

Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Monday, 6th April 2009.

Sederunt:

Evelyn Silber (Chair), James McPherson (Vice-Chair), Jan McGhie (Secretary), Rosalyn Barclay, Bob Marshall, Alison McDonald, John Moffat, Andy Russell, Councillor Archie Graham & PC Abbott.

Apologies:

Councillor Dornan, Scott McNair.

Visitors:

Alistair King, Kenny Beattie – both local residents.

Minute of previous meeting

Corrected minute agreed. Proposer: James McPherson, Seconder: Alison McDonald.

Matters arising

1. Crossing bollards – Battlefield Road

The point was raised that no work had been done on this since the site visit a few months ago, despite assurances it would be done by the end of the financial year. Councillor Graham said that as far as he knew the money had definitely been allocated to complete the work and the job was on the 'to-do' list

2. Area Committee Grants

Evelyn has been in email correspondence with the Development Officers in the park to confirm quotes for plants etc. She is now waiting to hear back on the procedure for ordering plants etc.

3. Bluebell Wood

Due to the nature of the project, it cannot be completed in 3 months to the end of the financial year, however a formal letter has been sent to the council stating that the project should take 9-12 months.

More recently, the council officers had advised Bob that 6,000 'whip' saplings which urgently needed planting were surplus. The opportunity had been taken to plant c1,000 of these in areas 1 & 2 of the plans with the help for local schools.

Kenny Beattie was invited to raise his concerns regarding these saplings. He had heard about the planting through the Shawlands Academy Newsletter. He informed the meeting that in addition to himself, there were 10 other residents unhappy with the planting taking place so soon after the award of the grant and its density preventing mowing. Concerns included:

- a) The failure to post public notices of the planting e.g. for residents, dog walkers etc.
- b) The speed at which the saplings were obtained and planted (4 weeks)
- c) The council workers had cleared the path to make it safe for members of the public and was worried it would become overgrown again and a hazard for users.

Evelyn informed Kenny that over 300 households had been circulated about the project proposal and a public meeting was also held prior to submission of the grant application. A further news email about the planting had recently been sent out. The majority of those present at the meeting had been supportive but as a result of objections made to a meadow in area 3, Bob Marshall pointed out no tree planting has taken place there. Planting in areas 1&2 has simply been brought forward to take advantage of the availability of 'whip' saplings. Bob undertook to review the situation and arrange further consultation.

Councillor Graham mentioned that Councillor Dornan had followed up a request from a resident at no. 51 Camphill Avenue to clear the paths & trees and that this would now be monitored.

4. Planning Application – 39 Sinclair Drive

Bob informed the meeting that this application is to be revised again to incorporate the flue being moved to the back of the building.

Community Police Report

PC Abbott informed the meeting that as part of the Bikes Action Plan, 2 individuals had been arrested in the last month in relation to this. He also appealed for members to contact him if they knew of anyone who may be interested in making donations to support the purchase of bikes for the force as there are now 1100 officers on street patrol in Glasgow.

As part of the Public Reassurance Strategy, the first port of call is Tantallon Road/Deanston Drive to improve the lighting & parking issues.

Alison McDonald raised her concerns about double parking in Sinclair Drive, in particular vans & cars which make it even more difficult for the buses to get up and down the street.

Councillor Graham's Report

1. Planning Application – 87 Millbrae Road

Councillor Graham said there had been lots of objections to this application from residents. The Chair reported that a letter of objection had been submitted by the Community Council.

2. Toryglen Regional Football Centre

Councillor Graham encouraged individuals to go along if they could – James McPherson is attending the official opening on behalf of the Community Council.

3. Complaints re: Hampden Park

Councillor Graham informed the meeting that he had received a number of complaints regarding policing at, in particular, the international games at Hampden Park. Many members confirmed these concerns, even as far away from the stadium as Sinclair Drive.

4. Fly Tipping

Jan McGhie raised her concerns of individuals flouting the 'No Fly Tipping' signs in Camphill Avenue, dumping their rubbish opposite the signs. Jan praised the Council for their quick response at moving the rubbish, but it was becoming a routine on a Friday morning to have to inform them that someone had dumped more items in the street. Councillor Graham said he would look into this, but that it was important to look out for individuals leaving things so they can identify people and take action.

Reports on activities, communications and consultations

1. Langside Area Committee Funding

James McPherson attending the meeting on 17th March and reported back on a number of applications for funding which were approved. In particular, a grant was awarded to assist with the costs of 5 large litter bins within the Shawlands area. There was also a presentation of the Carriageway and Footpath Review Programme for 2009/10.

2. Planning Application – 1133 Pollokshaws Road

Bob Marshall brought this to the attention of the meeting due to a change in opening hours (open until 12am Mon-Thurs and until 2am Fri-Sun). It was agreed that it was unlikely an objection would be heard.

3. Correspondence etc.

Jan McGhie informed the meeting of relevant correspondence including any upcoming meetings/conferences for members to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Alison McDonald reported that as of 27th February there was £1,281.65 in the accounts. The next statement is due to arrive around 12th April. Alison also informed the meeting that she has an application form to open another account solely for the money granted for the Queens Park Performance Space.

Queens Park Performance Space

Evelyn reported that the first meeting took place last week and all four Community Councils are strongly in support of the project. A brief will be drawn up (with some help from the Council) and background information on possible funding sources has been received e.g. Parks for People (Big Lottery Fund). A site meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

AOCB

Bob Marshall had copies available of the new Queens Park Heritage trail – it is also available online.

A discussion took place regarding the proposals by the Scottish Government dealing with HMO's. Evelyn will write to SUSCOMS in support of their campaign.

Rosalyn agreed to create an advert for a minute taker at the meetings.

Date & time of next meeting

Monday, 11th May 2009 at 7.30pm. Evelyn sends apologies for this meeting.