

LANGSIDE BATTLEFIELD & CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting on Monday 4th April 2011

Present: Rosalyn Barclay, Iris Brown, Jan McGhie, Alison McDonald, Annemarie McGregor (Minutes), James McPherson, Bob Marshall, Alex Meikle, John Moffat, Amy Rewcastle, Evelyn Silber (Chair), Sophia Tierney, PC McMahon, PC Robertson.

Apologies: Cllr Dornan

Evelyn welcomed Iris to her first meeting of the community council and introduced Annemarie, the new minute taker.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 7th March meeting were approved. Proposed: Rosalyn, Seconded: Alex

Matters Arising

17 Cathkin Road: After discussion re HMO application and hearing reports of past issues and concerns expressed by neighbours it was agreed that Jan will email local Councillors to seek support and write to Glasgow City Council opposing this application.

Shawlands Business Association meeting: Amy reported that this was well attended. 47 representatives attended and it was mentioned in the Extra newspaper.

Community Police Report

PC McMahon confirmed there have been 120 crime reports during the period of 1/3/2011 and 1/04/2011. The majority of these were vandalism, housebreaking and common assault. 59 originated from Langside and 61 from Battlefield.

An Action Plan was put in place recently where the police increased visibility around pubs and clubs' closing time. This was a success as fewer phone calls were received.

Iris enquired about non residents parking cars in Camphill Avenue (250/260, Millbrae Road.) PC McMahon is aware of this issue and encouraged everyone to report any issues to the Contact Centre on 0141 532 4900 to ensure concerns get logged.

James expressed concern about two recent car accidents due to the lack of road marking in the area, after roads have been repaired. This is an issue for Glasgow City Council's Roads Department.

There will be extra police presence in the area on the 16th and 17th of April due to the Cup Semi Finals at Hampden Stadium.

Councillors Report

No report.

Reports and Communications

Members agreed to nominate the Battlefield Community Project which has been pro-active with the street party and community garden etc. for the Evening Times Community Champion Awards. Jan will submit the application form. Alex will represent the Community Council at the Awards Ceremony for South East Glasgow on Thursday 19th May. Jan will also put information on our website.

Evelyn advised on the response from Glasgow City Council regarding the proposed 'Graffiti Wall' by the White Cart flood wall. GCC do not wish to support this idea because of their zero tolerance approach to graffiti. Bob noted that some graffiti has been removed in the area but none from lampposts, the hospital area or bins.

Evelyn reported there will be a "Question Time Style" election hustings at Langside Parish Church, Ledard Road, on 1st May at 7pm. Members of the public are invited to ask questions to the Glasgow Cathcart candidates. Jan will add this information to our website.

Amy spoke about the recent Marl Arts Society Open Day (2/4/11) which was attended by approx 150 people, including some local Councillors. Three new board members have come forward who all bring great experience.

Treasurer's Report

LBCCC a/c balance on 5/4/11: £1238.18
(Bluebell Woods: £198.30, Admin Grant: £1039.88)

Queen's Park Performance Space a/c balance on 5/4/11: £37,740.44

Bob, in his capacity of Treasurer of the Queens Park Arena Ltd. requested that the funds are transferred to a new account. All three Community Councils will forward a copy of their minutes to our Treasurer to consent to this. All members supported this.

Mark Ballantyne will be asked to carry out a closing audit.

Langside Area Committee

James reported back successful funding applications from the Langside Area Committee. The budget is now spent and copies of the various presentations are available from James.

Langside and Linn Community Reference Group

Sophia attended a meeting on 23rd March where it was agreed that the group would be disbanded due to a restructuring of services. However, there is going to be a new election process which hopes to attract and incorporate wider representation from all members/groups in the community. They will work with PFF Integration and Youth Partnerships. The new service will be known as Democratic Support Services.

Planning and Publicity

James brought in an article about Rawcliffe House from the Herald "Homes" supplement. Evelyn reports the proposal to name the small internal road, "Rawcliffe Gardens".

Members spoke about plans to hand out Community Council leaflets at the Southside Festival (end of May). It would be beneficial to have links to our website on the Southside Festival website. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Langside Heritage Trail

There are currently fewer than 500 booklets left. Members discussed the possibility of producing a revised and updated version of this publication, which ideally should include the Marlborough. The information plaque on the park railings near Battlefield Monument is in bad condition and should be renewed. Bob wondered if the Mary Queen of Scots Society may be able to fund this and will make enquiries. Alternatively we may request a grant from the Area Committee of around £3,000.

It was agreed that Evelyn and Bob will develop proposals and costings for a re-print of the Heritage Trail booklet.

Queens Park Performance Space

Landfill Communities Fund grant of £105k has been awarded. Planning permission has been sought for first stage works. One or two details of ground works still pending confirmation.

A.O.B.

Rosalyn has received an email reply from Cllr Graham regarding the overhanging bushes in Cathkin Road. Cllr Graham does not share the view that these are a problem. Rosalyn will follow this up with an email with photographs to highlight the problem again.

Flood Prevention Scheme: James reported that the work is progressing well and trees have now been planted.

Alison is concerned about the dumping of household rubbish next to the clothing collection unit in front of Langside Library in Sinclair Drive. Evelyn will request appropriate action via local councillors.

Date of the next meeting:

Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm . Alex Hewetson will attend.