

**Calton Community Council
Annual General Meeting 08 October 2026**

Chair's Report

This is the fifth AGM of the current Calton Community Council and we have had a disturbing year. Glasgow Green has been our main focus of attention with an increasing number of commercial events imposed on us with no consultation.

Just before our last AGM we read, in the press, that the City Council's "Winter Offering" to the people of Glasgow would take place, not in George Square given the ongoing redevelopment works, but in Glasgow Green. This "Winter Wonderland" opened to the public on 20 November 2025 and closed on 04 January 2026, with only Christmas Day and New Year's Day when it was closed.

The cacophany of noise from many loudspeakers ruined the holiday season for many residents whose homes overlook the Green and the damage to the grass took several months to recover.

We are not against funfairs but there is a time and a place for them. We were shocked to hear, after our petition and local survey, that the Fair will be back again this year, open until 10pm every day and even open on New Year's Day – requested by the public! Do we not count as the public?

TRNSMT was not over-subscribed this year and we heard, from GCC, that changes were afoot and that a one day event was planned for July. We await further news of the full programme.

Our concerns about the over-use of Glasgow Green and the deteriorating condition of facilities have been well aired in the press over the year and we are grateful for the concern of local journalists.

We continue to vigorously contest Planning and Licensing applications that we consider not to be in the public interest, while commending those applications that will improve Calton.

Our local football team, Celtic FC, continue to win awards and then allow their fans to behave in a disgraceful fashion at Glasgow Cross. The City Council, now recognising the benefits that the Club bring to the city, have tried, but so far failed to prevent the end of season debacles, with Police Scotland, in our opinion, failing to nip the disorder in the bud, when only low numbers of fans are present.

Our Public Meetings are reasonably well-attended and included this year, a presentation on the soon-approaching avenues to the streets around Barrowland Park and on the High Street while another highlighted the need for "Better Buses for Strathclyde", including the need for a bus service on the High Street.

The Community Council is staffed by excellent, hard-working volunteers, but it is a struggle to cover all that we wish to do. We hope to have a strong push to attract new members in the months to come. We wish Charlie, who is leaving us, the very best for life in Ayrshire and we are grateful to Catherine, who is leaving us after a year for family reasons.

We are extremely grateful to our Community Police Officer, Craig Burns, who attends just about every meeting we hold and usually manages to send colleagues if he is unavailable.

Our meetings since January have been held in Many Studios in the Barras but we have made the decision, for several reasons, to return in January to the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre.

We also look forward to the Gaelic Primary School opening – so many people who were brought up in this area went to school nearby, while today's children have to travel outwith our Calton area for both their primary and secondary education.

Tricia Fort, chair
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