

Calton Community Council
Notes of Meeting 10th September 2026
Many Studios, Ross Street.

Present:

- Tricia Fort (Chair),
- Derek Pearson,
- Charlie Kleboe-Rogers,
- Jo Shoba,
- Arthur McJimpsey,
- Meabh Bradley,
- Belinda Price,
- PC Craig Burns,
- 6 x MoP

Apologies:

- Laura Scott,
- Baillie Linda Pike,
- Mark Taylor,
- Allan Scott.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- Charlie KR is leaving the CC.
- Catherine Kerr is leaving the CC.
- We are looking for new members

2. Notes of the Meeting on August 2026, Matters Arising and Actions

- No corrections to the previous minutes.
- Actions – all actions except 1 from the last meeting have been done.
- Asked to let people know about the community debrief for TRNSMT. This will happen on Weds 7th Oct 6-7 via Teams. Invite to be issued closer to the time. For people who have not had a personal invite – email Lorna Graham and ask for an invite. - DONE

- CKR – the first 2 were in person TF – these are the sessions before hand.
- JS – I thought the debrief sessions would be open to the public.

3. Police Scotland Report.

- Craig Burns – apologies for the last meeting I was on a training course and everyone else was at football
- There is a social media trend for young people on electric bikes, throwing eggs at people and kicking people off bikes.
- 2 were recently arrested for knocking a woman off her bike injuring her
- Another charged for throwing eggs
- Drugs – ongoing enforcements – warrant for a fairly high level dealer. Recovered 1kg of class a and b drugs and nearly 1000 street valium
- An active dealer who has just been released from jail was recently re-arrested with street level drugs
- Spate of thefts around here – thefts from closes, underground car parks, bikes, cars being broken into
- Football wise – getting busy – not expecting trouble at any of the matches (no away fans at Old Firm games) – there will be big European nights at Celtic Park – there will be big operations to take the fans to and from the matches
- Protest activity has been ongoing – the protest in the city centre the other night – this is linked to immigration protest – they were planning to block the M8 through the city centre. This would cause massive issues. It causes danger in the city centre.
- There have been paedophile hunter groups turning up outside addresses where they believe are registered sex offenders. We have been dealing with this. There have been rumours and mobs forming at houses.
- There is going to be a large protest on Glasgow Green this Saturday – there will be a large police presence. We are expecting huge numbers. This is being taken very seriously. Q – will face coverings be illegal? This is something that is being discussed in England. We have powers under the Public Order Act which gives police powers to stop people and remove face coverings. This is decided at command level.
- Q - TF – are they coming from Glasgow or further afield? They are coming from across Scotland and from England also.
- If anyone hears any plans for disorder, or unlawful protest activities, please contact us through Crime Stoppers, 111 or via the contact forms on the website.

4. Local Issues.

Maebh Bradley

- Area at the back of St Lukes has been cleared. All lower branches have been cleared. It's more open. The paths have been cleared. The flower beds have been cleared and it is going to be sprayed to clear it.
- Spoken to St Lukes and they are trying to purchase the land to put it to community use.
- Q – MoP – how much are they trying to take over? Details unknown. MoP – sad that it would belong to St Lukes.
- BP – it's better than being neglected.
- MB our focus is keeping it safe for the community.
- Developers are moving into the old Police Station next week to start the work for the development. It has been painted with anti-climbing paint and other steps.
- Unknown about what planning is there at the moment.
- They developers told MB yesterday that if not this week they will be on site starting to work next week.
- After the meeting with Craig Burns and Baillie Pike last week, the padlocks were fixed the next day.
- Q – MoP – the other side of the swing park at Tobago st – there is a portaloo at the side of that – the fence is down and the portaloo is being used to inject. The kids from the playpark are using this toilet. This needs to be sorted.
- ACTION: MB – will get on to that
- MoP – the chart on the website about the bin collections – this is not correct.
- There is no food collection for Lanark St.
- ACTION – MB to flag this – unknown how long this will take to sort

5. Licensing Issues

- **See planning section**

6. Area Partnership Report

- Applications for NIIF funding are going through the system

- Work to the Galleon not as much as we might like, but to some extent
- Picnic benches will be provided
- Barrowland Park – still there but because the council don't own it they are going to get prices for replacing the sand with something solid. They will also look at the wooden supports – what about the names of the bands? They have a price from the original artist – it is not a cheap thing to fix. They have prices and hopefully they will take it forward
- Claythorn Park – they are going to clear it – LP is not keen on providing a small play park because it is close to Tobago St.
- JS – can you give us a sense of money that has been applied for 40k – 300k for a proper fix, 150k to bring it back up to standard. What about park benches? It all has to be priced. They price it and then tell you if you are going to get it. NIIF is a 2 stage process. Funding requests are slightly different as they come with prices. There is an overall budget – TF not sure how much that is.
- Q – MOP – the shrubbery at the end of Barrowland Park is all overgrown again. The shrubbery is overgrown and the fencing is broken
- TF – it was raised that we don't know what money we can claim for community councils. We want to advertise for more members. We want to get into the new houses, Calton Village, Duke St and Abercromby St. TF met with Kirsty McIntosh who works for the council and we are going to apply for funding to advertise to these houses.
- ACTION: CCC to apply for discretionary Community Council funding to promote Calton CC
- CKR – did get a price for Royal Mail to cover the whole Calton – 590 for the whole Calton. The biggest section CKR can get runs from beyond the green up to the new Meatmarket flats. It also covers a chunk of Bridgeton. Use a company to cover specific streets – this would cost in the region of 350 including the flyers being printed so we could cover a big bit of the area.
- Q - MoP - Would it take in Bell St?
- CKR – I can provide a map. CKR & TF leafleted this previously before all the new flats were put up.
- ACTION – CKR to get a price for the new builds and streets
- TF – we will have a stall in the Barras one weekend and we will sit there with flyers – possibly next month. Also, a suggestion box that people can raise concerns
- Litter picks – Charlie organized these and no more will happen unless someone wants to organize

7. Glasgow Green Issues

- The Peoples Palace meeting on 22 October is being jointly hosted by us and FOPPWGGG and the Glasgow Life Architect
- JS – by that time we should have the result of the bid to the National Lottery Heritage fund, the GCC cash and money from the Scottish Govt
- Looks positive with a timescale going to an end date of Dec 2029
- Last time we had the council elections, the Friends hosted a special husting for the councilors running for elections
- The parties were invited and they had a husting about how the parties are going to address the issues around the People's Palace
- Could make it more generic about the Calton and raise the issues that were covered prior to the previous elections
- TF has asked for a meeting about the Winter Wonderland with the chair of the Glasgow Life
- Q - MoP – why not ask for help from John Grady – perhaps we should pursue it with him. John Grady may be able to help us to get the approach to the City Council – might also be worth approaching Alison Thewlis
- The Winter Wonderland will be discussed at the committee we spoke to in January – WECCE – Linda Pike said that we should be invited.
- JS not sure what will be coming up. This is where our petition was presented. This committee does not make any decisions about what goes ahead.
- Q – CKR – does Glasgow Life not have an office you can just turn up to? Unknown
- TF we have a meeting tomorrow morning with Denise Hamilton. We have the same questions to ask which were raised in June which we have had next to no response to
- They mentioned that there was to be a rethink about TRNSMT – which will be a three day event in June : Post meeting note – from our meeting with Denise Hamilton on 11 September, we understand the 3 day event in June will not take place
- We have no idea if the Green will be fenced off from June until July – they seem to be fencing off more and more of the Green every time
- JS – we are not being consulted despite what we were told after the petition was submitted
- TF -we have the meeting tomorrow – JS, TF and AMcJ are attending

8. Planning Issues

Good evening. Mark Taylor sends his apologies and provides the following planning update for the record.

CCC Planning and Licensing Update

Prepared for the Calton Community Council public meeting | 10th September 2026

Planning, licensing and Turnbull Street

As Mark cannot attend tonight, I am reading his planning and licensing update covering work since the public meeting on 13th August.

On new planning matters, CCC supported the Pipe Factory sign application at 42 Bain Street, recognising the venue's cultural value while asking that illumination, fixing and signage clutter are properly controlled. CCC also submitted a representation on the People's Palace and Winter Gardens listed building application, supporting urgent progress but identifying safeguards that still need attention.

At 149 Gallowgate, CCC reviewed applications for a BT Street Hub and digital display screens. The circulated recommendation was support, as the proposed public benefits and management controls were considered to outweigh the concerns. The representation deadline is 21st September.

For the digital hoarding east of 120 Duke Street, a draft objection has been prepared. The suggested position is not simply refusal, but a shorter consent or a condition requiring removal when the proposed housing development begins.

On existing cases, the Bell Street car park application has been approved subject to conditions covering access, overnight parking, security, landscaping, biodiversity and maintenance. CCC has also responded to the appeal for the vacant site east of 329 Gallowgate. Our submission of 7th September asks the DPEA to dismiss the appeal because of concerns about residential amenity, visual amenity, light pollution, visual clutter and road safety.

On licensing, CCC objected to the short-term let renewal at Flat 1.2, 22 Great Dovehill. Mark and Tricia also met Councillor Linda Pike to discuss short-term lets and wider licensing issues.

At the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 19th August, the cases for 73 Stevenson Street and 143 Orr Street were both carried forward. CCC has followed up on missing Orr Street material and asked for the hearings to be moved to October or later.

The correspondence gives 16th September as the Stevenson Street hearing date, while a new date for Orr Street had not yet been confirmed.

Finally, on the former Police HQ and Old District Court at Turnbull Street, CCC issued a critical escalation on 13th August about the unsafe state of this Category B-listed building and the prolonged lack of progress.

Site visits took place with Councillor Linda Pike during August and again on 1st September. CCC will continue pressing for clear answers on building safety, site responsibility and when the approved regeneration work will proceed.

Local Place Plan

CCC is giving formal notice that it intends to produce a Local Place Plan for Calton.

Although we are relatively late in the process of influencing CDP2, producing an LPP still has considerable value. Once registered, it must be taken into account when the relevant development plan is prepared, and it may also be considered when individual planning applications are decided.

It gives Calton an established, community-led planning position rather than leaving the area without one. The draft plan aims to set out a vision of a connected, climate-resilient and culturally distinctive Calton.

Our current programme is to prepare a consultation draft in September, publish it for at least 28 days during October, notify neighbouring community councils and elected representatives, consider the responses and aim to submit it for registration in November.

CCC will notify GCC's Development Plan Team of this intention as soon as possible. The draft and information on how to comment will be placed on the CCC website. The final document cannot be submitted until its maps, consultation record, statutory notices and supporting statements have been completed. We are asking residents, traders and community organisations to participate so the final plan represents Calton's shared priorities and can be used consistently in future planning work.

City Development Plan 2

Glasgow City Council has published its Proposed City Development Plan 2, known as CDP2. The formal representation period began on 21st August and closes at midnight on 18th November 2026.

CDP2 is Glasgow's proposed ten-year planning framework. It will guide future development and regeneration and will operate alongside National Planning Framework 4. The policy wording, safeguards and site allocations agreed now will therefore affect how future planning applications are assessed.

Mark attended the Community Council training session at Glasgow Caledonian University on 29th August and prepared a practical briefing for CCC. The key message was that Calton is not named as a separate Area of Change, but that does not mean no change is proposed here. We must check all allocated sites, map designations, nearby change areas and city-wide policies affecting Calton.

One significant site is HL4178A at the Meat Market on Duke Street and Melbourne Street, where the plan indicates 200 homes. A Calton resident has already raised this as an issue requiring review include whether that figure is supported by evidence, impacts on existing residents, cumulative development, open-space provision, transport, access and community infrastructure.

CCC will put links to the CDP2 information pages and interactive proposals map on its website. We are asking members of the public to review the maps and Calton sites and send us their comments.

CCC will carry out its detailed review during September, prepare site-specific and policy-specific representations, publish an outline of those points on the website and discuss them at the October public meeting if timing allows.

The deadline is 18th November, so please respond as early as possible rather than leaving comments until the end of the consultation.

9. Treasurers Report

Opening Balance - £1568.80

Deposits £34 – People's Palace meeting

Paid out £70 Many Studios, £58 Merchant City Print

Closing Balance - £1474.80

End of year report due in October.

10. Representatives' Reports

No representative present.

11. AOCB

- Anne Marie Pacitti - St Alphonsus primary FB group
- Bomb in Kent St and London Road – many locals killed. Currently no memorial (there was a memorial garden but it was sold in the 70s)
- People have tried to get a memorial for the people (17) killed.
- Q – how can we get a memorial for the 17 people local to the area that died.
- Next year will be 86 years – 7th April – a plaque – via Arthur – a member of the Bridgeton History group. Q – is there anything you can do – One of our member's granny lived in that building – I will bring it up at the meeting on Saturday and see if we can get you some help.
- ACTION: AMcJ
- There are lots of stories in the area about people who were impacted.
- The other place is to go to the market in the Barras and speak to Tom Joyes
- ACTION – Belinda to email Tom's contact details – they are keen to raise awareness of the history of the area
- Three bombs went off that night – Stevenson St, Kent Road and Charlotte St
- AMcJ – worth contacting the Glasgow Heritage Society on Bell St – Niall Murphy

- MoP = would that be something we could apply for through the NIIF – we perhaps could. MB apply through the council through the area partnership if you could give us details
- CKR – have you contacted the War Memorials Trust – you could apply for funding from them or the National Lottery Heritage Trust. Dugald MacArthur might be interested
- ACTION – Charlie KR to look this up and pass the details on to me and we can have a look at helping with this
- MoP – have you tried going to any of the local businesses to see if they would like to donate something to the upkeep of the community council. Has anyone received the newsletter from the Thistle? Generally not. Some people on the outskirts have received them. Nobody in the middle has or at the west end
- Formally record our thanks to Charlie Kleboe Rogers for his 5 years on the CCC and all his hard work.

Next meeting Thursday 8th October for AGM and Public Meeting