



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

Present: A. McPherson (Chair); N. McPherson; J . Gerrard; M. Reid, J. Davidson; H. Sahota.

Councillors: Cllr Millar; Cllr Bolander; Cllr Braat.

Members of the Public: 7

Apologies: D. MacKeen; Cllr Mearns

In attendance: Malcolm Green (Associate); Andrew F Brown; Paul Staffen; SW3G colleague.

1. **Welcome** – Chair A. McPherson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for AOCB.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting – Proposed:** A. McPherson;
Seconded: N. McPherson.
3. **SW3G** – A. Brown and P. Staffen spoke to their new development plan – using display boards to show what their plans are. Mr Brown gave the history of SW3G, and laid out what he sees for SW3G for the future. There is the new Community Garden in Eastvale Place. They propose to build a “boutique” hotel on the corner of Eastvale Place and Kelvinhaugh Street in keeping with the Cycle Village development and will be something special as they will be working with an established hotelier. It will have artists’ spaces on the ground floor, then rooms on the floors above finishing with a penthouse suite and a roof garden. It will be based on the active travel model with car parking for disabled drivers and taxis only; there is also the possibility of sharing the University site’s parking. This will be in keeping with the proposed developments on the Yorkhill Hospital site. There will be a public consultation on the planning proposals but wanted to share the proposals with the Community Council now. There will be green space built in that will be open to the public. The memorial trees (former Community Councillors) will be preserved. The Community Garden will have a full-time gardener

supported by 50 volunteers. The gardener will be funded from the cultural contribution fund – which is financed from £1 from every ticket sold for SW3G events.

It was suggested that the “boutique” hotel should not be more than 3 storeys high so that it is in keeping with the buildings surrounding it. Mr Staffen said this would be considered.

The rooftop garden would be managed space in order to stop disorder and accidents.

The issue of event goers and their parking was brought to the attention of Mr Brown. Parking spaces will be reduced with the development of the Cycle Village. People driving to events at SW3G mean less parking spaces for residents, add in a hotel and there will be even more pressure on the spaces available.

4. Community Police Report – No police officer has been allocated to us so there is **no community report**. An officer does email a report but only after the meeting has taken place, which is then out of date at the next meeting. Cllrs Bolander and Millar are meeting with the new Inspector in Partick and will raise the issue. Anderston Community Council does have a police officer attending meetings.

5. Planning Committee – J. Gerrard spoke to this report. A very quiet month. An **application for a short –term let in a close in Hastie Street** was the only new item to be noted. It was supported by a long report by a planning consultant listing all the policies it would satisfy but missed the crucial one that refuses consent, when like this one, the flat shares the common close for access. We submitted a letter of objection. Other issues – **17 Hastie Street was used as a short-term let** during Elvingrove for their staff to use. Flats operated as AirBnBs before October last year can still do so, even if they were operating without planning permission. They will have to apply for a licence to operate shortly. Police Scotland have a duty to vet applications, and owners need planning permission before applying for a licence. Planning permission will not be given if the flat in question shares any common space, including closes, backcourts, and refuse collection areas.

6. Cleansing Report – N. McPherson spoke to this. **Gulley cleaning** – was very poor in the area. Cars were still parked in Yorkhill Street so the planned cleaning could not go ahead. Same in many other streets in the area. Needs to have people with hoses and brushes as well as the mechanical brush to clean the area properly. Information on the GCC said that cars would be moved if still parked in the street, this didn't happen so the cleaning didn't happen. Royal Terrace – only one side was cleaned; the park side of the street has gullies full of mud, litter and other debris. **Missed bin collections** – Sometimes there is 19 days between collections. John McCullagh got involved and got the blue bins emptied. Cllr Bolander would like to know why these problems keep happening in this area. **Commercial collections on Royal Crescent** – there have been dead rats in Kelvingrove Street due to the commercial bins. Unalome is keeping its waste in the backcourt alongside residents' bins. This commercial waste should be kept on their premises until the uplift takes place. HMO landlords – there needs to be something in the regulations and licensing re disposing of furniture/furnishings from flats as well as telling tenants how to dispose of their household waste. This needs to be enforceable. **Art galleries after Elvingrove** – the grass in front of the galleries is still in a mess. The tree has yet to be moved back to where it should be and the bins are hidden under the steps in the front. Elvingrove should have been responsible for making right all this mess. **Elvingrove debrief meeting** – It felt like Oliver Norman thought what residents were raising was funny. He boasted about the great job he did at The Botanics. **Cllr Millar will raise the issues** with Glasgow Life and licensing.

Yorkhill Green Spaces – notice that YSG is planting on Sunday. They have now set up a Yorkhill Heritage page on Facebook and are looking for people to join up. Message to go to Fiona of YSG re contact for the GCC Heritage Officer. **Friends of Kelvingrove Square** want to put up a historic marker and need to know how to do this. The Mitchell Library Archiving Department can help.

Enforcement – are aware of the random signs left about the area and are arranging collection.

7. Councillor Update – Cllr Bolander: Glasgow Life – gave the background of the set up/responsibility/scrutiny of the ALEO; and the

result of the recent review which brought Parking and Catering Services back into the City Council. There needs to be a way to give feedback to GL as their activities intrude on council tax payers' lives. Flow is one way and needs to be changed to two way. **All events** – Elvingrove, Mela, Bandstand concerts, sports events in the area – are **approved by the Events Board** which is a subcommittee of Glasgow Life. This Board needs to improve its scrutiny by and engagement with communities. <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/about-us/culture-and-sport-glasgow-csg-board-and-culture-and-sport-glasgow-csg-community-interest-company-cic-board> Will arrange to **speak to the Cleansing Department** about the ongoing issues.

Cllr Millar: the resurfacing work on Argyle Street finished on Saturday. There was **no information about this work on the Council website**. **Notifications to residents needs to be much better**. Several disabled people missed appointments due to the lack of notification and access during the works. **One sign on the bus stop is not good enough**. Haugh Road will be next. Old Dumbarton Road/Overnewton Street and Yorkhill Street are all on the schedule. If there are issues, report them – **Royal Terrace** – the signs at the park gates need to be looked at as cars are driving the wrong way up the street as well as parking illegally. **Kelvingrove Street** – is lacking in white lines. **Haugh road** – the diagonal parking is an issue when it is vans parked – especially close to Dockyard Social. This **needs a Traffic Restriction Order**. **Open Spaces Fund** – YSG received money for **work on the Cherry Park**. More work is needing done to make it a safe space. For example, it was suggested that people activated lighting would help during periods of darkness including during the day in winter to lighten the area. There was a meeting with the officers in charge of the **Cycle Village to update councillors on progress**. There will be **more engagement** with residents in this area and in Anderston re **connecting Yorkhill and Anderston and the local neighbourhood plan**. Funding has been agreed for the next stage which will take place later this year.

Cllr Braat: Bins – Thanks to Neil for his persistence and consistent approach to the lack of collection. This is raised at Cllr Braat's surgeries in other parts of the Ward. **Resurfacing** – Sauchiehall Street and Somerset Place junction – a **raised manhole cover** was causing

problems. The utility company that left it like this to come out and fix it. The Council had to step in to get it sorted out!

Royal Terrace and lighting/sign issues – raised with the Roads Department as someone was knocked down by a taxi. Pedestrians and cyclists are at risk as drivers park facing the wrong way at Royal Terrace/Kelvingrove Street junction. They then reverse back without due care and attention. The no entry signs need to be clearer and there needs to be safety narrowing at the junction to stop this happening.

Labelle Place – is becoming a rat run and is a danger to park users. Taxi drivers do not pay attention to pedestrians. Delivery bikes regularly go the wrong way up the road. **St Vincent Crescent/Minerva Street pavements** – should be repaired soon. [Cllr Bolander spoke to this, but people were speaking and minute taker couldn't hear what was said]

Blue Triangle Housing at Somerset Place – reports of antisocial behaviour by residents. This is being dealt with. **City Fibre** – have been digging up pavements in the area, then patching not fixing properly. There has been no notification of work being done to either residents or businesses and this is causing issues for both. **Abandoned signs and barriers** – there have been a large number of signs and barriers not being removed, after work is done; some have been left lying since September 2022. Sandbags are also left lying about, some bursting and leaving a mess on roads and pavements. **Kelvingrove Park** – the herbaceous border is now to be a community orchard. The Friends of Kelvingrove Park will maintain this. **Operation Mother** – has started to stop antisocial behaviour in the park and will run until the September weekend. Last year, the drinking in the park was reduced due to the police presence. This year, young people have free bus travel and this may become an issue, It will be monitored. GOMA is now a meeting point for young people. **Kelvin Way** – [couldn't hear what was said as people speaking] **Young people** – [couldn't hear what was said due to people speaking].

8. AOCB – The Polish Club – issue on Parkgrove Terrace with young people drinking and smoking outside until the early hours. Residents are fed up of the noise. Residents have contacted the owner about the noise including slamming of doors. The Club is considering putting in CCTV. **Advice** – phone the police as the more reports there

are, the more likely the Council/Police will take action. Cllrs Millar and Bolander will raise the issue with the police at their meeting with the Inspector at Partick Police Station. Community Councillors can speak to the Club on behalf of residents (remember CCs are volunteers).

Parking charges and the increase for residents – only found out from notices put in the street. The Strategic Parking Plan has not been out to consultation with residents and businesses yet. It is proposed that residents parking permits are issued based on their cars emissions – on a sliding scale, This will affect people who can only afford to buy second hand cars more than those who can afford new/hybrid/electric cars. Where will those who live in tenements charge electric cars? Cllrs are lobbying for a change in restricted parking hours – to include after 6.00pm and on weekends. **Cllr Millar** told the meeting **that residents parking charges are not increasing at the moment** and notices will be changed to reflect this. He will **email the Community Council text that can be put up on the website** to reassure residents that the change is not happening this year.

Meeting closed. Next meeting is on Thursday 20 April 2023