

# Woodlands and Park Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 11 September 2024, Fred Paton Centre, Carrington Street, 7.30pm

**Present:** Ruth Gillett (Chair), Tom Johnstone (Secretary), Stewart Leighton

**In attendance:** Cllr Ken Andrew, Bailie Seonad Hoy, Alan Campbell, Gary Fanning (The Splash)

**1. Apologies:** Derek Manson-Smith, Bailie Martha Wardrop, Gerry Doyle, Angelica Wilson (GU SRC), Colin Ewen

**2. Police Report:** No Police present and no report

**3. Minutes of last meeting on 12 June:**

Corrections:

Under item 'Kelvinbridge Mural' Stewart asked that 'Strathclyde Transport Executive' be amended to 'Strathclyde Partnership for Transport'

Tom asked that at item 14 'in' be changed to 'or' in 'certificate of lawful use ...' (or replace with acronym CLUD).

Also Brian Gannon did not commit £2,500 to the mural project, he offered to match fund if we manage to raise an initial £2,500

The meeting was not quorate so minutes will have to be proposed and seconded at next meeting.

**4. Matters arising:** nothing not on agenda

**5. Firework control zone**

Our application was not approved. Tom clarified that he had included the whole CC area but had emphasised Kelvingrove Park. The meeting agreed that Millennium Park is also a problem area for fireworks. Bailie Hoy had supported our application.

Tom will ask for a statement of reasons before we decide whether or not to appeal.

Comment: the initial application and the questionnaire were poorly designed and likely to discourage people from completing them.

**6. Report of meeting with Kaukab Stewart MSP**

Tom and Ruth spoke with her about HMOs, and planning and licensing legislation affecting this. Also the problem of glyphosate use in the park, specifically in areas used by children and pets but more broadly its effect on wildlife and biodiversity.

We don't have a note of the meeting yet from Ailish but Cllr Andrew will contact her to try and get that.

Chair asked Alan Campbell what he had wanted to raise with us. He asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Albany Centre. The FOR SALE sign has been removed which suggests a buyer has been found. Discussion and speculation.

Bailie Hoy will try to find out what is happening.

Stewart will be attending WoSHA AGM and will speak to Brian Gannon.

Stewart then talked about the STUC building in Woodlands Rd and one in St George's Rd. His concern was that the Albany might be left lying empty for a long period of time like those other properties.

It was agreed that the first step is to find out who has bought the Albany and proceed from there.

## **7. Kelvinbridge mural**

Worth applying to Area Partnership and considering using funds from the build up of our own admin grant. Then taking WoSHA up on the offer of match funding.

Bailie Hoy will ask Martin Neill if there is any money in any budget for the City's 850<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **8. Trinity College Tower**

The scaffolding is now down and a small celebration is being planned. The building was to be open for Doors Open weekend

## **9. Councillors' reports**

Issues with bins at Park Gardens. Occupants had been asked to use Gull Bags to discourage fly tipping around bins. Taylor bins had been set on fire.

There is the potential for installing bin hubs in keeping with the conservation area.

A senior official lettered everyone in the street but the problem is not resolved yet.

Stewart raised issues with bins in other areas in Woodlands.

Bailie Hoy had been contacted about difficulties in Willowbank Lane - fly tipping and access problems for binmen.

There has been one meeting already and there will be a follow up with WoSHA present to try to find long term solutions.

Gibson Street Gala - Eric Kay is looking for volunteers to help him plan for its return next year.

Westfest are intending to get involved.

Cllr Andrew reported on Park Quad, that Ambassador are not yet off site, various works have not been completed and equipment is still lying around. He will pursue them to complete everything and to tidy up.

There is a collapsed hole in the pavement at Lynedoch Place. The Council say it is the responsibility of the property owners. Residents say Scottish Water caused it with heavy machinery. Discussion. Stewart suggested they could ask Scottish Water to fix it as a goodwill gesture even if they don't accept liability

## **10. Kelvingrove Park**

Discussion re the fountain. Bailie Hoy will chase up the removal of foliage from the stonework. Glyphosate use mentioned again. Chair commented that Bradford and other areas in the UK are having similar issues with their Councils. The problem must be resolved to prevent damage to children, pets and wildlife.

Tom suggested it would be helpful for dog owners if a wire mesh were to be fitted around the fenced area which used to be a putting green off Kelvin Way and is now used by dog owners for training puppies and traumatised rescue dogs. This would mean that nervous dogs could be allowed to run around off the lead more safely and would decrease the risk of them getting lost.

## **11. Dropped kerbs**

Discussion concerning how much that had been agreed has not yet been completed.

Stewart raised again the idea of 'nibs' at corners where kerbs were dropped, to prevent people parking across them, rendering them useless

Cllr Andrew will follow that up. Bailie Hoy reported that road markings should be completed by end September and parking attendants WILL give fixed penalty notices to anyone parking at a dropped kerb.

TRO system to be brought in before parking zones.

## **12. Park Circus Lane**

Nothing has changed. Cllr Andrew will put pressure on Ambassador.

### **13. Cleansing**

Covered earlier in the meeting

### **14. Correspondence & Licensing**

Tom briefly commented on a number of the items highlighted.

Short term let policy seems to be working well though Cllr Andrew said they can still operate without planning if they have put in a planning appeal.

Oddbins - provisional premises licence. They must have planning permission already. CC not objecting.

Lynedoch Place gym - planning impact report. Suspending the investigation. Making an official enquiry of owner to provide information, could be taken to Court if they don't or provide false information.

Add Alan Campbell to mailing list.

Noticeboard will be in use soon.

### **15. Finance**

Gerry had refunded Tom £160 for four lets of the building

### **16. Nothing under AOCB**

### **17. Planning**

163 St George's Rd. Ken and Tom discussed strategic housing plan.

Boundary of 'City Centre' no longer M8! Strategic Development Framework extends it into Woodlands to the rear of properties in St George's Rd., completely undermining our argument that the PBSA should have included 40% mainstream housing.

City Centre Strategic Development framework - only for the purposes of development. Discussion expressing disquiet - Cllr Andrew will explore and report back

Stewart asked if the altered boundary continued down to the river.

### **18. Date of next meeting**

9 October, which is also our AGM