

CCC Public Meeting Thursday 12th Feb 2026

- Mark Taylor
- Tricia Fort
- Arthur McJimpsey
- Charlie Klebor Roger's
- Allan Scott
- Belinda Price
- Craig Burns
- Linda Pike

Apologies

- Cecelia O Lone
- Laura Scott
- Catherine Kerr
- John Mason
- Derek Pearson
- Meabh Bradley

Agenda

Minutes of previous meeting, Matters arising and Actions

No corrections, proposed CKR, seconded AS

Matters arising? - None

Actions – go through them as we go through the agenda

Police Scotland

- 3 new probationers at the start of March – community policing initially
- Summer events details – concerts, Commonwealth Games and an election, operations and day to day policing
- Busy month with good results – please give community intel about goings on
- Const Andrew Park
 - work on the problem with drones flying drugs into Barlinnie – dealers from the Calton have been flying the drugs in.
 - Executed a variety of items including drugs, cash, electric motorbikes.
 - Found drugs, phones and other items within the prison itself.
- Male arrested in possession of 10kg of class B drugs – this came from community intelligence. The drugs had a resale value of £36k approx

- Day to day still trying to tackle users in closes and bin sheds – they have had local engagements with community, factors, etc. about how to secure closes, bin stores etc.
 - a number of people have been charged with street level possession
- There has been a rise in numbers of uninsured and un-MOTd drivers in the area
 - PS are continuing to monitor this
- Qs?
 - MT they had a lot of issues in St Andrews Sq and Lanark St.
 - A lot of the neighbours went when you and the factors had a meeting with us, and it was quite a positive thing.
 - It's difficult to report things.
 - Treated with suspicion if you dial 999
 - Crimestoppers – 30 questions.
 - MT I had a woman screaming for help and 4 of us called the police and they caught her with a needle in her arm.
- CB – have been working with response colleagues – if I find someone in circumstances where it is obvious they have been using drugs; I charge them with a Sect 38 offence – threatening or abusive behaviour.
- CB – what was the date (of the above incident), and I will look to see what the outcome was.
- MT happened in December 999 call
- MoP Q – do you need to pay for the clean up?
 - MT – we have had in December a drug den in the car park and because it's on private land, so they (GCC) won't do anything about it — we had to pay for removal.
 - Mop – do you think that's fair?
 - Q - Who should be paying for this?
 - Calling the council is a dead end because it is on private land.
 - There is an email address to Community Police but there is not a quick response.
 - Mop – the Thistle should be responsible for cleaning this up.
 - We are part of a pilot and there should be something in place to assist with the clean up.
- CB – if you see a drug den with an immediate concern that this is an ongoing crime with immediate risk to life or property – this is a 999 call.
- CB - This is your perception. Please keep reporting, it is logged as an incident, and we can direct response to this area.
- Mop - There is a lot of drug dealing going on outside the Thistle
- Q - Mop – what are the opening hours? 9am to 9pm.
- Mop They (the drug users) don't like the Thistle because they find it too clinical.

- CB - local residents are trying to go about their daily business and to find someone doing drugs in your close that will be problematic.
- CKR - I phone GCC to pick up needles, but the council now won't do it
 - Lowther – charge £182 per uplift, and this cost has to be borne by the person making the phone call.
 - A lot of people inject across the road from us and throw needles into the bushes.
 - There are children playing in the garden
 - MT – we are incurring the same costs, when I spoke to the cleaning people Regency Apartments are having this cost every day.
 - AS – as well as the increase in drug use near the thistle there is an uptick of prostitution on Hunter St, and they are using the bus stops on Duke St and on Hunter St.
 - CB - PS policy is not to prosecute any women involved – they are directed towards support.
 - We have plain clothes out arresting and charging the men.
 - When you arrest the women it's a revolving door in and out of prison.
 - PS has plain clothes patrols out working.
 - Young women (members of the general public) who are being stopped should report this to the police – this is threatening and abusive behaviour – take the registration number and report this.
 - Also, if you see cars constantly circling report this to Crimestoppers.
 - They are looking out for the vehicles that turn up time after time – we had an operation in November, and we were arresting people every night.
- Linda Pike- increase in drug dealing in Hunter St.
 - This was brought up at the area partnership last week.
 - There have been a couple of requests for CCTV.
 - They will put CCTV onto Hunter St and cover the street – this is in the pipeline.
 - They are going into the Thistle and deal behind the gate.
 - The fact that it is there might deter them.
 - CB – our team had the consultation about where to put the cameras.
 - Hopefully that will have an impact when it goes through.
- MT – Q - an important point – is there resource behind the camera to monitor them?
- This is why crime is going unrecorded.
- AS they are only monitored between 3 in the afternoon and 3 in the morning.
- They are unmonitored the others 12 hours.
- Shift of 4 and 2 supervisors who work the same shift.
- Q - Mop – what is the point of that.

- LP – on the point that Charlie KR made, I think that is disgraceful with Lowther and will try to see who is responsible for this letter.
- Factors need to take some responsibility to see that properties are secure – who will phone to report this if it costs them £182?
- Mop – we now pick them up safely and put them into the street.
- Thenue do respond but only because we keep going back to them.
- They add the cost onto the factors fee. (LP – noted this)

Glasgow Green Petition

- Special Public Meeting – there is a minute which was circulated.
- BP proposed. AS seconded.
- Mop who had seen it agreed it was a good representation of the meeting.
- Last September, JS and AMcJ drew up a petition and submitted it by hand because the electronic system isn't working.
- Jo Shoba - We (CCC committee members and Jo Shoba) went on 22nd Jan 2026 to a committee meeting chaired by LP,
- We said our bit; we couldn't say some things which had come to light after the petition was submitted.
- JS, MH, AMcJ all provided additional information.
- At the time of the petition was submitted, the licenses were 4 occasional licenses lasting a fortnight, none of which were published.
- Q - Also did they need planning applications for change of use for the land for such a substantial time.
- JS – petition hearing: we got an outcome minuted that the issues raised deserve further consideration.
- Director was instructed to undertake further consultation.
- A report was to be made back next September / October.
- The outcome has been kicked down the road until quite near the next event.
- We specifically said in the petition – the duration is unreasonable along with the 10am – 10pm daily opening.
- Asked for this to be reconsidered to mitigate disruption in the area.
- Verbal response was that the duration was static – because there is a contract in place.
- 10-week duration, 10am to 10pm – nothing can be done about that.
- JS want to push back against this, don't accept it given that we asked specifically about these matters.
- CKR – when you say contracted do you mean that they have been contracted for 2 years.
- JS - They are getting a double dunt.
- GCC has paid up front for this.

- They did this through Glasgow Life, which is a charity and so they don't have to pay the environment levy.
- Glasgow Life gets mentioned but there is no mention in the role of them in the suitability of running the event.
- Q TF – why didn't the contracting happen through the council
- On the face of it it looks deliberate to circumvent the levy.
- The process for the procurement could be quite damning.
- It could be a point of contention or argument for locals.
- There is no way to show if there was a benefit to the area.
- TF – in terms of licensing we are an area of over provision and the whole thing is very murky.
- JS – we keep being told it's a GCC event, but not and it's just not good enough.
- All of these matters might be the focus of a FOI.
- We have already raised one about the reporting of noise complaints.
- Feedback meeting that CCC attended after the event.
 - AMcJ – very disappointed.
 - What annoyed me, is that we put in a petition, there were many complaints and her attitude was this is happening irrespective of what the community has to say.
 - Q. - Who are Glasgow Life, why do they have so much power?
 - LP – it's an arms length body that runs things that the council used to run
 - They are a charity which means they can apply for council which the council can't
 - All part of the council family.
 - Q - Mop – is the entire Xmas thing – not just what's on the Green is that run by Glasgow Life?
 - LP yes this was all run by Glasgow Life.
 - JS – we have been told by reps of NRS that Glasgow Life oversees the whole winter offering but at no point have we been able to deal with Glasgow Life, or every time we receive information we have received nothing from Glasgow Life – always from NRS.
 - Q - AMcJ – who do they answer to – it's a Charity so it has a traditional charitable structure.
 - TF as a person on the board of Glasgow Life did you approve the Winter Wonderland?
 - LP – no because I was only appointed to the board late last year.
 - JS – why can't we see minuted notes on this approval?
 - NRS were at pains to say that the decision had been made.
 - JS there must be an audit trail to show these decisions.
 - LP there will be minutes.

- Q - JS then why can't we get them?
- CKR - if GL is a charity, then all docs should be public.
- AMcJ – feedback meeting again please
- We were told we could change some things because the noise and noise of generators was raised, they could try to make some changes but ...
- The meeting was quite fractious.
- Some people complained that XMAS was ruined and (one woman said) she couldn't have her family round because of the noise in her property.
- We received a document back following that meeting showing complaints, what went well and lessons learned.
- TF - This was a meeting on Tuesday this week about TRNSMT – MT & AMcJ – we were the voice of the community.
 - Denise Hamilton will be dealing going forward.
 - They went through the plans for the event.
 - Concerns re the dates – they are in June this year.
 - This is because of artist availability.
 - From the 4th of June to 27th June there will be activity on the site.
 - The primary concern around entrances and main point of concern is that on 19th June Scotland play Morocco in the World Cup.
 - AMcJ - I asked if it was a fan zone – they said no anyone who already has a ticket, they will be able to stay on until the game finishes at 2am.
 - No transport available at that time, with the potential for 30k people to be hanging about until the following day when the transport becomes available to get them home.
 - Morally wrong to have these people wandering about.
 - TF – the fan zone was mentioned in the Glasgow times before Xmas. DF, saying they wanted to have a fan zone.
 - TF wrote to out councillors saying that this not acceptable.
 - They tried to tell them that this is confidential, and they wouldn't speak about it.
 - Not one reply received to date.
 - And now they are going to do this.
 - LP – TRNSMT did put out an article & there is a bar in town selling tickets for late night bar in town on the presumption that they get extended hours license.
 - There has not yet been a decision made about licensing yet.
 - This will be discussed tomorrow at the licensing meeting.
 - TF – when we asked about the alcohol licenses for the winter wonderland you said there were none in.
 - LP – there were none submitted as it went to 'delegate authority' and I have apologised for that.

- The council can't apologise for things that haven't been said.
- TF - This is the worst kept secret ever – they are either going to be in the city centre or in TRNSMT – licenses are not being put in.
- LP – licenses can't be put in for late night licenses until the licensing board makes a decision whether to allow it – we can't comment until they are able to put in the relevant licenses.
- Mop - BAAD round the corner – noise pollution from there when they have events on.
- No control over the noise and this has been going on for a long time.
- Even during the day when they have should on Sunday – the noise is terrible and it is having an impact on us.
- They have containers on the street, the concrete blocks, the low pavements – also Calton entry – sometimes this is blocked off by them.
- It is growing arms and legs – have they the right to do this?
- LP will check.
- MOP – by the time we find out something is happening, it's at the decision point and we don't know anything about it.
- We don't have to be reactive -because then it is too late.
- LP – yes – it was raised at the committee meeting.
- It was also raised in advance of the meeting.
- I have said that this is a lack of communication and officers need to take responsibility for this.
- If they had approached the CCC beforehand.
- LP made the point that they don't need to reveal confidential information.
- LP - I value community councils and I don't like officers disregarding community councils.
- People need to be made aware, have input and have it planned.
- Agree that there was a lack of communication.
- Part of the outcome of the section of the meeting was that there will be ongoing dialogue to iron out how this happened, where was the breakdown in communication and will report back to make sure that we are going in the correct direction.
- JS we are going round in circles – we don't just want advance notice, the lack of which was apologised for.
- We got a done deal with the winter wonderland – no amount of thinking back about how it should have been communicated.
- Challenge 2026. AmcJ – done deal for the license for the football as they will finish the concert early.
- BP undertaking given that nothing like this would be sprung on us again – but Glasgae!....
- TF - We have a good team working on this and will be taking it further

- NRS – MB sent apologies.
- Online system for bin collection still not working.
- Lights on the Gallowgate are out again from Heilan' Jessie to East Campbell St.
- ACTION - LP will take that forward and copy in MB to that.
- JS lights out in homes for the future, the GCC are responsible for these.
- AS – report every day on the My Glasgow App.
- JS – this is a safety issue, and it should be acted on.
- Q – do you know what the light numbers are?
- ACTION – JS to send the light numbers to info@ and BP will forward on to LP.
- St Andrews St and London Lane lights also out
- ACTION – MT to send light numbers to LP

Litter Pick

Planned for this Sunday 15th Feb.

- CKR - any area that you want done?
- Every 3rd Sunday Barrowland Park at 10am.
- There is a lot of rubbish coming out of the building site on Spoutmouth.
- CKR – suggests Menteith Row and all the streets in there.
- We don't litter pick on the green or Barrowland Park as they have their own teams associated with them.

Treasurers Report

Nonavailable

Area Partnership

No report available

Planning

- MT - checks the list, puts them on social media and the website inviting feedback on planning views.
- I always include any views I receive in my response to applications.
- LP I do copy you into some of the applications.
 - 73 Steven St, short term let – I have objected to this.
 - Not a common stair – it's a house.
 - For this one there were several concerns, so I put a robust complaint in.
- Calton Fire Station – external repairs – supported it
- 182 Abercrombie St – solicitor to chip shop
 - We have objected as already seen – if anyone wants to say other wise, let me know
- Site adjacent to 327 Gallowgate – support for a shop and some flats

- 290 London Road – across from TheNue – wee bit of land site of an old tenement – currently a vacant site
- Want to build 15 flats affordable homes.
- Q - How do they quantify affordable – there is a formula.
- Lowther under a lot of scrutiny at the moment.
- The representations take a while because it ties it all into the relevant legislation.
- CKR – there is a shortage of 3 and 4 bed family homes.
- Blackfriars Rd – Lidl on High St – where there used to be a pizza machine.
- Change the use of the unit from a retail unit and 9 student bedrooms on the ground floor.
- Minded supporting it because it will make it look better.
- East Boat house – this is falling down and they are moving in to demolish it.
- There was a consultation and submitted a response to which we got no reply.
- Charlotte St - lots of opposition due to the density of the proposal.
 - Met with the residents who are still opposing it.
 - Sent me an email and have had no response to these concerns from the planning officer involved.
 - ACTION - LP to look and see what is happening with that.
 - LP – not on the planning committee but other committees, if you object you are allowed to come and be represented and present your opinion.

Licensing

- One application Easter Fair – any objections?
- Traditionally always been there

Councillors report

- LP – area partnership – Catherine Kerr – raised the issue about the litter pickers.
- MB will get some provided.
- MIFF funding – officers will cost doing the path at Claythorn St
- Q - Mop – slurry in pavements in the Calton – this is all breaking up.
 - Is anything going to be done about these?
 - ACTION - LP will ask about a schedule of works to see if there are any plans.
 - No pavements in Chalmers St we have raised this previously.
- Q - Mop – Gaelic School – what is the completion date?
- LP – toward the end of this year – August beginning of school year.
 - Big vans parked on Stevenson St – it's an accident waiting to happen.
 - What's the provision for parking for staff in the school?
 - People are very concerned about parking provision once the school is up and running.
 - CKR - Q – is there a published predicted roster for the school

- LP - they are already attending the school in the West end.
- LP – I have plans for it in my office.
- LP I don't think there are plans for school parking for the staff.
- CKR – will find out about plans for parking for staff. (Subsequently confirmed there is no parking on site)

AOB

No AOB