

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2024, Fred Paton Centre, Carrington Street, 7.30pm

Present: Ruth Gillett, Tom Johnstone, Stewart Leighton

In attendance: Cllr Andrew, Bailie Hoy, Caroline Pearson, Marion Robertson, Dan Lyons

Apologies: Rosanne Davidson, Derek Manson-Smith, Gerry Doyle, Sheila Gilchrist, Colin Ewen, Patricia Panther, Angelica Wilson (GU SRC), Cllr Wardrop

This meeting should also have been our AGM but as it was inquorate it was decided to postpone the AGM until the November meeting unless otherwise instructed by the City Council.

Ordinary October meeting:

1. Attendance and apologies

as above.

2. Police report

noted - nothing discussed.

3. Draft minutes of June and of September meetings

approval postponed until next quorate meeting.

4. Matters arising

nothing discussed.

5. Fireworks Control Zones

Application was unsuccessful - no valid grounds for appeal.

Few responses to the consultation and low responses from the Police.

Council hadn't allowed enough notice to consider appeals so even if an appeal had been successful, it wouldn't have had any effect till next year. So a complete waste of time taking part. A citywide consultation is taking place (ends 26 October). Tom will complete that using the same reasons as before plus the concerns about the Millennium Park.

6: Report on meeting with Kaukab Stewart MSP

She will approach Bob Doris re glyphosate concerns.

She will speak to Graham Simpson who was the only MSP who responded when Tom tried to get a piece of planning legislation amended so that it worked properly.

The report will be discussed more fully at the November meeting when we have a summary available

Stewart then spoke about HMOs, planning and licensing legislation. He will put his ideas in writing for the next Area Partnership sub group meeting which may not be until early 2025.

Tom tried to explain the background for people who may not have been aware of the HMO situation.

7. Kelvinbridge Mural

We need a minuted decision by a quorate meeting before Tom can apply for Area Budget money. We would want to raise £2,500 then WoSHA would match fund £2,500. Stewart suggested other sources of funding. Bailie Hoy had spoken to Martin Neil in case there would be any funding available from the 850 celebrations fund.

Stewart had attended WoSHA's AGM and the conversation strayed from the Kelvinbridge Mural, to the Albany Centre and on to the subject of PBSAs (student accommodation) in the old STUC building in Woodlands Road and on St George's Road.

The Strategic Development Framework (SDF) was introduced in 2021. Doesn't seem to have been any consultation so people are in good faith lodging planning objections, unaware that they won't be considered valid. In particular, the PBSA at 163 St. George's Road, which would otherwise have been required to provide 40% mainstream housing, is exempt simply because the SDF extended the 'city centre' to run behind the St. George's Road buildings.

8. Trinity College Tower

Cllr Andrew had been told that the project is well advanced and will be completed soon

9. Councillors' reports

Cllr Andrew:

By elections coming up

Open Spaces consultation ongoing - some problems with the content of the online consultation, likely it will be improved and extended as a result.

City Development Plan. Last one was 2017 and next one for 2027.

Shortage of planning officers exacerbates problems

Glasgow has Strategic Investment Plan - it means that more than 55% of houses built in a Glasgow are for social rent, so Glasgow do not have to have 40% SG10 housing needs.

More discussion - *e.g.*: that Living Rent are campaigning about it.

Bailie Hoy:

Issues in Willowbank Lane - fly-tipping etc.

Action plan in place following meetings with WoSHA and other factors.

Gibson Street Gala - meeting on Monday 28th October at 5pm at St Silas hall. More people are needed to help organise it.

10. Kelvingrove Park

Discussion re lights in the main path. Are they too bright?

Fencing around the fountain - Cllrs will make enquiries.

Cllr Andrew will again try to find out what is happening to the Eldon Street café which has been closed for some time.

11. Dropped kerbs - no progress.

12. Park Circus Lane

Failure to abide by a condition of the consent which required the laying out of an area of amenity ground at the eastern end of the Park Quadrant development.

Mews property construction at Park Quadrant/Park Circus Lane has been taking place outwith normal working hours, leading to complaints about noise.

A member of the public had contacted the CC regarding the collapsed hole in the pavement. Though we are sympathetic, it seems the only course of action would probably be for the residents to go to court with Scottish Water. 'The Council have little control over Scottish Water'.

13. Cleansing

Marion Robertson raised issues of drains clogged up, possible effect on sewers, fly-tipping *etc.* Has anything been done to prepare our drains to cope with the rise in rainfall?

Discussion around this.

Stewart suggested rainfall and global warming as possible factors in the collapse a few years ago of a cornice on the front of Baliol Street property and the flooding of the banks of the river Kelvin in the 1990s.

Cleaning of gulleys mentioned, but they must be cleared properly rather than the weeds killed with use of glyphosates, which wouldn't remove the blockage and would harm the environment.

Cllrs will continue to report blocked drains.

Dan Lyons is concerned about littering in the area. He has been doing litter picking himself. Had contacted Kaukab Stewart MSP who had directed him to the CC. WoSHA does litter picks, as does the Community Trust.

Discussion re solutions to the problem, *i.e.*: education, bins *etc.*

Stewart raised the parking controversy but there was no time to discuss at this meeting.

14. Correspondence and Licensing

Nothing to discuss regarding licensing

Road works at Charing Cross - Cllrs will try to find out what the projected timescale is.

'Waterproofing the bit that goes over the motorway' and 'active travel structure going on at the same time'

Citywide firework control consultation and Gibson Street Gala meeting at St. Silas Hall - both already mentioned earlier.

The Park Quadrant amenity space enforcement complaint will have to wait till endorsed by a quorate meeting.

15. Finance

Invoice for £40 received for September hall hire

16. AOCB

Glasgow Wrap - our meetings information has been sent to them.

Next meeting will be 13 November which will also be our adjourned AGM

Apologies in advance from Cllr Andrew