



## Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2023 at the Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls and Tennis Pavilion

**Present: Community Councillors:** A. McPherson (Chair); N. McPherson; J. Gerrard; M. Reid, J. Davidson.

**Councillors:** Cllr Mearns; Cllr Bolander; Cllr Braat; Cllr Millar.

**Members of the Public:** 6

**In attendance:** PC Heather Fraser (G3049); John McCullagh

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. **Neighbourhood Officer Report** - John McCullagh spoke to this.  
**Operation Mother:** Joint initiative between Police Scotland and GCC over the summer/early autumn months to prevent antisocial behaviour in Kelvingrove Park. Alcohol is confiscated from park users. There is a police patrol car in the park on a daily basis. John meets with the police on a weekly basis to discuss issues. **Steiner School:** there has been a number of incidents of debris reported coming from the construction of the flats. There is still a container close to the site. Overnewton Street/Lumsden Street – a ramp needs to be reinstated and the lamppost that was knocked down needs to be fixed. **Lumsden Street:** the pavement needs to be re-surfaced as disabled people are scared to walk along the pavement especially the bit outside 10 – 16 Lumsden Street. **Community Payback:** will finish Overnewton Park. CC can pay for the paint. **Coronation Weekend in the area:** Cllr Bolander told the meeting that anyone coming to “party in the park” will be looked at as part of Operation Mother. **WestFest** – Ceilidh, Fire Festival and other events coming to the park. There as been a complaint made directly to WestFest; Community Council not copied in to email.
4. **Police Report** – PC Heather Fraser spoke to this. If you are not able to get through on the 101 number and are online – please use the

reporting form: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/> There were **11 reports of theft** from households and supermarkets in the area. **Bike thefts** are on the rise, by known people. Bikes are being stolen from railings and bike stations outside – thieves are using bolt cutters and angle grinders. Police advice is to keep your bikes inside your flats, not in common closes or outside. Several **phones were stolen** from an **event at SW3G**. Young people are now tracking their own phones to try to get them back. **Theft from Lidl** – two men took goods valued at £460. These were recovered. **Incidences of violence** – A man was stabbed in Regent Moray Street having challenged young people fighting in the street. Was slashed for his effort. Assault in SW3G, there is now an extra police presence when events are on. **Drug use** – person had 1.5g of a white substance that tested positive for cocaine at SW3G. Report sent to the Procurator Fiscal. **Road traffic accident** – car driver with no insurance hit a cyclist. A. McPherson reported a **flat in Old Dumbarton Road as being suspicious** due to the covering on the kitchen window. There is a concern re **safety of people using the Cherry Tree Park** and the lane behind it. The lack of lighting in the evenings is encouraging people to use the park to deal drugs and to drink in it. **Overnewton Park** – issue of dogs messing the playpark and owners not clearing the waste.

- 5. Planning Committee** – J. Gerrard spoke to this report. The most important piece of news this month was **the decision by the Inquiry Reporter to approve** the development of flats on the Minerva Street corner site occupied by **the former brass foundry**. The height has been slightly reduced but otherwise the scheme remains much as submitted. There was also a **Pre-Application request** for comment on a **proposal to erect a very tall 5G mast** on the pavement **in front of the Kelvingrove Bowling Green** just west of Kelvin Way. Possible alternative sites did seem to have been reasonably ruled out as being within the built-up part of Yorkhill but there will be **another chance to look at it when it becomes a formal application**. The proposed mast at the Pyramid in Anderston was rejected as the Community Council objected. Otherwise the **four new applications** have been **unremarkable**, not least that for the renewal of consent for one of the large illuminated hoardings beside the Expressway.

The rest consisted of:

Repainting the property at the west end of Somerset Place, subdividing a single Royal Terrace flat and the thorough renewal and rebranding of the Royal Bank signage at Clifton Place.

**Community Planning** - The Sheltered Housing people have been in touch with Cllr Millar re funding from the Area Partnership as £1000 is needed for housing for the defibrillator. The Area Partnership can put up £500 if they think it a good proposal. The Chair suggested that the **Community Council match fund** - £500 - if necessary. The **Community Councillors present agreed.**

**Possible defibrillator in Kelvingrove** – the Reach Pharmacy was to donate a defibrillator to the community. The Community Council had been talking to BT re the use of the phone box outside Sainsbury's. Will pursue this again.

6. **Cleansing 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. **Ward 10 clean up** – took place and the streets were clean for a short period of time. Signs needed in the area re **dog fouling and fines**. John McCullagh will make sure signs are placed where we think they should be – email sites to John. **Steiner School development** issues with materials being left on public rights of way. **A renovated flat** – grout, mortar and plaster poured down drain stank. **Rats in the area** – far too many bins without lids are encouraging rats in the area. Rats are dying in the bins as they get in but can't get back out. Issue is prevalent in Gilbert Street and at the Barracks building. **Food waste** still being left in the street by Chinese students. Cllr Mearns reported that fly tipping by students had been seen on the accommodation CCTV.
7. **Councillor Update – Cllr Mearns: Allotments to be expanded** in Yorkhill at Centurion Way. **Elvingrove feedback meeting** should have been more widely advertised. **Signage/sand bags** – have now been removed. **Resurfacing on Argyle Street** – lines need to be reinstated including the cycle boxes at the lights. **Old Dumbarton Road** – still a lot of leaf litter about due to the parking. People parking outwith bays. **Use of QR Codes for gulley cleaning** – this was an accessibility

issue. Will make sure information is shared better in future. **Play park in Kelvingrove Park** – needs to be resurfaced and the grass/mud sorted out. There will be a site visit to see how much of a spend is needed. There have been complaints of **noise nuisance from Dockyard Social** again. When it opened, there was planning/licencing restrictions put in place. The roof had to be fixed – soundproofed. It is advertising discos which are not what it was licensed to provide – acoustic sessions only. **St Vincent's Crescent** – funding has been set aside to resurface the pavements, but it does not meet the needs of a conservation area. Other contributions will be needed from other funds. **Tarmac in St Vincent Crescent Lane** – this was put in as a goodwill gesture from the company resurfacing Argyle Street, to fill the potholes. It is not wanted.

**Cllr Bolander: Ward 10 clean up** was a success. **Meeting with Inspector Mhari Crawford** – parking in bus stops raised as well as community policing. Drivers parking in bus stops can be fined.

**Operation Mother** is working well. **Area Partnership** – funding has been given to WestFest for events taking place across the west end - £1500. **Ukraine Human Library** – Glasgow University students are engaging with residents to give them a chance to meet refugees and to learn their stories. **Lead Officer for the City Development Plan** – is at the early engagement stage with residents, looking at the development of good public spaces. Training will be available to Community Councils. Other consultation events such as the **Connecting Yorkhill and Kelvingrove** will be in the City Plan.

**Determination of Homeshare** – Council Tax payment has to be in the Licensing guidance. Meeting with the **Cleansing and Policy Lead for the Cleansing** to look at uplifts in Yorkhill. Feedback re cars blocking access is needed to help manage the cleansing uplifts. It is not always the operatives fault that bins are not being emptied. **Fencing round the duck pond** is needing replaced for H&S reasons. **El Jeffe** often has a Macarena band playing which is far too noisy for the area.

**Cllr Millar: Bus stop enforcement** – Inspector Crawford will see to it that this happens. Cllr Millar will also raise it with GCC. As Transport Convenor, Cllr Millar will ask GCC to increase enforcement in the area.

**Parking** – new parking enforcement attendants coming on board.

**Extended hours/zones are now being planned** to come into force

over the summer – a technical order is needed and will be applied over the summer. **Cycle village** – community engagement has started. Cllr Millar is having regular meetings with the officers. 1<sup>st</sup> phase will be Yorkhill. 2nd phase will be Kelvingrove and Argyle Street – this is a key bus corridor so buses will be given priority at key times. Need to be an active travel and greening area.

**Cllr Braat: Railings in Overnewton Park** – There has been an issue with the procurement of paint, with misinformation coming from the department. The Community Payback Team will do the work – which should be done before the flowers come up. John McCullagh is working with Cllr Braat on this. The Community Council gave very positive feedback re the Community Payback Team's work.


8. **AOCB: Ward 10 Joint Action Group** – Anne and Mandy sit on this group. Looking at planning, licensing, and other issues that are common across the ward. Police Scotland to come to the meetings to look at issues. **John Street remains closed**. It is hard for people who are not online to pay bills or to get information. When will it be opening again? Only Ward 10 has this joint action group as we have seven Community Councils in the area – no other Glasgow ward has so many.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday 18 May 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.

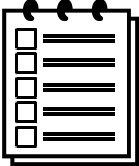
[John.McCullagh@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:John.McCullagh@glasgow.gov.uk) Feel free to contact him about issues in the area.

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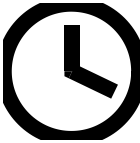
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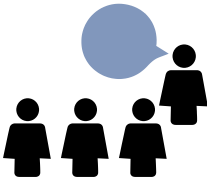
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2. Keep to the agenda.

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.
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3. Start and finish on time.

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

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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.