

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent, 7.30pm

Present: Gerry Doyle, Ruth Gillett, Stewart Leighton, Tom Johnstone

In attendance: Cllr Andrew, Bailie Hoy, Marion Robertson, Fiona MacNeil, Lorraine Mair, Zarina Shafiq, Tina Murray, Claire Findlay, Iris Sinclair

1. Apologies

Bailie Wardrop, Derek Manson-Smith, Rosanne Davidson, Angelica Wilson, Martin Rhodes MP, Alison McDougal (Kaukab Stewart MSP's Office Manager)
PC Fraser Neil (his apologies for next meeting too)

2. Lynedoch Place

Paul Cardow wasn't at the meeting. There was discussion about paving slabs.

3. Police Report

Discussion re e-bikes

Traffic issues in Carnarvon Street - heavy vehicles and fast cars using a narrow street.

Bailie Hoy intends to do a walkabout with residents and roads officers to monitor this. New signage has been installed. Concerns about e-bikes and noisy cars had been raised with the police but the Carnarvon Street issue needs to be addressed.

4. Minutes of 12 February

Proposed by Tom. Seconded by Ruth

5. Matters arising

Eldon Street café; the lease has been removed from the people who had been running it and handed over to someone else. The understanding so far is that when it re-opens, it will continue to be a coffee shop.

No further communication from Parks officials regarding walkabout re lighting etc in Kelvingrove Park. Bailie Hoy will chase that up.

6. Kelvinbridge Mural

Cllr Andrew described the opening day of the farmers market. There were problems with a noisy generator but that seems to have been a misunderstanding with NRS not realising the PTU was for three months. This should now be resolved by hooking them up to electricity.

A few complaints from residents who hadn't known about the venture. The Council had told Railyard not to leaflet Park Road as they had intended. Otherwise fairly positive feedback so far.

Stewart expressed his misgivings at how the project has moved away from our initial ideas for the area.

He would still want a feasibility study carried out but others felt that since Railyard has a 3 month PTU, we should monitor and express concerns as they arise.

Cllr Andrew pointed out that the Council has no resources at present to carry out any works that a feasibility study might recommend.

Chair suggested Stewart and others should put any concerns or approval in writing to be raised with the Council now that there is an example for people to comment on.

Railyard had offered to pay the costs of renewing the mural. Some potential issues have arisen re who should design and paint the mural.

7. Councillors' reports

Bailie Hoy had been on a walkabout with the Woodlands & Garnethill residents' association re flytipping, traffic issues.

She has been in contact with Martin Neil, neighbourhood coordinator, who is organising a week of action from 26 May.

Chair raised problem of the bases of broken bollards still causing a trip hazard at the south east corner of Queen's Crescent

Arlington Street problem of people parking on dropped kerbs. Signage needed so that wardens can take action.

Noise from air source heat pump in Arlington Street.

Bailie Hoy will follow these up.

Stewart asked about proposals Sustrans had for the area around the end of West Princes Street regarding nibbing etc. Cllr Andrew and Bailie Hoy will make enquiries.

Most of Councillor Andrew's points had already been covered but he raised the issue of the derelict tenement in Melrose Street. He will follow that up.

8. Trinity College Tower

No news

9. Kelvingrove Park

Agreed that the CC should write formally to NRS to express our concerns about their proposal to cut an opening in the southern hedge of the herbaceous border, which would create a through route for fast delivery bikes.

Bailie Hoy will try to get a date for a walkabout with NRS.

10. Park Circus Lane

Ambassador not honouring their obligation to maintain their side of the lane

11. Dropped Kerbs

Signage to prevent parking as discussed in Cllrs Reports

12. Cleansing

Issues with blue bins and lack of response from Council.

Comments welcoming that gutters in some streets have been cleared of foliage.

13. Correspondence and Licensing

Not discussed as meeting already running well over time

14. Finance

Balance in account: £7057.12 minus £160 for 4 months room hire. Can only be used for administrative purposes

15. AOCB

Discussed possibility of hiring someone to set up a hybrid (online/in person) meeting for us.

Explanation of why we can no longer co-opt people as members

Minute decision to fill vacancies.. Tom proposed. Ruth seconded

16. Planning

Discussion of proposed student accommodation in St George's Rd. It is not an application yet, just a proposal of application.

There is no record of WPCC being consulted on the City Centre Strategic Development Framework boundary taking a slice out of the Conservation Area

17. Date of next meeting

11 June