

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 10 December 2025
Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent, 7.30pm

Present: Present

Tom Johnstone, Ruth Gillett, Gerry Doyle, Rosanne Davidson, Derek Manson Smith, Stewart Leighton.

In attendance:

Eoghan Morris, Cllr Andrew, Bailie Wardrop, Bailie Hoy, Fiona Macneil, Marion Robertson, Tina Murray, Alison Ward.

1. Apologies

Scott Craig and Nicola Dickson - Police

2. Police Report

Circulated by email

3. Alison Ward, WSP

WSP employed by Transport Scotland to work on the Woodside Viaduct project at the end of Garscube Road.

Temporary construction work has been carried out by Ames Construction also employed by Transport Scotland.

The WSP project will be about what comes next. No decisions made so far but looking towards a permanent intervention.

As part of the contract there will be community benefit requirements. So Alison is here to ask for suggestions of local community groups and projects to contact.

Woodlands and Garnethill residents association will know of connected groups. Also Woodlands Development Trust, Coach House Trust, ASRA elderly people's group and lots more. Alison is happy for her email to be forwarded so she can gather a list.

Working with schools as well and Housing Associations.

Groups along the canal, some meet in Community Central Halls.

The remit is vague at the moment so they will start to work out from the viaduct.

There is a contractual requirement to provide community benefit and to employ local people.

There will be stakeholders events next year.

4. Minutes of meeting of 12 November

Remove the words 'and the Albany Centre' from item 18

And reword item 14 'consultation survey will begin in Hillhead, starting with Woodlands in April 2026 at the earliest'.

With those changes, Tom proposed the minutes as correct and Stewart seconded.

5. Matters arising

Bailie Wardrop asked if we had received an update report on the walkabout last month in the Park area. She will forward it to us. Speed limit changes suggested, corners, road markings etc

Tom raised the matter of the lights which had been out on Woodlands Road and reported that although they were fixed, they had all gone out again. Bailie Hoy has reported it again.

6. Report of site visit to Lynedoch Street/Woodlands Road

Discussed in 5 above.

7. Condition of 4 Queen's Crescent

A meeting has taken place with Council officers. Wait for Michael Logan to bring us up to date.

8. and 9. Kelvinbridge Mural/The Railyard proposals

No updates from Bronwen

Cllr Andrew is meeting with a local artist next week, then is hoping to meet with Bronwen and get back to us with any proposals from the artist.

Stewart is still wanting to go down the feasibility study route. A comprehensive approach for the whole site, including lighting, public realm etc. Reported that the 'tagging' graffiti is spreading in the area. Seek partnerships with the Uni, SPT, the Community Development Trust etc.

Cllr Andrew and others felt it was important to get some things done. Discussion on going ahead with the part of the wall behind Railyard rather than waiting for a feasibility study to be carried out. Most people agreed it was better to go ahead with the wall asap.

Cllr Andrew will keep us informed and consulted on any proposals.

10. Trinity College Tower

Lovely to see it without the scaffolding. All work seems to be finished.

11. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Andrew: bin hubs; Woodside Terrace - whole row of lights out - needs rewired. May be similar problem on Woodlands Road; success opposing an HMO in Hillhead last week but they will appeal to sheriff court.

New badly laid tactile paving on Great Western Road to be redone properly.

Bailie Hoy: cleansing; rats; Community Gardens cleanups - share dates with us. Lighting

Bailie Wardrop; Consultation on temporary exemption for short term lets during the Commonwealth games. Closing date 2 February.

Cleansing, lighting. Can request additional support if needed in Woodlands and Park. Bins at the Woodlands road end of Baliol Street are a problem. They are intended for residents use but shops use them as well. Not emptied regularly or properly and debris left. Flytippers add to the problem. Concern expressed that this will happen with the proposed new bin hubs.

Stewart referred to an infrastructure plan written two years ago, which had identified Baliol Street bins as a problem

We will remove Trinity Tower and Park Circus Lane from the next agenda and add the Cameron Fountain.

12. Kelvingrove Park

It would be useful to have feedback re issues raised at the time of the last walkabout with Councillors and Council officers.

13. Dropped kerbs

Something must be done to make it possible for wheelchairs, motorised buggies etc to move around. Bailie Wardrop will find the report from our previous walkabout and bring it to the January meeting

14. Park Circus Lane

Remains a shambles though private residents have some interesting lighting

Remove this item from next agenda

15. Cleansing

The Council should contact Humane Wildlife Solutions for advice on dealing with the rat problem without poisoning pets and predators.

16. Correspondence and Licensing

Cllr Andrew met with the Licensing solicitor and raised issues of over concentration etc. they may re open the discussion and possibly the suggested linking of planning and licensing. First chink of light in past 6 years.

Discussion re how planning could be made an effective backstop or whether it might 'drive licensing underground'. But at least it's another attempt to solve the problem.

Action can be taken against unlicensed HMOs but planning can only take action once with a small penalty.

Correspondence: John Paul McCabe re possibility of trees for Park Road.

Otago Lane hearing: permission granted for PBSA on the site.

Balanced article in Glasgow Live and Tom quoted in the Herald quoting from officer at previous hearing. 6, 7 and even 8 storeys and they shrunk the area to avoid having to provide mainstream housing.

When new draft of the City Development Plan comes out for consultation, that is when we will have to try and get Woodlands added to the exemptions from PBSAs as Yorkhill and others are at the moment.

17. Finance

Nothing to report

18. AOCB

We attended the Otago Lane hearing as the proposed development can be seen from WPC's area and therefore will impact us.

19. Planning

17 Lynedoch Street - decision not made yet so may try to put in a late comment supporting adverse comments by Historic Environment Scotland

Flat in 184 Woodlands Road. Proposed installation of vent at front of the building. CC will object.

20. Date of next meeting

14 January 2026