

# Woodlands and Park Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 12 February 2025, Meeting held at Fiona's flat as Fred Paton Centre locked, 7.30pm

### **Present:**

**Members:** Tom Johnstone, Stewart Leighton, Rosanne Davidson, Ruth Gillett

**In attendance:** Fiona Macneil, Cllr Ken Andrew, Bailie Seonad Hoy

### **1. Apologies:**

Derek Manson-Smith, Gerry Doyle, Bailie Martha Wardrop

### **2. Police report:** Police attended but had to leave, so no Police report

### **3. Draft Minutes of 11 December meeting**

Derek Manson-Smith to be added to Apologies. Proposed by Tom Johnstone and seconded by Rosanne Davidson.

### **4. Matters arising:**

'Railyard'. They are invited to our March meeting to present their proposals. Tom and Cllr Andrew explained roughly what they are suggesting.

Tom will send the download by Wetransfer (failed, direct link here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QwBPCzrvxO\\_I0SVO6IVb3SNr80T5-2t1/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QwBPCzrvxO_I0SVO6IVb3SNr80T5-2t1/view?usp=sharing))

### **5. Kelvinbridge Mural:**

Emails between Tom, Stewart and Brian Gannon of WoSHA to confirm whether Brian's earlier offer of match funding of £2,500 from WoSHA still stands.

### **6. Trinity College Tower:**

No update

### **7. Councillors' reports:**

**Cllr Andrew:** had enquired as to what is happening regarding the Eldon Street café in the old toilet building. He hasn't heard back yet but will chase it up. NB the community council would not support any attempt to expand the curtilage of the café.

Park Circus Lane. Short term let licence application. Cllr Andrew will object in a personal capacity. There is no planning permission.

**Bailie Hoy:** reported that the Gibson Street Gala will not be able to go ahead this year due to a shortage of organisers. There may be some smaller events.

Ruth agreed to let Bailie Hoy know which lights are needing replaced around the Montague Street/Barrington Drive area.

### **8. Kelvingrove Park:**

A lot of trees were brought down by the recent storm and a fallen tree has damaged the balustrade at the top level of the park. The balustrade damage is likely to be the responsibility of homeowners directly opposite.

Denise Hamilton, who is in charge of Parks services now, has said that about 1000 trees are down across the city so they are having to prioritise those that are most risk/danger.

Chair's view 'The longer trees lie, the better for the environment'.

Bailie Hoy has asked for an update on the fountain. No response yet.

Lighting was mentioned and also the proposal to cut a gap in the south hedge of the herbaceous border to allow cycle access across the path. There was some discussion, and agreement about the danger this would pose to pedestrian Park users, especially those who are elderly, or who have toddlers, or buggies, or dogs on leads, walking along what has always been a straight walk with no crossings. The discussion moved on from there to the danger of electric bikes which travel at speed in the Park.

#### **9. Dropped kerbs:**

Discussion around the length of time this has taken. Nibbing would be needed to make the dropped kerbs effective and prevent cars parking and blocking them.

Hillhead Area Partnership has been good at getting projects identified and the money spent. There is still a small amount left. Full report at next Area Partnership meeting.

Stewart talked about the St George & the Dragon statue at George's Cross and suggested there should be an event for local people to celebrate the repair. He also recommended that the statue be lit.

#### **10. Park Circus Lane:**

Nothing to report

#### **11. Cleansing:**

Bin Hubs. Unlikely to be in Hillhead Ward till 2026. Starting in Govan and other areas.

The bins in Park Road and West End Park Street were mentioned as samples of how messy on street bins can be, directly outside people's doors and windows.

#### **12. Correspondence and Licensing:**

Vast majority of HMO applications don't have planning permission. Couple of late applications not on list: 46 Carnarvon Street and 12 Willowbank Street

Cllr Andrew mentioned Home Letting Flat. Tom proposed that the Community Council should object to it, seconded by Stewart

Tom reported on HMO inspection meeting in the City Chambers on 22 January which had been arranged by Cllr Andrew.

Take away from it was the extent to which the licensing section and the inspectors seem to have a fixed line that they don't want to change anything (doesn't bode well for future consultation) also they went on about 'extensive consultation' ignoring the fact that there were serious misrepresentations in the report that went to the Licensing Committee after the last public consultation in 2018.

Stewart talked about his and Tom's submissions to that consultation and information he had got from the Council at the time.

We should all have a look at the Visitor Levy Scheme that Bailie Hoy sent round

Inderpreet Singh, Communities Officer has offered to come to our April meeting.

We must find an alternative meeting place in view of the Fred Paton Centre letting us down yet again.

Stewart asked about the sub group that had been started by Cllr Wardrop a while ago to look at HMOs and AirBnBs. There was agreement that it would be a good idea to resurrect that group.

Bailie Wardrop had given an excellent summary at the 22 January meeting convened by Cllr Andrew. She may have a copy of what she said so that people who weren't at the meeting can read it.

#### **13. Finance:** Tom has cashed cheque reimbursing him for hire of Fred Paton.

**14. Self assessment:**

Tom thinks the draft is ok to go but we should check and let him know of any changes.

**15. AOCB:** Stewart drew our attention to an article on tenements by John Gilbert in 3 February 'National'.

**16. Planning:**

45 Arlington Street. Air source heat pump. Very noisy. Retrospective planning. Noise impact assessment has not been independently peer assessed. Unsightly, so noise and appearance in conservation area.

Stewart proposed that the CC object, seconded by Ruth

**17. Date of next meeting:**

12 March, venue as yet unknown.