

LANGSIDE, BATTLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 7 December 2009

Present: Evelyn Silber (chair), Jan McGhie, Alison McDonald, Rosalyn Barclay, John Moffat, James MacPherson, Bob Marshall, Rosie Davies, Sophia Tierney, Alex Meikle.

Vistors: Susan Flockhart, Alastair Brown, Councillor Graham.

- (1) No apologies.
- (2) Minutes of meeting 2 November 2009 agreed.
- (3) Matters Arising:

Planter troughs: The supplement application for £178.35 has been successful.

Community council police reports: Jan requested a police presence at this meeting. She was told that two police officers would attend the meeting if the agenda and last month's minutes were forwarded. This was done but no police have attended. It was noted that they are now aware of the correct meeting time. Jan will follow this up.

In response to Sophia's query, the statistics on the website are out of date and only calculated yearly. The police had agreed to provide reports on emerging crime trends in the area, but the CC have not yet received anything. Jan will follow this up.

8-10 Sinclair Drive: Alex has been informed by Sarah Shaw (Planning department) that this application cannot move forward until a report has been submitted on certain issues. If this takes too long the developers will have to resubmit their application.

Bluebell Woods consultative meeting: Plans were revised to add lamps on the main path. The lighting budget is now £6,300 (after tax), comprising the existing £5000 and an extra £2000 funding from the city council. The revised plans and authority to progress were agreed by the CC following a vote.

There have been several complaints regarding a memorial bench which a local resident has been erected in this area following a request from a local resident. This is an issue between the residents and the council and is nothing to do with Bluebell Woods project and had not been an issue on which the Community Council was ever consulted. Jan will inform the police of the disturbance caused by young people around the area on the 27 -28 November.

(4) Community Police Report: No police report this month.

(5) Councillor's Report:

Flood prevention scheme: This is progressing well. Trees which have been removed will be replaced when the scheme is completed.

Council budget cuts: From April 1st the council budget will be cut by £61 million, leading to cuts in public services. It is not known whether this will affect community councils' budgets yet; the CC will be kept informed.

Bin clearance: The council are dealing with strikes at the Polmadie depot due to enforcement of the "Four on, four off" working system. Private contractors have been brought in to clear some of the backlog. There is no indication yet as to when this will end. The plans for glass recycling bins have been put on hold while this problem lasts.

Two complaints were noted: Rosalyn commented on the lack of training of some workers due to the new scheme, and Alex noted the bins on Overdale Street as a particular problem area.

Two suggestions to aid the problem were made: residents taking rubbish to Polmadie depot themselves to prevent bin areas from smelling (Bob); making use of existing recycling facilities (Evelyn).

Report from Alastair Brown (Depute Traffic Manager for Glasgow):

Traffic wardens: Wardens currently concentrate around main roads such as Battlefield Road.

Bob noted Camphill Avenue as a problem area and requested that wardens increase frequency of visits.

Pedestrian access to Queen's Park: Pelican and zebra crossings are still very expensive. Mr Brown will discuss making the roundabout a priority with the Safety Officer. Traffic islands with higher kerbs seem to be working well.

'Smiley face' cameras on Langside Avenue: This was meant to be installed on Friday 4th Dec, but was not done. Mr Brown will press this issue.

Parking on corners: The following areas were noted as particular problem spots: Battlefield Road; the corner of Ledard Road and Sinclair Drive; Millbrae Road and Caithkin Road. Mr Brown is currently updating a leaflet to put on cars which are parking dangerously and will inform the CC when this is finished. Bob has been doing this himself and found it to be effective.

Millbrae Road speeding and parking: Traffic is speeding up between points such as zebra crossings. Councillor Graham noted that police checks have confirmed that cars are rarely breaking the speed limit, but agreed that as this is a residential area this is decreasing the quality of living. Mr Brown will inquire about the possibility of rotating the smiley face cameras to use in this area.

Mr Brown will report back to the CC on these matters.

(6) Reports and communications:

Draft minutes from the Health Forum Glasgow meeting and the South East Community Planning Partnership event are available to view; please ask Jan.

Food Action South East are offering free courses for food hygiene certificates; ask Jan for a form by Fri 12th Dec.

Report from Langside Area Committee: James reported that applications were awarded for Bluebell woods planters (£178.35) and to Gateway Residents' Association for a commemorative fence (£5000).

There is still a substantial amount of money in the Area Grant Committee account. CC members should contact June Bell (j.bell@glasgow.gov.uk / 0141 287 5297) with any reasonable applications by the first week in January. The CC will alert Battlefield Residents' Association to this.

(7) Treasurer's Report:

LBCCC account: £10,448.68
Planters grant: £1,649
Bluebell Woods grant: £7,940
Admin grant: £859.01

Queen's Park Bandstand account: £13,842.52

(8) Planning and Publicity: No significant applications.

(9) Queen's Park Performance Space:

Presentations have been made to local Area Committees and at the Association of Scottish Community Councils Conference at Holyrood. Work is being done towards setting up a constitution so that the project would become a company limited by guarantee, and planned to register for charitable status. Interim bids for immediate improvements, in order to make the bandstand usable by summer 2010, are now looking unlikely.

(10) A.O.B:

If anyone knows any groups of children who would be interest in a tour of the Langside Heritage Trail, contact Bob who reported he had recently undertaken a heritage walk with Langside Primary.

Bob noted that the CC should get in touch with other CCs regarding the Community Engagement Officers users group for Queen's Park, which is set up but not led by the council, and generate ideas on how to keep this going. It was noted that this should not interlink with the Queen's Park Project.

The next meeting is on 11th January 2009 at 7.30pm.