

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD & CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting on Monday 4 July 2011

Present: Rosalyn Barclay, Jan McGhie, Alison McDonald, James McPherson, Bob Marshall, Alex Meikle, John Moffat, Evelyn Silber (Chair), Sophia Tierney, Cllr Dornan

Apologies: Iris Brown

In attendance: Community police officers Dougie Duncan and Stevie Moug, John Gray

1. Minutes of meeting

Minutes proposed by John Moffat, seconded by Sophia Tierney

2. Matters arising

Queen's Park recreation ground. Jan's request for an officer to attend to discuss the brief and receive views on the proposed Care Home had been refused on the grounds that a meeting for community representatives was being scheduled for City Chambers. During the discussion there was unanimous concern at the lack of community consultation over the previous year, at the lack of information on the brief for which site options had been prepared and the apparent disregard for brown field sites in the area. Cllr Dornan agreed with the community's concerns especially over consultation but thought that only an already city-owned site would be considered as an alternative owing to budgetary constraints. Questioned about his vote on the issue at the Executive meeting, he thought he had not been present.

3. Community Police Report

Battlefield area – 11 calls of which 15 assaults and 54 complaint calls.

Shawlands – 89 calls including 5 re damaged property in vicinity of Church on the Hill and Tantallon Rd, 4 assaults, 55 complaint calls.

There had been few complaints about recent Hampden stadium events.

Report current Battlefield Epic project to intensify high visibility police patrolling in vicinity of Langside College and Battlefield / Cathcart Road area.

4. Councillor's report

Cllr Dornan reported on successful outcomes of City representatives' liaison with Hampden management over arrangements for large scale events to reduce community complaints re public disorder and nuisance. Minimal complaints had arisen from recent Take That concerts as a result of more portaloos and better control of drink sales with soft drinks more available.

Reported award of Green Flag status to Queen's Park Nursery and congratulated them.

Sought contact from people with concerns about the problems arising from poor factors and absentee landlords for forthcoming legislation.

As new MSP for Glasgow Cathcart James Dornan invited community groups interested in arranging a visit /tour of the Scottish Parliament to make contact with him.

The need for an emergency vehicle car parking space in Sinclair Drive was raised by a resident and Cllr Dornan undertook to pursue this.

5. Reports of Chair and Secretary

Jan reported invitation to CC to participate in Brian Taylor's Big Debate on 8 July

Evelyn reported notification from GCC Education dept of further consultation taking place on proposed closure of Gadburn School. Cllr Dornan advised the school is not in this

area but because it cares for young people with special needs the proposal would affect some local residents.

It was agreed to send a statement of support to Glasgow Paddlesports Centre, Port Dundas in their plans to develop paddlesports facilities serving the city and region. ES to send e-mail message.

6 . Treasurer's report

Alison reported closing balance of CC account at £1121.15 of which £996.85 was net balance of administrative grant, the remainder being balance of Bluebell Wood project. QP project closing balance £70,232.31. Bob reported that final letters had now been received from other CCs authorizing closure of this account and transfer of funds to new Queen's Park Arena Ltd. Account. A closing audit of the project account to be agreed with Mark Ballantyne. The new account had opened with a balance of £105k being the Landfill Communities Fund award.

7. Area Committee

James reported on Langside Area Committee of 7 June which included draft agenda for future meetings. 23 Aug would be presentation by Regeneration Agency focusing on Langside. A further £750k had been awarded to Glasgow by Scottish Government for road repairs though £75m was the estimated cost of repair and resurfacing need. Camphill Avenue was among the roads scheduled for re-surfacing.

Attention is being given to identifying vacant/derelict sites suitable for housing and/or use by community groups. 27 applications had been received.

Among the grants awarded was £2500 to South Glasgow Heritage and Environmental Trust for performances at the Shed on Doors Open Days.

BM reported recent Queen's Park walkabout with park manager during which need for new picnic benches was identified. It was suggested this would be a valid project for the remaining Res3 application in QP a proposal strongly supported by Alex and others and agreed.

8. Planning and publicity

There were no planning issues to report. BM has produced some new posters covering meeting dates to end 2011, and these were shared out for distribution.

9. Queens Park Arena

Stall had been at the Southside Festival complete with new model and the Arena and information leaflets. The project account has been set up and all funding due, except Strathbungo Society, now received to enable phase 1 works to progress. Negotiations with GCC starting on legal agreement re use of the Arena. Steering Group is being enlarged through interested volunteers to work on future programming and fund raising for part 2 works.

10. AOB

Several people had investigated an alternative location for the CC meeting – Hanover Close merited further investigation about availability and cost, but CC was committed to present venue to end of 2011. Decision to review options October-November.

11. Next meeting

Monday 5 September at 7.30 at 81 Carmichael Place.