

CALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING 30, Thursday 14 May 2026, 7:00 – 8:30pm

VENUE: Many Studios, 3 Ross Street, The Barras, Glasgow, G1 5AR

AGENDA

Item	Time	Detail
1	7:00	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2	7:05	Minutes of Meeting 29, 09 April, Approval, Matters arising and Actions
3	7:10	Police Scotland Report, with Q&A
4	7:20	Local Issues with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability representative and our City Councillors, including date of our next Litter Pick.
5	7:25	Presentation, High Street Avenue Project and update on timing of Argyle Street Avenue East, Emma Hargreaves, Project Officer, City Deal – Client Management, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
6	7:40	Planning Issues, including Weekly Planning List
7	7:45	Licensing Issues, Alcohol, Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and Short Term Lets (STLs)
8	7:50	Treasurer's Report
9	7:55	Area Partnership report
10	8:00	Councillor Reports, MSP, MP Report(s)
11	8:10	Glasgow Green issues, including Survey Results, any other local issues and Any Other Competent Business.
12	8:25	Date of Next Meeting 25 June , MANY STUDIOS 3 Ross Street Glasgow, G1 5AR and Close

Welcome, introductions & apologies

- Attendees: B Price, L Scott, A McJimpsey, M Taylor, Jo Shoba, T Fort, Police Scotland representative, 7 Members of the Public, 5 representatives from the Avenues Project.
- Apologies: CKR, MB, AS, CK, DP

Minutes of Meeting 29, 9th April, approval, matters arising & actions

- Approved. Proposed by TF, seconded LS

Police Scotland report, Q&A

- Potential football celebrations on 16th May. CSI Emma Croft is in charge of operations for Saturday. Policing plans in place. Overtime has been put out to help resourcing.
- CK, TF and Merchant City CC met with Colin Edgar and Denise Hamilton re: plans for 16th May, should CFC win the League. The City Council and Police Scotland have started talking to both clubs. 5 meetings have been held. Progress is being made but nothing in place to prevent for this year.
- Uptick in community reporting of drug dealing. 38 bags of class A drugs seized 14th May am. Community reporting for addresses key to finding dealers.
- MT question, Are there more dealers in the Calton at the moment than historically. PS- No more drug dealers but more drug users in area. PS did say it's difficult to answer. MOP gave opinion that number of drug dealers and drug users has definitely increased since the Thistle has opened. PS recommended using crime stoppers to report as it is confidential and also adds to crime numbers which helps the Calton area get resources to help with local policing. PS also encouraged emailing officers directly and using the contact us form. MT raised that reporting is difficult and overly complicated.

Local issues with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability representative and our City Councillors, including date of our next Litter Pick.

- Installing second sharps bin at Morrisons car park
- Complaints received from Parsonage Square. Area checked and no large amount of waste found.
- New bin routes in place from Thursday next week.
- Litter pick on Sunday 17th at 10am.

Guest Speakers – The Avenues Project

- An email address, telephone number QR codes will be made available when they are finalised (not available at this time due to recent changes)
- The Avenues website also has details of contractors for each part of the project
- Q MT – the pedestrian crossing *on the Saltmarket is very slow. Could you ask your colleagues to improve the timing please?*
 - Yes
- Q LS - Bus Stops on Gallowgate – will they be moved?
 - This is not in the gift of the Avenues project or the council – the bus companies decide where the bus stops are. We have liaised with them to ask but it's up to them

- MoP – issue was raised about the removal of the street furniture which removed the pedestrian lane on Trongate. However the outside seating at Bucks, Charcoals and Maggies, remains making the pavement extremely narrow. If bikes are parked there, it makes it impossible to pass on the pavement if you have a pram or walking aid.
 - Avenues project people will raise this with GCC licensing dept
- Q MT – will the work start on the next phase before the Commonwealth Games – they are in discussions about this
- High St starts in Jan next year (2027)
- Q MT - Electric bikes – will there be facilities for these on the High St
 - No, there is nowhere to park so no plans. The bikes are geocached so they can only be left in certain areas
- Bus stops – they are putting in bus stops in the High St just in case although there are no bus routes there at present – this is something that the franchise of buses would be looking into
- Q TF – raised via email.
 - You can ride up to the pedestrian crossing at Rottenrow, cross over there and then rejoin the main carriageway. Reverse that for coming down the hill
- Q MT – emergency vehicles – lots of discussions around this. Scottish ambulance service carried out a full risk assessment on this. There is no parking at peak periods and there is extra room at the junctions for them to get past if there is traffic.
- Q MT – New bus gate – this will have a raised crossing point at Rottenrow and outside High St station
- There will be new traffic signals the length of the High St – this should address the problem of the crossings taking forever to change and pedestrians taking matters into their own hands.
- Will highlight the length of time the Saltmarket lights take to change although their remit stops at the London Road junction with Saltmarket.

Planning Issues, including Weekly Planning List

- Planning received for 52 Charlotte Street. Replace the windows. Application is to use wooden frames in keeping with what is there. On website, comments welcome.
- Number of issues with planning re: meaningful engagement with community. Complaint sent to council. Complaint also sent from MOP re: same issues.

Licensing Issues, Alcohol, Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and Short Term Lets (STLs)

- Application by TRNSMT for late licence for 19th June. People on site till 2am potentially. CCC and MCCC have submitted complaints. Meeting next Wed 20th at licensing committee.
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- Q MoP – Vibrations – what is the impact of the vibrations caused by the event – does anyone know? Is this a cause of the problems at the Winter Gardens?
 - Data provided by DF (who closely monitor this) says that it doesn't
 - They have monitoring stations around the event which monitor the sound / vibrations in real time to minimise the impact of noise due to prevalent wind direction
- Q – MoP – any info on how much money is brought in by the TRNSMT on the Green?

- £2.50 on each ticket. CCC did a FoI request 3 years ago. The cash goes into the NRS budget where it can be spent anywhere in Glasgow. There is a committee that CCC is entitled to join where decisions are made about how and where the money is spent
- TF reports that at the recent TRNSMT drop-in event for local residents DF events were surprised to hear that the hundreds of thousands of ££s that they have handed over to GCC over the years has not benefited the Green or the Calton area.
- Q MoP – is there a bandstand in the Green?
 - Apparently there used to be one years ago – there were also childrens play facilities and tennis courts which have gradually been removed over the years
 - Could there not be a bandstand put back in to benefit the local community?
 - The Kelvingrove bandstand was refurbished at great expense and at no benefit to the local area

Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance £1717.91. Spent. Venue costs £70.00, webmail costs £1635.87

Area Partnership report

- No notes this month as CK was not present.
- ACTION – BP to contact CK and ask for an update to add retrospectively

Councillor Reports, MSP, MP Report(s)

- No reports or Councillors/ MSPs in attendance

Glasgow Green issues, including survey results, any other local issues, any other competent business

- JS gave overview of issue and survey results
Questions raised re use of environmental levy for all events on the green. Previous FOI requests showed that the environmental levy goes into the overall NRS budget which is not spent exclusively in the Calton.

AOCB: MT attended Thistle community engagement event. Less frequent meetings have been agreed. Research by University of Glasgow is being carried out with report due to 2029 that will include community engagement.

Date of next meeting, Thursday 25th June Date, MANY STUDIOS 3 Ross Street Glasgow, G1 5AR and close