

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2009

Present: Evelyn Silber (Chair), Jan McGhie, Alison McDonald, John Moffat, James McPherson, Bob Marshall, Rosie Davies (minutes)

Ex-Officio: PC Graham Love

Guests: Jim Knox (Land and Environmental Services)

In attendance: Ross Wallace

Apologies: Rosalyn Barclay, Andy Russell

(1) Minutes of meeting 1 June 2009:

Approved, with the following amendments:

- It was noted that Alison had suggested that if there was a single candidate for the minutes post, they should be interviewed before the monthly meeting to assess their skills. There were then two more candidates for the post, so this was unrealistic. Evelyn asked Rosalyn and Alison to interview the candidates with her; Rosalyn was able to do so. Two interviews took place (one no-show) Rosie Davies was appointed and was welcomed to the meeting.
- £50 will be donated to the Moira Jones memorial fund.
- On p3, Camphill Road should be changed to Camphill Avenue.

Proposed: James McPherson

Seconded: John Moffat

(2) Matters arising

Area Committee Grants: Bob has been in touch with the Monitoring Officer with regards to the Bluebell Wood planting project. It has been agreed that the grant can be extended to March next year. If there was to be any planting, it could not happen until much later in the year anyway.

With regards to the Langside Place planter troughs, Tom Ross is to get back to Evelyn this week with more information. Bob has also been given another contact. Staff sickness and the internal restructuring of the LES have been noted as the primary cause for miscommunication.

Alison noted that there is an issue concerning paying of auditors. It is unsure whether they should be paid directly, or if this is covered within the overall amount of the grant quoted by Evelyn to Jim Paterson. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

29 Mansionhouse Road: The council has written giving notice that they propose to do repairs and charge the owners. It has to go to tender which will mean further delays. The Area Committee officers have suggested that we contact Community Safety if we are concerned. Mr Love has agreed to keep an eye on this issue.

Drainage on Camphill Avenue/Mansionhouse Road: Mr Knox has confirmed that in response to the drainage issue, the gullies have been checked and cleaned with the help of a parking suspension order. The biggest problem here is car parking, but due to a new initiative, the council can now take out traffic orders for as long as the job takes. The gullies in areas where car parking is an issue will be cleaned at least once a year.

Mr Knox also noted other areas with drainage problems (Sinclair Drive) and a complaint from a local resident about the road surface of Lochleven Road. Work will start on Sinclair Drive in early August, and Mr Knox will investigate the other areas.

(3) Community Police Report

An EPIC action plan has been launched within the Langside ward. Police will work with agencies such as Land Services and Glasgow Community Safety Services to improve a small area of Langside which has higher minor crime rates, taking in Tantallon Road and Deanston Drive, focusing on reducing fly-tipping, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. There will be extra officers in this area, meetings with pub owners, and they will encourage volunteers from the community and schools to help. When this project ends in November, they will continue these action plans in other areas.

Another problem is **bikes getting stolen from closes**. Police are suggesting that, if they be left in the close, people should take a part off their bike, or invest in a D-lock. They should also take a photograph of their bike and note its serial number.

Action point: Advice to be added to LBCCC website by Jan.

(4) Battlefield Community Street Party

The event will take place on 19 July between 12-5 on Lochleven Lane. It has gained a hugely positive response from local residents and businesses, who have contributed prizes and services. They are looking for gardeners or allotment holders to sell plants. Bob has agreed to distribute Langside Heritage Trail leaflets, and will contact John to pick these up.

(5) Secretary's Report

Jan has the dates of the next meetings of the **South East Area Health Forums/South East Glasgow Community Health and Care Partnership**. If anyone is interested, they are available online or by emailing Jan. A draft of the South East Glasgow Health Improvement plan is also available from Jan. Comments should be registered by 31 July.

(6) Chair's Report

Planning applications:

87 Milbrae Road: The application was refused because of the proposed change of use, which failed to fulfil the City Plan requirements.

39 Sinclair Drive: This site has been approved to be converted in to a restaurant. The following issues have been taken into account: an ozonizer will take away any fumes, the roof will be in keeping with the surrounding buildings, there will be restrictions to noise levels and the rubbish will be dealt with properly.

15 Milbrae Road: Bob has written on behalf of the community council opposing the alteration to windows to form doors in this B listed property, amongst other objections.

386 Tantallon Road: An application has been submitted for the erection of a four storey flat building. People living in the neighbouring flats are saying that this will block their view. Bob suggested that we should raise this issue, and also suggested setting the flats further from the river in order to leave space for the potential continuation of the walkway. This was agreed.

Evelyn received an email from John Swinney's office to confirm that The Scottish Executive's Community Council Code of Conduct is now available across Scotland.

(7) Treasurer's Report

The balance for:

The administrative grant - £1,269.33

The grant for the planters - £1,649

Bluebell Woods - £7,940

The closing balance is £10,858.33.

In the second account, £15,000 has been allocated by the Scottish Executive for the Queens Park project.

(8) Queens Park Performance Space:

Evelyn and the organisers of the Southside Festival are meeting with Steve Brown to discuss ways of getting the community involved and building new partnerships.

They are also waiting on analysis from the questionnaires completed at the festival.

(9) AOB

Bob confirmed that **Go Ape will not go ahead**. In view of the sustained opposition expressed by LBCCC those present expressed their satisfaction with this announcement.

Bob also raised the suggestion that the community council create a **poster/leaflet** which will be available in libraries etc, in order to raise people's awareness of the council in the area. He noticed that the Mount Florida community council had a leaflet in the libraries there. Jan is planning to update and improve the website this summer, and has asked that any suggestions be emailed to her as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting: 7 September 2009 at 7.30.