

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes from meeting 1st Feb 2010

Present: Evelyn Silber (chair), Jan McGhie, James McPherson, Alison McDonald, Bob Marshall, John Moffat, Rosalyn Barclay, Sophia Tierney, Alex Meikle, Rosie Davies, Councillor Coleshill, PC Jonathan McDonald, PC Graham Love.

Visitors: Susan Flockhart.

- (1) No apologies.
- (2) Minutes were agreed.
Proposed: James MacPherson
Seconded: Rosalyn Barclay.
- (3) Matters Arising:

Planters' grant: Alison confirmed that this has been paid.

Lamppost at 101 Sinclair Drive: Alison confirmed that this has been fixed and that LES has begun to address the drainage problem on the corner of Ledard Rd and Sinclair Drive.

Refuse clearance: Residents will receive a letter shortly with details of when rubbish will be uplifted. The '4 on 4 off' system will be put into action soon.

Parking proposals: Evelyn has received an acknowledgment (rcvd 21st Jan) of the CC's letter in support of the changes. A public consultation will follow but there is no exact date yet. The Shawlands East proposals will be publicly advertised in the next 2-3 weeks, with Battlefield following shortly.

- (4) Police Report:

Crime trends for Jan 2010: 30 crimes recorded (10 detected, 20 undetected). These were mainly car and house theft. The others were vandalisms, 2 assaults and 3 breaches of the peace.

The main concern is theft and vandalism, mostly at night. Police have been doing door to door enquiries and are encouraging the public to call if they see anybody loitering.

Bike theft from closes is still a problem; there have now been cases of banisters being sawn off. Plain clothes officers have been checking closes during the day. PC Love recommended that people mark their bikes in some way and take a photo of it. Police no longer engrave bikes due to possible legal problems. Jan will check whether this info is on the CC website and amend as necessary.

Aikenhead Crime Prevention Panel are looking for new members. Contact James Dickie if you are interested.

Assaults usually take place at night in quiet streets.

Alison reported that she had heard about an incident involving three men gluing the lock of Mark's Deli on Sinclair Drive. This had been acknowledged by PC McDonald. No damage was caused. Police are unaware of the reasons behind this.

Sophia and Evelyn reported an increase in graffiti in streets and closes over the last few months. Plain clothes officers have been patrolling problem areas such as Deanston Drive at lunchtimes to deter students from Shawlands Academy entering closes. Sophia noted the graffiti on Mansionhouse Unit; police are aware of this.

Parking on street corners: Rosalyn reported three specific instances of this: corner of Milbrae and Ailsa Drive; a red van on corner of Cathkin Rd and Milbrae Drive; school bus parking across Cathkin Rd. PC Love confirmed that specific incidents of parking on corners should be reported to City Traffic police, preferably with a photo. Problems with parking on double yellows should be reported to Glasgow City Parking (via GCC) as this is due to a lack of wardens after hours in the area.

Alison reported double parking outside 77 Sinclair Drive whilst the house is being renovated. There has also been dumping outside 61 Sinclair Drive. People should contact police with the flat number and vehicle registration in cases of double parking. Problems with dumping should be reported to Clean Glasgow.

(5) Councillor's Report:

Clr Coleshill apologised for lack of attendance in recent months (due to various scheduling clashes).

Refuse clearance: Councillors have been told that there will be no more action, and that a normal service will resume soon.

Bob noted that although the service has improved from the service during industrial action, this has taken 6 weeks, and many letters from residents. On Camphill Ave and Deanston Drive nothing has been collected for 3 weeks. He also noted structural problems: there are only 10 staff at the Polmadie depot, and no more being hired; everything now part of one system, with many workers being redeployed from other areas such as Parks; no chance for using overtime to catch up. Rosalyn added that workers are doing jobs they are not trained for.

Clr Coleshill recommended that the CC contact every councillor in the area, the leader of the council, Baillie McNally, etc with individual letters/emails.

Sophia expressed annoyance that the taxpayers must take action. Clr Coleshill conceded that this is partly a political issue.

If there are still problems by the next meeting 1st March 2010, Evelyn will send an

email as recommended, on behalf of the CC.

Tasers: Cllr Coleshill sought the opinion of the CC over proposals to allow ordinary police officers to carry tasers. Currently only arms-trained officers with 6 months' training and a full psychological profile can carry tasers. Ordinary police officers would get 3 days' training. After discussion the CC stated they felt this was a bad idea. Cllr Coleshill will report this to the police board.

Pot holes: The council will be allocating money to this in the next budget (c. £12million). John noted that the quality of the workmanship should be addressed.

Alison has received more complaints regarding dog dirt on Sinclair Drive. James added Dundrennan Road. Bob recommends carrying a bag to give to people continuing to fail to tidy up after their animals.

(6) Reports and Communications: Chair and Secretary

Health impact assessment of the City of Glasgow Licensing Board policy statement is due in Nov 2010. They will be producing consultation materials at the beginning of March to investigate the potential health impacts of the policy. Contact Jan if interested.

The CC are invited to attend Brian Taylor's Big Debate on Fri 5th Feb at Pacific Quay. Email brian@bbc.co.uk with suggestions for topical questions by morning of Thurs 6th Feb.

The Citizens Advice Scotland kinship care service needs a regional care coordinator. Ask Jan for details.

Keep Scotland Tidy are preparing for the National Spring Clean in April 2010 and are looking for ideas to get the local community involved. Evelyn suggested linking this with the Glasgow Clean Up campaign. Go to www.keeptoscotlandtidy.org/springclean. The Community Councils Discussion Group meeting will be held on Feb 15th.

The CC have been invited to nominate a member to attend the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood on 13th July (ideally somebody who has not previously attended). This needs to be submitted by 17th Feb. Inform Evelyn if interested.

The Pharmacy Practices Committee (run by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) is looking for lay members. Meetings once a month or less in the day time. Closing date 12th Feb. Contact Evelyn for details.

A late licence application for hot food has been submitted for 142 Battlefield Rd (Sun – Thurs 1am; Fri – Sat 3am) No objections were raised.

Evelyn reported the recent presentation at the Newlands and Auldhouse Area

Committee of the Area Development Strategy of which she has a copy if anyone wishes to see it.

(7) Treasurer's Report:

LBCCC account at most recent statement:

Planters' grant: £1827.35

Bluebell Woods grant: £7940

Admin grant: £752.40

Queen's Park Performance Space account: £13,923.16

Invoices for the Bluebell Woods pathway and lighting work will start to arrive in March.

Evelyn will follow up the cheque to the printers' (Andrew) which has not yet been paid out.

(8) Planning and Publicity:

No updates on 8-10 Sinclair Drive; Alex has not received any updates about his letter inquiring about the student occupancy during the summer months.

The new leaflet was approved by the CC and it was agreed that a couple of hundred should be made by Bob.

Alex noted the Evening Times local column as a possible publicity opportunity. Jan had received an email from the paper, and supplied details of the QPPS.

(9) Queen's Park Performance Space:

An application to become a company and a registered charity has been submitted. They should be set up by end of March as a formal constituted body.

Evelyn, Bob and other Steering group members is meeting with Scottish Government officers on Wed 3rd Feb. She will ask whether they have an objection to the monies (residue of the Langside budget) being transferred to the company. She expects that this will be accepted.

The group are going to work with architecture practices and students to hold a design competition to generate ideas for the space. This will involve professional design teams. There will also be some public access.

The residents' meeting for people living adjacent to the north side of the park brought up some unexpected and interesting ideas. There was some support for commercial sponsorship, and also holding speakers' corner events.

Evelyn has written a short report for the benefit of the Scottish Government representatives which she will also circulate around local CCs.

Bob confirmed that the drainage survey has begun.

(10) A.O.B

Alex noted that voluntary sector organisations are expecting 20% cuts in the new council budget, and that the CC may receive applications from these organisations.

Next meeting: March 1st 2010 at 7.30pm.