

CCC Public Meeting Thursday 9th April 2026 APPROVED

Welcome, Intro, Apologies

- Present
 - Tricia Fort,
 - Arthur McJimpsey,
 - Derek Pearson,
 - Laura Scott,
 - Belinda Price
 - Catherine Kerr,
 - Mark Taylor
 - Charlie Kleboe Rogers,
 - Linda Pike,
 - Craig Burns,
 - Maebh Bradley,
 - 12 Members of the Public
- Apologies
 - Allan Scott,
 - Jo Shoba
- No MSP invited they have stood down in advance of the election

Minutes of Meeting 28 – 12 March 26, Approval, Matters arising, actions

- Derek Pearson was an attendee at the March Meeting – minutes to be updated
- Date of the next meeting – was incorrect on the meeting minutes and to be updated
- App – LS, Second BP
- Actions – TF to correspond with LP – done
- Actions going through that we will pick up on
- CB copied into an email that TF sent a few weeks ago – re the possibility of the football fans congregating at the cross – there has been no response at all, it's as if the council the police and the clubs are ignoring us – CB to take it back

Police Scotland Report

- CB – I was cc to the mail and forwarded it on to Robbie Fisher the operational planning sergeant at London Rd – he was aware of it but not sure why it wasn't answered
- The dates – last day CELTIC V HEARTS AT PARKHEAD SAT 16TH MAY, RANGERS AWAY TO FALKIRK
- There will be an operation in place for that match

- The previous Weds, there is another game and depending on the outcome, it might kick off that night
- There is also CFC v RFC on 10th May
- 6 games left starting from Saturday
- They are judging it on a week-by-week basis – it is giving the planners a headache because the elections are that week, concerts are starting that week at the riverside
- They have red days put in for those days to try and have enough people on the ground
- CB – if you hear of anything or if there are any spontaneous gatherings, let us know
- LS – BAAD have cancelled their concert on the 16th because they are worried that it will kick off on the 16th.
- Anything else email us
- Another busy month
- Series of drugs warrants on 27th March – targeting a crime group in the Calton
- We have had 2 males arrested and charged and a quantity of class A drugs and cash recovered
- A bicycle was also recovered from the property and returned to the owner
- Owned by the local housing association so there are discussions ongoing to have it removed
- serious assault at one of the bars in Glasgow Cross – stranger assault
- We traced where the suspect went and he was arrested at his hotel room
- Spice Grill on Abercromby St was broken into last night, we have identified the people involved and have recovered some stolen property near an address associated with the theft
- Any Q's?
 - MoP – an exclusion zone was announced in the city centre around central – we are concerned if people are pushed out of there, they may wander into Merchant City or Calton
 - Are there any plans in place?
 - CB – we have done this before in north Dennistoun a number of years ago – we have taken this into account – we haven't seen any signs of overspill so far – we do expect to see an uptick due the better weather the lighter nights and the Easter holidays – there have been more tickets for street drinking, kids involved in disorder round the green etc
 - If you do notice groups of youths starting please contact us straight away
 - Hopefully there wont be too many issues – it's the time of year

- Please call us as soon as you can – we review the calls every morning and pick them up – the action plan is to deal with issues as they come up – we have plain clothes officers out and about looking at areas of group disorder
- Q – LS – what’s the most appropriate method to report this – if something is ongoing – or immediate danger – 999.
- 101 – something that has already happened.
- You can also- use the contact form on the Police Scotland website
- It’s a generic email form and it comes into us
- MT – it’s getting out of control again by the old nightclub down by the Clyde. Round by Custom House.
- TF – the police are down there regularly.
- CB – I will bring this up. They are well aware of it. Last year all Community Police would go into the town centre every Friday and Saturday night – they are well aware of it, The Community Police team at Stuart St has 30 cops – 2 x teams of 15. They are so busy that they are arresting people and then spend several hours dealing with paperwork
- The new body cameras are now operational and they are very good
- Mop = since before Xmas people are knocking at my door in the early hours of the morning. My door is half glass. When we are phoning the people answering the calls don’t know where we are. When I got through, the call handler was not helpful. He told me to open the door and look.... WE have three call centres. I was unable to provide a description because I can’t see through my front door. I was told that nothing could be done. This is a 999 call event; you were in immediate danger.
- MT – thanks for the swift response because there was a short term let in the next block and someone drunk was in terrifying someone in the wrong block. This is a big problem with short term lets. That’s a 999 call.

Better Buses for Strathclyde – presentation, Q&A

- Presentation about buses – Paul and Jenny from Get Glasgow Moving
- Buses unreliable, expensive, can’t use a single ticket across different operators or different modes of transport
- SPT covers 12 council areas
- Propose that SPT take control of the bus network, plan the routes, set the fares and unify branding. Now there are multiple operators – they would be unified under the same brand and you could use the same ticket on the different buses

- Andy Burnham did this when he became Mayor of Manchester – they have yellow buses. It's called bee network
- What we are focusing on – we have different legislation – we have pushed for them to pursue franchising and the short video will explain that
- Betterbusesuk.strathclyde
- Share with the MSP – launched before XMAS – the video has been sent to all candidates
- There will be a hustings on Thursday 20th April
- Mop – have there been responses?
 - Yes from the 5 main parties
- Any questions?
 - What do you think the unintended consequences of this change might be
 - Eg – the under 22 bus passes had unexpected consequences – drivers being injured. Trouble in the city centre
 - What are the negative consequences?
 - A – I don't want neg consequences to prevent the change
 - This is the standard model across Europe – interconnectivity doesn't necessarily cause anti social behaviour – this is due to socio economic factors – it helps people to access work if they don't have a car and to make things more accessible – I think the benefits outweigh the drawbacks
 - The bus pass may have exacerbated some issue
 - In Clydebanks people have to get three buses and the bus doesn't run on a Sunday afternoon – so people without other means they can't go anywhere or get visitors
 - It gives people more options to access work, healthcare and other items
 - Mop – the 90 bus if I am going to Stobhill, I need to get 2 buses or a taxi – the 90 bus takes an hour and a half to get to Stobhill
 - I run a pensioners club and lots of them need to get the 90 bus and it's not possible to get to early appointment
 - A – I can't talk about specific bus routes – complain to the council about the bus – the council don't have any control over it
 - A lot of people complain about the services but because there is no central service , they have to ask the private customers
 - Mop – what you suggest is that we make a magic bus, not a private company
 - Franchising – SPT would design the routes and package them up and go to the private companies for them to provide the bus

- My father-in-law is a bus driver he has concerns about the impact on himself and the other bus companies – the driver will still be employed by the bus company this won't change
- This is the way it works in other areas where the service has been franchised
- My monthly bus pass is £120, the train is £30. The train is cleaner faster, more secure and better apps. Why is it nearly 6 pounds to get the bus
- It feels really sad because this should have happened years ago – they are making lots of profit off this
- SPT would design what the routes are and then the private companies would run the routes
- The routes will be planned and more joined up
- There will be profitable and unprofitable routes package together
- LP – the bee network – its £2 for a ticket you can use on any bus for an hour – I was on the bus for an hour and 5 minutes – that would be a single trip for £2
- Do they have an equivalent to a full day ticket? A – I think its capped at £5
- We hope the bus journeys will get faster as there are fewer cars on the road and they have found that is the case in Manchester
- Mop = I run a pensioners club – to take them to Clydebanks for a fish tea - it costs £500 for 5 hours – hiring a bus vs getting a bus service
- I can take them to Dunoon and it costs very little – how does your idea work with that?
- You can't hire a council bus – in an ideal scenario you would be able to get a bus to where you want to – SPT covers the whole of Strathclyde – they should be able to use their bus pass – if I turn up with 31 people I can't guarantee that I can get them all on the bus
- We would hope that the services would be more frequent and potentially less busy
- You used to be able to hire a bus from the council but you can't do that any more – ask SPT if this happened to bring this service back
- The council can't afford things news – this is nothing to do with the council –
- LP if you were organising a trip and look at where other services go – you can still use your pass and book online
- I didn't know that you were able to book a bus online in the past
- Mop – how will this be funded?
 - The cost isn't set yet because they haven't decided what the model will look like yet

- They estimate £1-200m a year
- Where will the money come from?
- It's not on top of the cost of the current service
- A lot goes to covering fuel costs or pass reimbursement
- Money will have to come from the scottish govt
- So we will be paying from it
- There are various ways that this money could be raised – from the council LEZ money
- There are economic benefits – it doesn't necessarily mean an increase in tax
- It's cheap in Malaga - the price has recently fallen to less than a euro a ticket
- Mop – lots of places don't have access to trains, people struggle to get buses to hospital, the buses stop early at night, people can't get to college
- There is a lot of could – I wonder how this can be tightened – the bus companies... I have concerns about the routes
- Will the individual bus companies be able to operate? Will routes be open to them
- Bus companies say routes are unprofitable it doesn't necessarily mean this
- Community transport associations took over the service to Stranraer and have been very successful
- SPT are developing the route, they are lobbying the Scot gov to get commitment for funding
- Glasgow should be able to subsidise routes outside Glasgow where there is less choice

- LP – just going back to things that people have said – the key failings – the 90 runs but coming south at 5:30 it terminates at Duke St, then it carries on to its garage – the bus continuing the route until 630pm. On a Sunday the bus service is worse. I have spoken to directors of first bus. I live in Dalmarnock – the bus continues on the route to get to the garage, could it not terminate further along the route where there are 4 other buses? “Not operationally possible”
- The 90 is the only bus that goes into town, could another bus not divert up Springfield road? Not operationally possible
- There was a sinking gully, and the buses were all diverted along the route that they didn’t care to use
- Maybe it needs a bit more input from other organisations – we get the same response from them when we approach them as a councillor
- There needs to be a better schedule
- Add CCC to their campaign – all councillors present agreed

Local issues — NRS

- MB – nothing from MB
- LP – make you aware the upcoming events at Glasgow Green – I have had a few email requests from people re TRNSMT and their application for an extension – I won’t be objecting because I sit on the licensing board – if I put in an objection I can’t take part in the discussion. Greg Hepburn has responded to these
- TF we and MCC have objected to this license – 30 minutes past the final whistle if it is granted
- MCC have been told the date of the Licensing Hearing and we have not been told
- The application will be heard when? LP – don’t know
- TF – it’s only 4 weeks
- Licensing board sits every 4 weeks
- Mop- for MB – dates for bin collections – there are no blue bins on the sheets/website – A – this is still causing an issue – the way to report is not working and there is nothing on the website – I tried to report yesterday but this is not working
- Mop – St Andrews St – there is a piece of dangerous pavement – that issue has been back to 2020 and we have chased it through many different avenues and via Greg Hepburn and also in January – I have walked them along the street – on the way back it was dark and one of them fell. Today when I spoke to GH, I raised it again and he said that he was going to speak to NRS. MT – the answer I have is that it is on their priorities. MT – there has been no work on that pavement since the 70s. There is no lighting on that side of the street – the lights are on the other side – the lights are not

pitched well and there is no lighting on that side of the street – A – there are a lot of people off on holiday that week – MB – will escalate this

- Mop = Tobago St – covered over with rubbish of every description – prostitutes are using it more – the branches are higher up and there are no lights at that bit MB - have raised it so that they will deal with it. Then there are houses being built
- The houses that the demolition men have taken down at Stevenson St and Tobago St, the land across from there is derelict, there is a fence round it. The old police office on the other side has run down, there are rats and this has been closed for 18 months, the people are still paying mortgages, the fences are down and falling down onto the pedestrian path. It's dangerous. MB - the fences have been reported and they will be fixed, can't get an answer on the building, they will clear the area and this will grow back and will continue to stay so until the land is sold
- Bike accidents – legal for bikes to be on the pavement – I found out it is not legal if they are coming out of a lane onto a main road. I want it minuted that you say it's fine for people to be on the pavement. There are blue signs on Stevenson St where the bikes and the pedestrians may share the pavement, that is, the footpath has been redetermined for cycle and pedestrian use. The confusion comes because there is a mixture of places where people can be on the pavement on bikes and some places not
- LS – what outcome are you looking for?
- I have complained about this here before.

Commonwealth Games

- Kat – email or phone her and she will do the best to find out the answers – final sign off is mid May. When the details are signed off, the CCC will know. We are trying to do 4 years worth of work in 18 months. There are lots of free events happening which we will be operating at. I will send dates through – festival fund – this has increased up to £1.5m. Every ward in Glasgow has at least one successful applicant. Some have more. There is some funding still available and we have £2.2m available across the whole of Scotland. If you are working with any community project, anything you can think of there is a good chance that you could be awarded from £1000 to £10000 – there is a helpline that you can call to apply for funding. 10 sports. Para sports this is across an 8 mile corridor and Calton is in the centre of it. ALL IN 0???- this is a great initiative. Local business, community groups, log the date, it's free to log it and we can include you for what's happening in the Calton. We want to hear about this. We want to celebrate that. We want to hear about the great work that is happening in Glasgow. I will put it forward, it might appear in front

of people that don't know it's happening, and there may be opportunity for funding in future.

Planning issues

- Police Station / District Court, St Andrews St – found out the owner
- They have no money to do anything with it at the moment – so nothing will change
- London rd – 15 units – it's' in the middle LP was right
- It's an example of a common issue I'm having with planning – the boundary was wrong, his comments weren't added
- CDP 2 – this is coming in the next few weeks – local place plans – MT has drafted one
- 143 Orr St – we objected – they have avoided a full planning application, transferred it to another type of application and rubber stamped it – there is now a further application in – circumventing the planning system
- We spoke about Charlotte St – I was disgusted at the lack on meaningful engagement in the planning committee – they didn't gave any acknowledgement of local issues, I have serious concerns about the meaningful engagement in the planning process – why do I do these representations because they are ignored – the Mercat building is an example, they take things off the website and put stuff on when things change – they never get back to the objectors – there is no meaningful dialogue. We found out today via Glasgow Times that this had been granted
- Since then, I have offered the residents help in how they proceed
- This will never happen, because the cost for putting the flats up will never happen – why can't we make that a school again? Make it a school again as we have not got a school in the Calton
- TF – MT we should meet and discuss how to take these things forward
- MoP -people when applying for STLs – the council don't look at the title deeds or burdens for the buildings. St Andrews Sq – our title deeds are very specific that they should not run businesses from the building – they should not be given permission for this
- LP – I have asked the same question about that – the answer we have received is this is not part of the process
- LS – it seems to me that there is no process – the council ignores the objections and they laughed at our objections
- TF, MT – with STL and HMO there is no need for the council to write to neighbours – we contacted the owners either side on north St and nobody knew about it
- There are many in St Andrews Sq

Licensing Issues

- HMO – High Street – Strathclyde University, Andrew Ure Hall

Treasurers Report

Opening balance

£1710.11

Outgoings

£70 – Many Studios – Public Meeting

£22 – IONOS Web costs

Income

£100 expenses received

Closing balance

£1717.91

Area Partnership

Not much more from last time – there is another meeting next week, to there will be more about that, I have asked

Glasgow Green Questionnaire

Thanks for everyone who responded, we will give a full update next month

AOCB

The Thistle = GU are doing a survey – and a group from Durham have been doing a survey – MoP - Q – could we do a survey on what people and residents think about the thistle?

TF – this is something we could consider

ACTION – Charlie and Bel to pull something together for the next meeting

Litter pick – April 19th – Tricia will be running it – we have our own equipment now and have been given local improvement officer status – they give us bags. If there is anywhere people think we should target, Green St, Stevenson St, round the school – lots of empty boxes of medication at the back of that – last month we did Tobago St – people are taking it there

10am Barrowland Park