



## Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2023 at the Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls and Tennis Pavilion

**Present:** Community Councillors: A. McPherson (Chair), J. Gerrard, N. McPherson, M. Reid, D. McKeen, H. Sahota, J. Davidson (part of the meeting).

Councillors: Cllr A. Millar

Members of the public in attendance: 5

**Apologies:** M. Green, Cllr Bolander; Cllr C. Mearns; Cllr Braat

**1. Chairperson's opening remarks, attendance and apologies A.**

McPherson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for AOCB. PC Gordon McCance is no longer our Community Police liaison and nobody else has been assigned as yet.

**2. Minute of the meeting on 20 October 2022:** A. McPherson - proposed, N. McPherson - seconded.

**3. Public open space in Eastvale Place:** one plot is fenced off. On the City Plan, this is marked as public open space. There was a proposed planning application for student accommodation on this piece of land before the moratorium. SW3G is to meet with GCC to discuss this and the neighbouring plot of land. **Cllr Millar will try to get an update** of what is happening with the GCC plot. It should be **noted that two plum trees were planted** to honour previous Community Councillors on one of the plots of land.

**4. Planning sub-committee report** - J. Gerrard spoke to this report. He apologised for the lack of a printed version. It has been a busier time for applications since November. There were a number of **proposals that did not need comment** – Woodside Place and Somerset Place; environmental improvements at SW3G; two applications by YHA to fit new double-glazed windows to the many flats they own between 1189

and 1317 Argyle Street and one for converting the proposed penthouse at “g3 square” (110 Minerva Street) into two separate flats.

We objected to the application by the owner of the single-story building at **1083 Argyle Street** to develop it as a café with a flue up the gable end of the adjacent tenement. The plan to develop the narrow strip of **land next to the Hive** has been refused as not in keeping with the conservation area.

The Sonder development appeal for the **g3 square flats –short-term leases** – has been rejected by the government reporter. An appeal to the Scottish Government has been made by the owner of the Foundry building – **131 Minerva Street**, claiming that the Council has taken too long to make a decision on the application.

There is to be a consultation on a new proposal for the Nuffield Gym site at **11 Minerva Way**. The new developer is holding a consultation on Tuesday afternoon in the Moxy Hotel on Finnieston Street to showcase their proposal. There is a Zoom consultation on Tuesday 31 January – John and Anne are going - at 6.00 pm to discuss the project on the site of the **old Citroen garage in Finnieston Street** to which we objected to in October on the grounds of over development and lack of open space. There have been 5 **applications for short-term lets**. Two are flats in common closes – Blantyre Street and Argyle Street. Further discussion at the February meeting.

**Area Partnership meeting** – report at the February meeting.

- 5. Cleansing Subcommittee Report** –If you **report anything to the Council**, please copy the Community Council in: [yokecoco@gmail.com](mailto:yokecoco@gmail.com)  
N. McPherson spoke to this. **Old Dumbarton Road** and surrounding streets are not being cleaned, considering the amount of money being spent here. Cllr Millar will chase the cleansing on this. **Commercial businesses** are not cleaning their own areas of the streets. **Litter picks** are no longer being done in these areas due to the lack of input from Cleansing. **No street sweepers** and those working on the bin lorries don't tidy up the rubbish they drop. **Recycling bins** in Yorkhill haven't been emptied since December 2022. **Chinese students** continue to leave small bags of rubbish including food waste on the pavements. Bags get burst and leave food all over the pavements. This issue is raised repeatedly with accommodation management. **Carfrae Street/32 Gilbert Street** - the lane is covered in rubbish from bins that have blown over. As it is a private lane, the factor should arrange clean-up. It is only GCC's responsibility to clean-up if proved that bin lorries/operative have

cause the mess. There needs to be a conversation between GCC and the factor about responsibilities. **Refuse collection** - there continues to be ongoing issues due to lack of staff. **Festive collections in the future** – these need to be checked by a person not just a computer as the computer doesn't understand PHs and staff being off on these days. **Bottlebank on Yorkhill Street** only emptied a week ago. Food bins not being emptied on a regular basis; some 2 months between uplifts. **Mill flats on Old Dumbarton Road** – the new pavement works have caused flooding into their carpark. John McCullagh is aware of the issue and is trying to find a solution. **Bins outside the depot** are overflowing! Need to be checked every day. Cllr Millar reported that there have been issues with **the roll out of the new system** including technical issues and resistance from the workforce. There is a **huge issue with commercial premises** and where/when they put their rubbish out for collection, including leaving bins on pavements overnight. There are **now rats in the whole CC area** where there were not before. Environmental health cannot put poison down as there is so much food for vermin, they won't touch the poison. **Operatives in uniform** are smoking weed and drinking beer from cans up the lanes and in the street. When seen report to Cllr Millar who will report to the Cleansing Dept.

- 6. Councillor Reports - Cllr Millar: Sonder application** – hopefully this is now sorted. Put in an objection to the proposal for development next to **the Hive. Finnieston Street application** at Lidl – proposed buildings are too high. There seems to be **an attitude problem with the chair** of the Committee dealing with this application – Cllr Millar has not seen the video but will check it. There seems to be an ongoing issue with planning applications that are **not looking at social impact** on communities and are **seen as income generation only** in terms of Council Tax/Business rates. **Short-term lets** cannot be for less than 90 days in common closes. Sonder Developers didn't do due diligence before putting in their application. **Area Partnership funds** all now allocated. Gilbert Street – trees to be cut back; Carfrae Street too. **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund** – looking at improving the lighting in **Yorkhill. Derby Street** (south) – no street lighting for more than 18 months. This fund could be **used to provide trees/shrubs in local streets**. Some streets not suitable due to voids under the pavements. Tubs on streets tend to be used for rubbish which kills the plants.

**Old Dumbarton Road developments** - Parking for residents to be looked at as will the road use on Bunhouse Road/Old Dumbarton Road. At the present time, some parking is illegal and blocking the road.

**Yorkhill to Anderston Neighbourhood Plan** – Next stage will take place over the spring. There will be engagement with the community Council on what is planned. **GCC is to stop giving planning permission** for takeaways, restaurants and pubs in the area as this is a huge issue for residents. **Derby Street to Kelvingrove area of Argyle Street** is all food places except two shop fronts. Residents are greatly disadvantaged because of this in terms of noise, rubbish and footfall.

## 7. AOCB:

- a. **Scottish Community Safety Network** is looking at antisocial behaviour and housing impact on residents.  
<https://www.safercommunitiesScotland.org/2023/02/01/lets-talk-about-anti-social-behaviour/>
- b. **Power to the People Glasgow** campaigning to cap prices for household fuel – electricity and gas.  
<https://www.facebook.com/PTTPGlasgow/>
- c. **Drumchapel Welfare Advice** have clinics in this area:  
**Glasgow West Housing Association** - 3 Royal Crescent, Glasgow, G3 5LS. By appointment every 2nd Wednesday 9:30am - 12:30pm.. **Community Centre for Health** - 547 Dumbarton Road, Partick, Glasgow, G11 6HU. Appointments NHS referrals only. Thursday 1.30pm - 4.30pm. **Heart of Scotstoun** - 64 Balmoral Street, Glasgow, G14 0JS. Appointment only. Monday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
**To arrange an appointment, email [admin@d-mac.org.uk](mailto:admin@d-mac.org.uk) or phone 0141 944 0507**
- d. **Elvingrove** – dismantling the site and have closed the bus stop/filter lane. People are not seeing the replacement bus stops and there is an issue for disabled people. There have been many issues for residents since set up started. We need **a debrief meeting sooner** rather than later- Cllr Millar to chase this up.
- e. **Preplanning engagement** – Glasgow Life should be meeting with Community Councils in the preplanning stages for events in Kelvingrove Park otherwise not

consultation only information sharing. Cllr Millar to ask about this too.

**8. Next Meeting – Thursday 16 February 2023, 7.00pm Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.**

**John McCullagh, Ward 10, Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator:** His role – to act as the liaison between GCC services, elected members, residents, businesses, grassroots groups, third sector organisations and Police Scotland. He has no powers. His email address is.

[John.McCullagh@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:John.McCullagh@glasgow.gov.uk) Feel free to contact him about issues in the area.

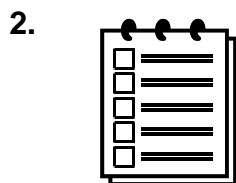
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Keep to the agenda.

The Chair will help to keep all the discussion to the items on the agenda.

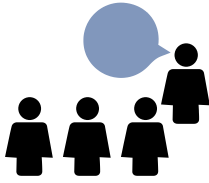
If you think something is missing from the agenda, please tell the Chair at the start of the meeting.



Start and finish on time.

The Chair will keep the time, but each person at the meeting has a responsibility to help this happen.

4.



Give everybody time to express their views.

No one person should dictate more than anyone else.

**Only one person will speak at a time.**

5.



Raise your hand if you do not understand something or want something repeated.

Raise your hand if you want to say something.

Don't interrupt – it is rude.

6.



Speak slowly.

Use simple language. Don't use jargon or acronyms – for example, CAB is used for the Citizens Advice Bureau, but not everyone knows this is what it means.

7.



Listen to and respect the views of other people.

**Do not have private conversations with the person next to you during the meeting.** The minute secretary cannot hear what is being said if you are having a “private” conversation and there will be gaps in the minutes as a result.