



Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16
February 2023 at the Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls
and Tennis Pavilion

Present: Community Councillors: A. McPherson (Chair); N. McPherson; J. Gerrard; M. Reid, J. Davidson (left half way through)

Councillors: Cllr. Christy Mearns

Members of the Public: 7

Apologies: Cllr Millar; Cllr Bolander; Cllr Braat

In attendance: Marie Buchanan (Farrans Construction).

1. **Welcome** – Chair A. McPherson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for AOCB. The Chair also told the meeting that the **Community Council is looking for new Community Councillors**. One person has expressed an interest.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Two corrections – Cllr Mearns' name is spelt wrongly; “shave” should be have...in the Cleansing Sub Committee Report – bin lorries/operatives...**Proposed** – N. McPherson; **Seconded** – J. Gerrard. **Matters arising** – Kaubab Stewart MSP is hosting a **Cost of Living event** at the Pyramid on Friday 24 February between 3 pm and 5 pm. Operation **Mother in Kelvingrove Park** starts on 17 March through to the September Weekend. Police Scotland and GCC are doing some **community engagement** over the next few weeks re **antisocial behaviour** and how it is controlled.
3. **New Govan to Partick Bridge** – Marie Buchanan from Farrans Construction spoke to this item. She is one of a team of 18 community engagement officers who work with Farrans. Farrans built the expressway but have been working in Scotland for 75 years. This bridge is the replacement for the Renfrew Ferry. The project is expected to cost £29.5 million and includes the construction fo a new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Clyde between Water Row and Pointhouse Quay – to re-establish the historic link between Govan and Partick. The bridge with be economically, environmentally and socially important as it will create a link between communities, visitor attractions and institutions of national economic

importance. It is a key part of the active travel route between the University of Glasgow and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Work began onsite in March 2022 and will be complete towards the end of Spring 2024. People can **see what is happening from the viewing gallery in the Museum of Transport**. There are cranes on either side of the river and a barge in the middle. The bridge itself will come up the Clyde on barges before installation – October/November 2023. There was **some discussion about access to Partick Interchange** and how cyclists will access the bridge. [missed some of the discussion as several people speaking at once] Cllr Mearns will raise the issue of **lack of lighting in the riverside to Partick corridor**. There has been a number of community engagement events/opportunities for Glasgow University; work placements for local schoolchildren; mentoring; carers' events; and there is a woman who was involved in shipbuilding who is keen to have input.

4. Planning Committee – J. Gerrard spoke to this report. Five new applications since the January meeting. Four were about minor changes to listed building in the Park Conservation area including **two in Somerset Place** and **one in North Claremont Street** and **one in Claremont Gardens**. The other one is to renew the 2020 application to build a **block of four flats at the end of Overnewton Place** – the cul-de-sac that runs northward from Kelvinhaugh Street and which we approved. We submitted objections to the **short-term let of flats in Blantyre Street** and **Argyle Street** that are in common closes. We also contacted enforcement re **El Jefe's signage**. The public consultation on the proposed housing development on **Minerva Way – Nuffield Gym site** took place on 24 January, but only invited comment on the principle of the application. Further consultation will take place in the Moxy Hotel on 28 February. There was a Zoom consultation meeting on the proposed application for the Citroen Garage site which is to go ahead, but there are concerns re the Foundry development overshadowing their build. **Zoom meeting on Community Mapping** took place – J. Gerrard, A. McPherson and N. McPherson attended. This is a pilot scheme which will be accessible to Community Councils for a discounted price after a free year - £84 for a licence. It was set up by Parish Councils in England but has been extended to include all Community Council areas in Scotland. It will provide all known maps of the area as well as population data. The set up will be a series of overlays which can be added to by the Community Councils. N. McPherson is to have a

closer look and try it out to see how easy it is to access and update. It will need investment to keep it current. There was some discussion as to what use this site may have for planners and developers as well as communities themselves. There was a brief discussion on **the transient populations in our area** and the lack of social housing being built. GCC is not keeping to its own plans. The Council is holding an **event for Community Councils on the Housing Strategy** on 4 March.

Community Planning Report – J. Gerrard spoke to this. The Area Partnership met on 2 February. Bus **service improvements** such as integrated ticketing and bus priority at traffic lights was discussed. **Dumbarton Road** is to be a bus corridor. A **Transport Plan for the City Centre** aimed at reducing motor traffic and improving accessibility for disabled people, for example, was looked at. The Council want to double the city centre population by 2035. There is a **multidisciplinary city centre team looking at tackling the number of homeless people. Future work of the partnership** – suggestions included **contributions from City Planning** to note progress on the **next Development Plan** and changes to bring system into line with climate change priorities. Next meeting is on 13 April.

There was something said about the **Foundry development but as people were speaking over each other**, there is no record as the minute taker could not hear what was said. **Building for repurposing including Dalian House-** again people speaking over each other so didn't hear what was said.

5. Gala Day – there hasn't been a gala day in three years. This year's one will be in partnership with Yorkhill Housing Association. SW3G will provide the AV Equipment. **Need volunteers to help** with organisation before and on the day. Will be in Overnewton Park. A. McPherson has a food hygiene certificate so will be the one cooking the food. Yorkhill Green Spaces will be involved. Some equipment will need to be bought. YHA store other equipment for us. We only make a small amount of profit from the day, but subsidise the day with the tombola and raffle and buying burgers, etc. It will take place in August/September. There was some discussion on getting local businesses involved as well as what the day will look like – bands, stalls, food, etc. GCC will be asked to support the day. **Information to be sent to Cllr Mearns** to be shared with the local schools. She suggested asking Dockyard Social for support including an indoor venue if weather is

bad. Dockyard Social have not attended a Community Council meeting since they opened and have not carried out any of the things they said they would; no community involvement. There is still an issue re their noise baffling as local residents continue to be bothered by the base of their music.

6. Cleansing Report – If you report anything to the Council, please copy the Community Council in: yokecoco@gmail.com N. McPherson spoke to this. **Gulley cleaning** – has started in the area. The signage simply said “no parking” with a QR code. It went up in Derby Street, but the cones were put out in Kelvingrove Street with no signage. So neither street was cleaned! In other streets, the signs are being cut down and left beside the poles. **GCC needs to get better at informing people** especially since **not everyone can access QR codes or is online**. There were no details online without the QR code! **Clean – ups and litter picks** – Issue re Yorkhill Parade – see January minutes. The work stopped last November due to these issues. **Signage outside the Art Galleries** – this is from Elvingrove and needs to be removed; same with **sandbags on Radnor Street**. **Street cleaners-** not doing their jobs properly; spending time smoking in the street rather than picking up rubbish. Leave rubbish beside the bins in the area rather than clearing it away. If the Cleansing Department is so short-staffed **how will all the new developments in the area be serviced?** Cllr Mearns asked for details to be sent to her as well as a list of particular issues. **Elvingrove** – there needs to be a debrief soonest. There are so many issues with the set up, running of the event and then the dismantling that GCC needs to take note as this event doesn’t benefit our area and it is our area that faces all the disruption.


7. Councillor Update – Cllr Mearns: **Itson, organiser of Elvingrove**, assured the council that it was employing local people to build the event infrastructure; and gave free tickets to Anderston Primary School for families to attend. Would be interesting to know how many people from our area were employed. Itson is investing locally in growing space and in the community. Relations seem to have broken down between residents and Itson; impact of such an event cannot be avoided. **GCC Budget** was tabled and discussed today. There will be no cuts in the Cleansing Dept or in Education, particularly in teacher numbers. There will be no compulsory redundancies across the council but there will be reduced opening hours, parking payment increases, and the Council Tax will go up. There was

discussions on how to raise money locally and more creative means were looked at. **Street visits re pavement clutter** – especially on Old Dumbarton Road and Argyle Street, includes the gully cleaning, commercial waste. Enforcement officers are monitoring the situation. **Planning and open space** – developers financial contributions need to be spent within a reasonable distance to the development. Few opportunities to spend money in this area so needs to be spent in other areas. There are opportunities to challenge these spends. **The Foundry** – Cllr Mearns put in an objection to this development. The National Planning Framework was not in place when the application was made. **Concessions for community groups re planning proposals** – [didn't hear what was said] **Gaelic school traffic calming** – on Kent Road. **School eco committee** – [didn't hear which school] has stopped glyphosphate being sprayed close to the school. Money from the **Park and Open Space Fund** – has been given to this area for tree cutting, planting wildflowers and there is £100k put aside from the **Infrastructure Fund** for street trees. **Parking for events at the SEC Campus** – meeting re adding cost of public transport to tickets. Excuse as to why this cant be done is that Ticketmaster manages ticket sales not the SEC campus itself. There appears to be little interest in change.

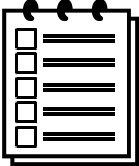
Next Meeting – Thursday 16 March 2023, 7.00pm Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.

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 Feel free to contact him about issues in the area.

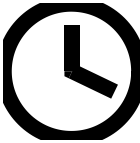
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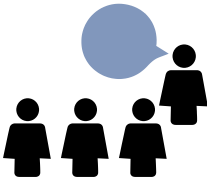
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