

# Woodlands and Park Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 14 January 2026

Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent, 7.30pm

### **Present:**

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

### **In attendance:**

Cllr Andrew, Bailie Hoy, Police, Fiona Macneil, Tina Murray, Gordon McDougall  
Scott Craig and Nicola Dickson - Police  
Robin Gillett

### **1. Apologies**

Bailie Wardrop, Martin Rhodes MP, Marion Robertson

### **2. Police Report**

Talked through the report which had been sent out prior to the meeting.

A general improvement in terms of theft and other crimes.

Discussion about looking after bikes. Bike marking sessions can be arranged and Police will supply D locks to anyone who wants one. It's important to have photos of your bike and of the serial number.

Discussion on dealing with graffiti all over the area. The more it is left the more it spreads. Needs more action. On Council property it is their responsibility but, on private property, Cllr Andrew is not hopeful that money will be found to clean anything other than offensive graffiti. Like fly tipping etc it is antisocial behaviour - an education issue, but that doesn't solve the immediate problem.

Struggle to provide statutory services. Can sometimes use community payback but that's less available these days. Could neighbourhood volunteers be provided with graffiti wipes from the cleansing budget. Cllr Andrew will enquire about this and find out about insurance requirements for neighbourhood volunteers or individuals and how the Council would publicise it.

There are 'campus cops' who communicate with students. Police can speak to school pupils but graffiti could be done by anybody.

Graffiti, litter and fly tipping bring an area down.

### **3. Minutes of 12 December meeting**

Tina asked that the concerns she had expressed following the December meeting be minuted at this meeting. She felt that not enough effort is made to bring in members of the public. WPCC have a website, an email address and a noticeboard. Her concerns were noted and we will look at other possibilities. A leaflet drop in the area was ruled out as not environmentally responsible, creating unnecessary paper waste.

Minutes were proposed by Tom and seconded by Stewart as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **4. Matters arising**

Lighting faults in Woodlands Road - MP Martin Rhodes has been helpful.

### **5. Report of site visit Lynedoch Street/Woodlands Road**

Cllr Andrew had a report with about a dozen possible interventions proposed. There may still be some money available in their structural fund for such mitigations. He will raise with NRS rep at area partnership.

Bailie Hoy reminded us that Bailie Wardrop had circulated a useful email in December. Once connecting Woodside is finished, that team will work up suggestions in response to some of the points made. Speed restrictions, corner build out, raised tables at junctions and step free crossing points.

Gordon McDougall had put together a paper before Christmas.

What is cheapest and fastest way to bring parity between Park and all the other areas like Yorkhill? Some kind of traffic calming measures though some will be more difficult or expensive to implement than others. The old Queen's College end is as important as Lynedoch Street for traffic trying to avoid the queues on Woodlands Road.

Traffic management survey of the area is required long term. Volume counters etc. Need for a more comprehensive approach to look at Park area as a whole and its interface with Woodlands Road.

Two parts to the problem

1. The issue within the Park area
2. The entrances/exits on the edge might be a more immediate and cheaper way to tackle the problem than getting involved with long term heritage solutions at this stage. Depends which attracts funding. Councillors will take it forward at area partnership.

20 mile an hour restrictions will slow all but the 'boy racers'

#### **6. 4 Queen's Crescent**

No update

#### **7. Consultation form for temporary STL licences for Commonwealth Games**

To be in by 1 February.

Draft policy circulated prior to meeting

Cllr Andrew expressed concern that private landlords might be tempted by the prospect of extra money, to evict tenants.

Then there is the effect a massive influx of extra people in short term lets would have on services in an area already over filled with HMOs. Plus the traffic engendered by the extra services.

Could be the thin end of the wedge too in that some landlords might argue that their property had operated well as an STL and should continue to do so - appeals to sheriff courts often successful.

Tom proposed we make a representation as a CC along the lines of what Cllr Andrew had rehearsed. Point made that Council consultations are difficult to complete as no editable version. Need to know what questions are before completing the survey. Tedious having to ask the department that commissioned the survey, to supply a copy of questions. It should be automatically downloadable.

#### **8. The Railyard**

Has just re-opened after the festive season so no updates yet

#### **9. Cameron Fountain**

Nothing to report

#### **10. Councillors' reports**

##### **Cllr Andrew:**

Has been contacted by a number of people who are opposed to the roll out of bin hubs.

Their concerns will have to be weighed up against efficiency and also safety for refuse operatives.

There must be proper consultation about the whole issue (including locations) before anything is done, as there will be local knowledge of where they should be placed. They must be regularly emptied, cleaned and cleared of graffiti.

The point was made that fly tipping may go up around the hubs. Is there a plan to deal with it?

Some people are demanding that parking be restricted to residents only. Will report back when further information is available.

**Bailie Hoy:**

Followed up on the Millennium Park pest control issue. Letters to residents not to feed pigeons there. Poison boxes had not cleared the rats. Humane Solutions were again suggested. Cllr Hoy will find out if they are registered with the Council.

She has not heard back yet re the park walkabout report.

Possibly arrange another dropped kerbs walkabout in Woodlands. Officers to suggest dates.

**11. Kelvingrove Park**

The missing railings at the 'puppy park' have been replaced but not yet painted.

Stewart will resend his email with his own suggestions for the park.

**12. Dropped kerbs**

Stewart will also resend his email re Woodlands dropped kerbs

**13. Trees for Park Road**

Tom will email local resident for more info. How much support his idea has locally etc. Bailie Hoy will find out about 'Trees for Streets' who are in partnership with GCC and will send the link to Tom. There has to be a local contribution and commitment to maintain by watering etc.

**14. Cleansing**

Fiona reported that the large bins on Park Road and rubbish around them needs to be cleaned up.

Bailie Hoy will report it.

**15. Correspondence and Licensing**

HMOs are completely ignoring whether planning permission required

Question about if there are any pointers from the Lilybank Gardens case, that might be useful when we write objections to the St. George's Rd application when it is eventually lodged. Bailie Hoy will circulate link to the video of the Lilybank decision so we can hear the arguments, even though permission was granted for that one.

A shift in thinking is needed - a student housing strategy and a transport strategy rather than just going along with the University's demands. Guidance on student accommodation talks about the need for balanced communities - it's worth making sure it is in the next City Development Plan but in the end the committee has the power.

Tom had sent out a list of all correspondence. No one wanted to discuss any of it urgently and in any case there was no time left.

**16. Finance**

Approved £240 for 6 months room hire. January - June

**17. AOCB**

No time

**18. Planning**

Nothing of note

**19. Date of next meeting**

11 February