur McJimpsey – have all the traders been informed that this is going to happen?
- Allan Scott – what normally happens for George Square – there is usually one big bar and then a number of stalls selling alcohol
- If they do apply for licenses then they need to notify local traders
- If this is happening in November are they are not leaving it a bit late
- TF – anything that we haven't covered already?
- Linda Pike and Celia O'Lone – already covered everything

- Arthur McJimpsey – secretary of Bridgeton Library Local History group meet every second Saturday – on this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, costs £5 for annual membership - we have recently published a book
- Next public meeting here on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Apologies in advance of the next meeting – from BP and AS