

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1 June 2009

Present: Rosalyn Barclay, Alison McDonald, Jan McGhie, James McPherson, Bob Marshall, John Moffat, Andy Russell, Evelyn Silber (Chair)

Ex-officio: Councillor Archie Graham, PC Andy McWhinnie

In attendance: 2 local residents

Apologies: none but the resignation of Scott McNair was noted as a result of his moving out of the eligible area.

1. Minutes of the meeting 11 May were approved with 2 minor amendments.

2. Matters arising

Battlefield Road pedestrian protected crossing: work is under way. Cllor Graham's information re scheduled work had been circulated to all members.

Area Committee grants: Evelyn reported that she had been in contact with former Park Development Officer, Jim Paterson, with David Halliday and June Bell over continued non receipt of quotation and timescale for installation of Langside Place planter troughs and expects to receive an invoice and see action very soon.

Bob reported a meeting of Park officers to agree who should be the responsible contact was pending. Once a responsible LES officer was identified a further public meeting about the Bluebell Wood planting project would take place. The uncertainty about lines of communication and responsibility during the restructure in LES was noted.

29 Mansionhouse Road: Bob reported on further communication between the Council and owners.

3. Community Police Report

PC Andy McWhinnie reported that there was now 7-day-a-week 7am to midnight community police coverage. Within the area covered reported incidents of vandalism, drug offences, housebreaking and thefts were all low in comparison with other parts of the area covered by the team. Proximity to Hampden meant anti-social behaviour was periodically an issue. A new outburst of graffiti was noted.

4. Councillor's report

Councillor Archie Graham reported that within the Council budget Area Committee grants were one of the few areas ring-fenced against reductions.

The Cart Flood Prevention Scheme works were progressing. Temporary closure of Spean Street may be necessary.

Commonwealth Games preparations were on schedule. Following public consultation, two legacy plans – for Scotland and for Glasgow – were being drawn up for probable September launch.

A meeting had taken place of the Shawlands Town Centre Action Group. The Glasgow SE Regeneration Agency is to open a shop in Shawlands to raise awareness of the agency and its role in our area.

In response to a query Cllor Graham stated that he was not aware of proposals to close any school within the CC area.

5. Communications

Jan reported she had responded to the CC Resource Centre with information in preparation for the October elections. There are 7 vacancies on the Community Council.

Jan reported consultation due on the **City Plan** and circulated a report containing the list of possible works under RES3. It was noted that several projects proposed by the CC were included in the list of desirable works.

A consultation on the **Clarkston Road streamline route** has begun, to which a response is required by 26 June. This includes Sinclair Drive and related roads and Alison will respond on the CC's behalf.

Evelyn reported that the CC would receive attention for its work on Langside Heritage Trail and Queen's Park Performance Project in the August issue of *The Glasgow Magazine*, and on 3.6.09 issue of *Evening Times* for both of which she had been interviewed.

The Queen's Park Performance Project. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers from the participating Community Councils several hundred completed questionnaires had been returned and lots of positive support expressed towards the project from people of all ages. A meeting had taken place at the Tramway with people from the Lighthouse and The Common Guild who had secured a major Arts Council grant to run a public art event that would involve local communities at some point during the next 18 months (assuming the could raise remaining monies). There was a real possibility this event could take place in Queen's Park and could link with the QPPP project.

A nomination form had been received for the **Evening Times Community Champion Award** with a 11 June deadline, the award ceremony for which would take place at Langside Halls on 23 June. Cllor Graham reported he had

nominated LBC Community Council for the Evening Times Community Champion Award specifically for the Langside Trail.

Rosalyn reported she and John had attended Mt Florida CC as guests as part of their support for the stand during the Southside Festival. They reported the success of Mt Florida Primary School in a citywide competition to put on a multi-cultural event called Flofest. This would take place on 13 June 12-4pm.

Southside Festival – the stand promoting the Queen's Park Performance Project had, after a hiccup concerning location, been extremely busy. Rosalyn and John had assisted with questionnaires on both Saturday and Sunday and were thanked for their efforts.

Mansionhouse Unit: it had been reported that this Unit would not now close until 2015 when the re-built/extended Southern General would be ready. There would be only two major trauma centres (A&E) in the City, that in the south side being at the Southern General.

CC minute taker: Rosalyn reported an application for the post of minute taker (subsequently a further application was received). It was agreed that £40 per meeting should be the fee. Evelyn would Rosalyn to arrange an interview/appointment.

Planning:

Bob reported on the application with regard to a proposed change of use and physical changes to the B listed 'Agenda', Millbrae Road. It was agreed that the CC would write opposing the physical changes to maintain they integrity and character of the listed building, and would raise related issues concerning the electricity sub-station and parking/deliveries/access to the site.

Further planning issues reported were applications for continued licence and off sales at 'The Mission' which closed last year, removal of burden at Alexander & Son, Lochleven Road.

6. Treasurer's report

Alison reported that the CC's administrative fund stands at £1281.65. Grants of £1649 (Langside Troughs) and £7940 (Bluebell wood) have also been received. A new account has been opened with the Bank of Scotland (Gordon St branch) for the QPPP monies £15,000 received and banked.

NB Alison urged Council members to get expenses claims to her by August to enable our accountant to audit the accounts in good time for the October meeting.

7. AOB

John McShane, a local resident, raised two issues- on the Iser Lane planting and drainage.

He queried the communication, degree of consultation and support for the proposed planting at the end of Iser Lane (Bluebell Wood project). He suggested that he and others were pleased with the clearance within the wooded area and did not want to see it restored to full woodland for fear of its being misused for drinking etc. Evelyn, as chair of the consultation meeting, advised that the majority of those present had supported two-thirds of the proposal and the meeting had been preceded by 300 letters and notices being hand delivered to adjacent properties with opportunities to attend the meeting or communicate by email though few had done so. There appeared to have been a communication breakdown between the Woodlands Officer and Queen's Park maintenance staff which was unfortunate but had now been remedied. Bob Marshall acknowledged that the nature of the planting to be undertaken on the upper slope had not been made sufficiently clear and that the 'whip' plantings (only 5% would on average have survived to maturity) which had caused some alarm by virtue of their number and density had now all been removed. Planting of far fewer and more mature native trees would be undertaken and a further circular and public meeting would take place before the planting scheme was finalised and any further works undertaken in the autumn.

Council agreed with the point made by Mr McShane about the very poor drainage in Camphill Avenue/Mansionhouse Road which caused repeated flooding. Mr McShane's previous complaints had not apparently elicited any action. The Community Council and Councillor Graham agreed to pursue this matter with LES and invite a responsible officer to the July meeting.

Alison McDonald raised the point that as yet, the Community Council were yet to sign the books in memory of Moira Jones. It was therefore agreed that we would donate £50 to the Moira Jones Memorial Fund.

8. Next meeting

Monday 6 July at 7.30. (Apologies from Rosalyn and Bob for the July meeting)
NB No meeting in August.