

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting 1st March 2010

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

- (1) Apologies: Rosalyn Barclay.
- (2) Minutes were agreed.

Proposed: James McPherson

Seconded: John Moffat

- (3) Matters Arising:

Refuse clearance: Jan reported that she had not received leaflet with dates of rubbish uplift. Alison has been told that tenement dwellers will not receive this; something will be put up in closes instead. This confirmed by Councillor Graham. A glass recycling scheme to be started in non tenement properties has meant a short delay in people receiving details of refuse uplift.

Alison has been told that refuse would be removed on a Friday any time between 7am and 7pm.

Evelyn noted that blue bin has not been picked up since last Tues (23 Feb) from her property.

Tasers: Sophia heard in news that the tasers had been implemented the day after last meeting (2 Feb). PC Lochore confirmed that there are two pilot programmes currently in place. As no training has been put in place yet, there is no time scale for any definite wide-scale implementation of this. The CC reaffirmed their position on this as a negative policy (see discussion in last month's minutes).

- (4) Police Report: PC Lochore (community constable for the area).

4-week crime report for Feb 2010: 27 reported crimes (2 detected). Enquiries are ongoing into the other crimes reported. Many involve vandalism and opportunist theft.

There were nine vandalisms, mainly in the hours between darkness and daylight. These remain undetected. Mostly cars being targeted (scratching, damage to windows, spray painting). Three incidents occurred on Cartvale Rd in the same night. There is an increase in people being searched in the area but as incidents such as scratching can be done by things like coins, it can be difficult to arrest anyone.

There were incidents of petty vandalism at Langside College and the Victoria

Infirmary. Bob noted that Clean Glasgow had been very efficient (arriving next day) in dealing with a complaint about graffiti and encourages people to inform them of any occurrences.

There were 12 thefts, an increased number of which were handbags, purses and mobile phones.

Remaining crimes: Only one bicycle theft; plain clothes officers have been assigned from 8am-4pm to target tenements, particularly flats above ground floor. There is still a great number of tenements with doors wide open, with no security entry at all, or with doors left open for the bin collection. There are also people getting into closes by claiming to have parcels. He advised the CC to spread the word that people should only allow entry to strangers after confirming identity.

On Fri 26 Feb an intruder was apprehended by the police after breaking in to a tenement flat and appeared in court on 28 Feb. One person caught for drugs offences.

Police have had no official return for street drinking yet, but the EPIC initiative has reduced the number of offences reported to date.

Evelyn suggested a police presence at the Queen's Park festival (22-23 May) to talk about crime prevention. PC Lochore to speak to Graham Love (Community Safety officer) and report back on 12 April.

(5) Councillor's Report:

Budget: Council tax will be frozen again for the next tax year. Budget will be reduced by around 60 million. Everyone in the council is being given the opportunity to apply for early retirement at some point over the next three years, with certain groups not allowed to leave. 2000 out of 24,000 employees have applied for this.

It will become more and more difficult for the council to provide non statutory services. 'Arms length' companies (e.g. Culture Sport Glasgow and City Building) have been asked to make a 2% cut. If they cannot find the money elsewhere they will have to cut their services.

The Area Committee budget remains at a standstill (£60,000) but is ringfenced. The roads maintenance budget has gone from 4 to 12 million.

Bob suggested that there be a consultation process amongst groups such as the CC to discern which services are most important to the public, to be implemented this year and put into action this year. Feedback would be given to councillors. Councillor Graham supported this.

Shawlands town centre: The STC Action Plan was denied funding from the

government. The council will try to find the money elsewhere.

Licensed premises' consortium: Some late-night licensed premises in the area have formed a group to tackle unruly behaviour, with the majority of places signing up.

Councillor noted that some people are under misapprehension that the change in the licensing laws have stopped the council from granting 3am opening licences. This is not to do with the legislation; these are granted rarely.

(6) Report on Boundary Changes (Alex Hewetson)

Executive committee approved a review of the CC scheme. An 8-week consultation period begins on Fri 5 March (closing 30 April).

The Cathcart and District CC (CDCC) wish to decommission part of their area to this CC (Camphill Ave/Battlefield Rd into Govanhill)

Councillor Graham suggested that although this part of Cathcart should be part of the Langside ward geographically (in relation to river), it may have more affinity with Mount Florida. Alex noted that this should be raised with Mount Florida CC. Evelyn noted that this would balance them if they were losing the Tantallan area.

Jan to highlight this issue on April agenda.

QP presentation on March 3: AH noted great deal of interest across country in the project, and reiterated the council's aim: for GCC best models of CCs to represent best models in the country. Evelyn thanked the council for their support, particularly Stuart, Jim Bell, and LES.

(7) Reports and Communications: Chair and Secretary

Discussion group meeting on 10 April at 9.30am, re: Scottish Community Empowerment Action Plan, City Plan 2 and City Plan 3. Email Jan for agenda. Alex will email Jan on 12 March to find out names of those wishing to attend.

Evelyn has received another copy of Pollokshaws development strategy ("City Culture – Village Life") - contact Evelyn if you wish to see this.

Correspondence received regarding changes in education and certain schools' operations; no schools in the CC area involved.

Area Committee meeting report (2 Feb): Grant received of £9859 for new seating at Langside Library. Culture and Sport report circulated detailing football operations. Evelyn confirmed that an application from the QPP will

come up at the next meeting (16 March).

Other applications which may be submitted:

- Battlefield group considering an application to help with activities this summer. This needs support of CC, which was granted.
- Norwood Court Residents' Association are considering application.
- Residents group from Ailsa Drive/Milbrae Road ('Garage group') had been in touch but application is too late. It was noted that this was one of the original areas which needed improvement. They should get an application in next year.

(8) Treasurer's Report:

LBCCC account: £8667.40

Planters' grant: £1827

Bluebell Woods grant: £4598.30 (Cheque issued on 22 Feb for £3341.70)

Admin grant: £727.40

Queen's Park Performance Space account: £13,924.05

Repeat issue of outstanding cheque to printers has been sent as this had been lost.

Bluebell Woods: Lighting will be priced in March. Bob has requested an invoice ASAP. The majority of the rest of the grant will be used on trees. Bollards will either be wooden, or made using trunks of felled trees.

(9) Planning and Publicity:

No planning applications.

Lochleven Road: Insure building up for sale. There was a legal document outside last week (w/c 22 Feb), but no valid application has been submitted to council.

29 Mansionhouse Road: There is a closing date for offers on site, but no news of anything being submitted.

200 posters have been printed. Members of CC have taken these away to distribute. Bob to put in Langside library and Queen's Park glass houses.

Evening Times column: Alex suggested that there is a weekly pitch about CC events and actions. Evelyn agreed this. She has informed council press officer of QPP competition.

(10) Queen's Park Performance Space:

There will be a presentation on 3 March.

On 2 March Evelyn and other members of steering group will be meeting with Glasgow Institute of Architects (GIA) about the competition. Details of

competition so far: anyone can apply; there will be a small admission fee. Event will be a brainstorming session, followed by two weeks when the groups work on their ideas. The best 10 will be shortlisted and exhibited during the Southside Festival, where the public can vote. Both CC and architects are putting in £1000 each to be divided into prize money. Evelyn will release details to press when they have been finalised.

Queen's Park users group: Currently waiting for nominations from two CCs who do not have representatives. Bob is looking into establishing an email/web-based information service for the group.

(11) A.O.B

Alison noted that there was a 'planning meeting' advertised by Battlefield Community Group. Evelyn suggested inviting a member of the group to attend a CC meeting to talk about what they're doing. Bob to contact formally.

Next meeting: 12 April 2010 at 7.30pm.