

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 11th February 2026

7.30pm at Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent

Present:

Tom Johnstone, Gerry Doyle, Ruth Gillett, Rosanne Davidson, Stewart Leighton, Cllr Andrew, Bailie Wardrop

In attendance,

Marion Robertson, Tina Murray, Kirsty Maslen, Rob Maslen, Douglas Aitkenhead, Dominic McIver, Catherine McLean, Heather Hemming and Robin Gillett

1. Apologies:

Martin Rhodes MP, Gordon McDougall, Derek Manson Smith, Fiona Macneil, Colin Ewen, Bailie Hoy

2. Police Report

Police not in attendance. Report was circulated by email prior to the meeting

3. Minutes of January 14th

Proposed by Tom and seconded by Ruth

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Street lighting - some are back on but others still out on the North side of Woodlands Road..Some out in Woodlands Drive, Kirsty will report them using the app. Bailie Wardrop will do a walk around to identify others.

5. Following the walkabout in October around Lynedoch Street/Woodlands Road, there was a site visit to West Princes Street last week to assess the condition of the pavements. Cllr Andrew attended and will continue to press for upgrading of streets and footpaths if money is not available from the 'Connecting Woodside' project - it was agreed that the condition of West Princes Street roads and footpaths is very poor with very few dropped kerbs. Tarmac treatment most likely.

Plan for 'Quiet Way' - Cllr Andrew can scan plans from document and circulate them

The Lynedoch Street walk in October identified some streets where safe crossings are needed, perhaps even small islands to improve safety. Limited resources but see what can be done within the restraints.

Very dangerous area around junction of Lynedoch Street and Woodlands Road. Safety measures must be taken urgently. There was a crash on August 16th which was attended by police. Anyone with photos, or police reference number/report should send them to Cllr Andrew and Bailie Wardrop to aid their attempt to have the junction made safer.

Stewart suggested a comprehensive survey of the whole area to deal with traffic calming etc. A good idea long term but action needs to be taken on safety measures now. Problem is aggravated by no access to the M8 from Great Western Road at the moment

Lowered kerbs, bin hubs, parking and nibbed corners are all linked in terms of traffic calming.

Stewart asked that Sustrans and someone from NRS Cleansing be invited to discuss these issues with us.

Cllr Andrew clarified that the bin hub consultation in April will be about where the hubs should be sited. It has already been decided that bin hubs will be on the street and no longer in back courts.

Letters will be posted through doors inviting people to participate in consultation re positioning of the hubs. Aim is to start at East Woodlands and spread throughout the west end.

Concerns expressed re unsightly bin hubs in a Conservation area. Has an impact assessment been carried out? Cllr Andrew will try to get hold of that for the CC.

They will inevitably attract flytipping. What action will the Council take to deal with that? The hubs on the street, 50 metres apart will be more difficult for many elderly or disabled people to reach and many will be unable to feed their bags etc through small openings at the top of the bin hubs.

There are rats around the small park garden at Lynedoch Crescent, making it unsafe for children to play there. The bin hubs are designed to be vermin proof so ideally should not encourage rats if used correctly.

Many factored flats keep back courts clean but this does not apply to all in the Woodlands area. Unless the Council maintains and cleans the bin hubs on the streets regularly, there will be a build-up of fly tipping and general waste outside the bins encouraging rats out on the streets. Especially in an area that has so much student accommodation.

6. 4 Queen's Crescent

Bailie Wardrop will find out if there are any updates

7. Railyard

Stewart spoke about the idea of a community garden area and the suggestion that Railyard might help clean some of the graffiti off the walls. It was agreed that we should invite them back to bring us up to date.

8. Cameron Fountain

Bailie Wardrop will contact Glasgow Life for an update.

9. Councillors' reports

Baillie Wardrop informed us of flooding issues in Park Road - important to keep gulleys cleaned.

A trip hazard at Napiershall Street/Great Western Road where refurbishment has been carried out - a metal cover had sunk into a hole.

We should have a wider discussion about the 'Trees for Streets' initiative. Find out more about it and maybe also speak to West of Scotland Housing Association. A member of the public had asked if trees could be planted in Park Road.

The purpose built student accommodation in the former STUC building on Park Road/Woodlands Road has trees included in the plans (Nth West boundary).

Connecting Woodside is putting in on-street rain gardens with a tree in each as a way to manage flooding. Might help flooding in Park Road.

Large bins are to be moved from directly outside Sonny&Vito's as they're too near customers eating at outside tables. Will be moved across to other side of West Princes Street.

Cllr Andrew also mentioned flooding outside St Silas Church. Cleaning of gulleys is in programme of works but lack of enough machinery holding that up.

Railyard is now allowed access to mains electric so will be able to get rid of the noise and smell of the generator

Issue with lights out at Woodside Crescent - tree works have been carried out and lights can now be repaired.

Chair raised the issue of parking fines received by nurses and carers when visits overrun. The possibility of an exemption scheme, similar to the blue badge system, was suggested. It was noted that asking residents to apply for a blue badge and lend it to visiting carers is impractical, due to the additional trips between the car and the property this would require, placing an unreasonable burden on carers and nurses who are already working within very tight time slots.

Discussion about parking vouchers for visitors to the area - quite expensive.

10. Kelvingrove Park

Meeting in Lawn Bowls & Tennis Pavilion. Tuesday 24th re events in the park.

Cllr Andrew mentioned re last year's walk around the park, that the Area Partnership has approved funding for some of the suggested improvements - signage, some in Gaelic; some poetry etc. it has been agreed not to cut a gap in the south hedge of the herbaceous border.

11. Dropped kerbs

Already covered

12. Trees for Park Road

Mentioned earlier, in Councillors' reports

13. Cleansing

Problems in Dunearn Lane

FlyTipping going on for months. Cleared now but will happen again.

Thanks to all the Councillors for helping to get it cleared this time but how to prevent it building up. It should not be the responsibility of residents to have to pull bulk refuse up to the end of the lane before reporting as FlyTipping. They didn't cause the mess.

Keep contacting the Councillors about these problems if no help from Cleansing.

Street cleaners will not remove FlyTipping from 'private' lanes.

Bin men who used to take bins from back courts will be unemployed. It took 5 to service a bin lorry, and only 2 to service bin hubs.

Cllr Andrew: There will be no redundancies, just 'natural wastage'

No longer allowed to use toxic herbicides but gulley cleaning will continue.

Landlords must remove items they have left in private lanes. More notices and letters will be sent out.

The wire truck would pick up from street. No longer a £30 charge - now £5 per bulk item.

14. Correspondence and licensing

A couple more HMOs without planning permission

Madeleine Sinclair from the University of Aberdeen will attend next meeting to talk about reducing meat intake.

Permissions for events in Kelvingrove Park and on Kelvin way

Strathclyde University: to what extent do people suffer if it is too hot?

15. Finance

2 invoices for setting up and facilitating hybrid meetings - 2x£50. Tom will pay those digitally and get a cheque from Gerry.

16. AOCB

Bailie Wardrop mentioned Tenement retrofit. She will send a report on it to Tom to circulate.

17. Planning

Trees on Nth West border of former STUC building

Replacement windows at 15 Woodlands Terrace. On database, can look at it in the portal but no documents in tab. Agreed that the absence of documents should be pointed out.

Question about refurb of building at 10 Lynedoch Terrace. Retrospective planning application. Installation of balconies.

Tom has already lodged an objection. Historic Scotland also concerned.

18. Date of next meeting: March 11th 2026