

Woodlands and Park Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2026

Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent, 7.30pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Two WPCs, Helen Moran, Iris Sinclair, Georgina Hockaday, Douglas Aitkenhead, Claire Findlay, Fiona Macneil, Marion Robertson, Tina Murray, Lynne Kennedy, Dominic McIver, Iftexhar Ahmed, Mark Bryans, Laura Bryans, Robin Gillett, Chirsty Hamilton

1. Apologies:

Stuart Watts, Sheila Gilchrist, Cllr Ken Andrew, MP Martin Rhodes, Tom Johnstone (Secretary), Colin Ewen, Odhran Leeson, Bailie Wardrop

2. Police report

The attending officer reported on incidents in the area over the previous month:

- one motor vehicle theft and one bicycle theft
- One offensive weapon incident: two males in altercation, one attacked with an improvised weapon; arrest made
- Drug offences (cannabis), arising mainly from stop and search
- Bicycle thefts, principally from university grounds rack parking

Rising numbers of young people gathering and causing disorder were discussed. The officer confirmed additional foot patrols in the Woodlands area between 6pm and 9pm. Residents were advised to use the Police Scotland online contact form in preference to the 101 line for non-emergency matters, and to call 999 when witnessing active offences.

Speeding and vehicle noise on Lynedoch Street and Lynedoch Terrace was raised, including a specific vehicle observed accelerating at excessive speed. The officer agreed to pass any registration numbers to the roads/traffic department and would seek to arrange a speed camera tasking exercise on Lynedoch Street. Members were advised to contact the council regarding physical traffic management measures. Residents should phone police at the time if they see someone driving dangerously.

Graffiti was discussed. The officer noted police can only act if an offender is caught in the act or if the content is offensive and reportable as vandalism; removal remains the responsibility of the council.

The officer confirmed that a written police report had been sent to the Secretary that morning.

3. Minutes of March meeting

Three corrections were suggested by members of the public: Chirsty speaking to the meeting; somebody leaving the meeting; not Morar CC who started the petition for more powers for CCs so that should be removed.

It was claimed by some members of the public that minutes containing errors cannot be proposed and seconded until corrected. They stated that minutes should be revised and re-circulated for proposal and seconding at the next meeting.

The minutes were not proposed or seconded as a result of the clamour from members of the public.

4. Matters arising

The Council was commended by members of the public for recent gulley cleaning works.

5. Lynedoch Street/Woodlands Road

The prohibited right turn from Woodlands Road into Lynedoch Street was discussed. Signage is inadequate and the restriction is poorly enforced; several accidents have occurred at the junction. It was noted this issue has been raised with police and councillors on numerous occasions over many years without resolution. It is essential that a solution be found before serious accidents occur. Any photographs of a previous accident which was discussed should be sent to Bailie Wardrop.

A preliminary proposal was outlined: introduction of a small traffic island or filter at the junction to physically inhibit right-turning movements, with prominent driver-height no-right-turn signage. This is to be further discussed when a Councillor can be present.

6. 4 Queen's Crescent

No update. Deferred to next meeting.

7. Kelvinbridge mural and Rail Yard

No update available

8. Cameron Memorial Fountain

No update available

9. Councillors' reports

No Councillors present at meeting

10. Kelvingrove Park

Subcontractors inspected the Stewart Memorial Fountain on 20 March; survey results are awaited. Some stonework repairs have been carried out; pipework remains outstanding.

No response has been received regarding the Honeyman garden or Azalea Walk. Additional fruit trees have been planted along the herbaceous walk; some species were excluded due to susceptibility to disease.

11. Dropped Kerbs

Dropped kerbs in Arlington Street have been in place for approximately two years without signage, allowing vehicles to park across them.

Concern was expressed that the interrelated issues of dropped kerbs, bin hub placement, and access for disabled residents need to be addressed together rather than piecemeal. Stewart undertook to re-circulate a detailed email on the interaction between these matters. Councillors to be asked to address the signage issue as a matter of urgency.

12. Trees for Park Road

A resident had previously written requesting trees in Park Road but has not followed up since. Reference was made to possible Council funding to CCs for tree planting and to a requirement for geophysical surveys before any decision to plant can be made. Deferred pending Bailie Wardrop's attendance.

13. Cleansing

Martin Neill had attended the Woodlands/Garnethill Residents Group (minutes had been circulated by them to WPCC) and he had indicated he would prefer a senior officer to represent Cleansing at a further meeting. It was agreed that Chair would respond to Martin Neill's email in which he had offered to arrange a meeting.

Garnethill Multicultural Centre hall was offered as a suitably sized venue.

The proposed bin hub rollout was discussed at length.

Principal concerns raised:

- No formal consultation prior to residents receiving notice of proposed implementation
- No completed review of the Finnieston or other pilot schemes - the Council's response cited "time pressures"
- Rat infestations, odour, and amenity impact in areas where hubs have already been installed
- Conservation area and public realm considerations; existing hubs considered out of character
- Whether structures remaining beyond 28 days require planning permission
- Loss of parking spaces - approximately 3 spaces per hub and fears that existing planters may be removed.
- Actual collection frequencies falling well below the stated 4 days (general) and 8 days (recycling)
- Commercial waste dumping and fly-tipping at hub locations
- Bulk uplift arrangements and anticipated fly-tipping at student move-out

It was noted that bin hubs are unavoidable in some parts of the Woodlands area (e.g.: east of Queen's Crescent) where backcourt access is physically impracticable.

14. PBSAs

A proposal to demolish the Q Club, Pure Gym and St George's Studios on St George's Road for a purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) development has not yet reached planning application stage but may do so at any time.

It was noted that a portion of Woodlands was incorporated into the City Centre Strategic Development Framework boundary in 2019, reducing the affordable housing requirement for developments in that area from 40% to 25% mainstream housing, making PBSA development considerably more attractive to developers.

Chair pointed out that while we are all in agreement that more PBSAs should be resisted, we differ in our approach as to the best way to object.

She read written notes (from the secretary) to the meeting:

- The Areas of Concentration designation for South Partick/Yorkhill and Townhead/Cowcaddens derives from the 2021 revision of SG10 (Student Accommodation), not from Local Place Plans
- Only a well-crafted formal planning objection offers a realistic prospect of influencing the St George's Road application
- The application will likely be determined under the existing CDP; the City Centre Strategic Development Framework makes this a difficult case
- CDP2 and any Local Place Plan will not be adopted in time to affect the outcome

A representative of Garnethill Community Council addressed the meeting. She reported that all seven Ward 10 community councils are now united in seeking a moratorium on student accommodation to be incorporated into CDP2, and are asking neighbouring community councils for

support. This could be in the form of a letter supporting the principle that more PBSAs would be detrimental to our area.

Questions were raised and discussion followed on WPCC membership numbers and the co-option of associate members. It was agreed to seek written clarification from the Community Council Resource Centre on: the permitted number of members for WPCC's area and population; co-option procedure; and the rights and voting status of associate members.

WPCC confirmed 'in principle' support for the Ward 10 moratorium position but re-affirmed our different approach to tackling the problem. WPCC will prepare a formal objection to the St George's Road application when it is submitted.

15. Correspondence

Not covered as no time left

16. Finance

The Treasurer confirmed that there were no items requiring attention and no change to the balance; no latest bank statements had been received.

17. AOCB and 18. Planning

Not reached due to time restraints

19. Date of next meeting

13 May