

Woodlands and Park Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 13 May 2026
Theosophical Society, 17 Queen's Crescent, 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Eoghan Morris, Cllr Ken Andrew, Bailie Martha Wardrop, Gavin Brownlie (Bob Doris MSP's office), Claire Findlay, Fiona Macneil, Tina Murray, Robin Gillett, Chirsty Hamilton, Kirsty Maslen, Helen Moran, Fraser Paton, and someone else (didn't sign sederunt)

1. Apologies

Bailie Seonad Hoy, Martin Rhodes MP, Iris Duane MSP, Bob Doris MSP, Gordon McDougall, Marion Robertson, Colin Ewen, Sheila Gilchrist

2. Police Report

No report or apologies had been received from Police Scotland prior to the meeting.

3. Minutes of 11 March and 8 April 2026

11 March 2026 minutes: two amendments proposed by the Chair and seconded by Derek Manson-Smith: (i) remove the reference to Morar Community Council; (ii) add a note that the minutes of the Garnethill/Woodlands Residents' Committee meeting with Martin Neill would be sent. Minutes approved with those amendments.

8 April 2026 minutes: proposed by Stewart Leighton, seconded by Gerry Doyle. Approved.

4. Matters Arising

Tom Johnstone clarified that the claim made at the April meeting - that minutes containing errors must be recirculated before they can be proposed and seconded - is not correct.

Two points were noted in relation to the April minutes: (i) inclusion in the city centre Strategic Development Framework (SDF) removes any obligation to provide mainstream housing entirely, not merely reduces it to 25%; (ii) the phrase "will likely be determined" under the existing CDP should read "will definitely be determined".

Tom Johnstone clarified how misunderstandings had arisen between the PBSA campaign and WPCC. Now it has been made clear that both the campaign and the CC aim to press for changes to CDP2 policy once published in draft and to lodge formal objections to any PBSA applications in the meantime, he confirmed there is no conflict - we are fully supportive of both.

Councillor Andrew and Tom Johnstone confirmed that as there is no live planning application and CDP2 does not yet exist in draft, no conflict of interest arises from Councillors participating in PBSA discussions at this stage.

Stewart Leighton spoke about the negative effect of a high proportion of student accommodation on the area and his concern about the boundary extension.

It was agreed to submit a Freedom of Information request for the full documentation underlying the 2021 extension of the city centre SDF into part of Woodlands, as no rational justification has emerged from correspondence with the head of planning.

Tom Johnstone explained the guidance under the 2018 Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils:

- Our current WPCC membership is within permitted numbers under our Constitution
- There is no provision for co-option in the Scheme.

- Associate members may be appointed by invitation (clause 3.13) where a need arises for individuals with particular skills, knowledge or experience, requiring a vote of elected members and a detailed minute (clauses 3.1 and 3.14). Associate members do not have a vote.
- The maximum permitted number of community councillors for any community council is 20, but the quorum increases proportionally.
- Suspension after three consecutive missed meetings is discretionary - the Scheme says “may”, not “shall”.

5. Lynedoch Street/Woodlands Road

PC Nicola Dickson (Police Scotland) had emailed to report a speed monitoring exercise on 17 April: three motorists warned, one charged. Councillors will follow up on this. Cllr Andrew will be meeting with the new Community Police Inspector and will raise continuing traffic concerns.

6. Condition of 4 Queen’s Crescent

Bailie Wardrop: no news of 4 Queen’s Crescent, though works have started at 4-6 Melrose Street.

She will follow up with housing officers on a wider survey of the Crescent and will try to get information about number 4.

Cllr Andrew: confirmed a compulsory purchase order is not currently being pursued but positive discussions are ongoing with the owners regarding refurbishment. Concern was also expressed about the former GCVS building on Ashley Street, which has been sold but appears inactive; Bailie Wardrop undertook to ask officers to investigate.

7. Kelvinbridge Mural/Railyard

Bronwen not present. No update. Deferred.

8. Cameron Memorial Fountain

No further information. Bailie Wardrop suggested WPCC subscribe to the Sauchiehall Street District Heritage Project mailing list via Glasgow Life’s website. Stewart Leighton described how the project had begun. It is now active, based at Edward House on Sauchiehall Street (open Monday to Friday); project lead Karen Shaw.

9. Councillors’ Reports

Bailie Wardrop:

- New HMO licence application: flat 1/1 58 West Princes Street, Comments due by 2 June to Bailie Wardrop
- Woodside Viaduct works extended to end of June due to engineering difficulties; traffic disruption and night time noise.
- Park Drive: a wooden structure and Heras fencing left from the Park Circus development is obstructing a bus stop. A sinkhole and gravel-filled trench are also present. Tom Johnstone noted the sinkhole is likely related to a broken sewer partially repaired during construction. Bailie Wardrop will pursue to establish liability and arrange clearance.

She has also asked for a clean up of lane leading from Melrose Street to George’s Road.

Discussion again re HMOs and difficulty re planning and licensing

Cllr Andrew:

- 20 mph speed limit rollout: the west end will be in Phase 2 so not for at least 20 weeks yet. Many current 30 mph streets will reduce to 20 mph but approximately 700 streets will retain 30 mph; streets at 40 mph and above are unchanged.

Keep reporting speeding to police and take vehicle number where possible.

- More comments to Cllrs re bins and rats problems.

Bailie Wardrop: has asked for a pilot of bin hubs where there are existing large onstreet bins.

Cllr Andrew: it will be bespoke solution and can only work if there is appropriate maintenance.

10. Kelvingrove Park

WOMAD Glasgow 2026 will take place on 3 and 4 July and will occupy a substantial area of Kelvingrove Park. No consultation took place prior to tickets going on sale. The fenced off area will be significantly larger than the Fiesta event a few years ago, closing the main slope, the fountain and picnic areas, the pond and the east riverbank to all but paying customers. The restriction will last from approximately 25 June to 10 July for set up and de rig with a brief gap for MELA on 5 July.

Concerns raised: loss of the main accessible route; closure during the start of the school summer holidays; noise impact for residents on the south side of the park; and access problems experienced during the Fiesta that were not resolved. Sustained complaints about the Fiesta led to it not returning. Members agreed the priority is to make formal complaints about the scale of the closure and the absence of prior consultation.

11. Dropped Kerbs & 12. Trees for Park Road

Nothing to report.

13. Cleansing

Attendees from WGRA are compiling photographic evidence of bin management issues for the public meeting on 3 June at Garnethill Multicultural Centre.

14. PBSAs

A letter of support from WPCC was given to Chirsty Hamilton for the Ward 10 moratorium campaign.

Secretary and Chair confirmed that WPCC are opposed to any more PBSAs in our area.

93-113 St Georges Road: still at Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) stage. Developer's target date for formal application submission is end of May 2026. Members were directed to the latest consultation boards at the Icen Projects URL circulated with correspondence. Tom Johnstone confirmed he does not engage with the developers directly; pre-application engagement is typically used by developers to claim community views have been accommodated when the application is submitted. WPCC will prepare a formal objection when the application is made.

15. Correspondence and Licensing

Items noted:

- Martin Neill (NRS), 7 and 9 April: response to WPCC invitation; bin hubs.
- GCC Events, 14 April: Kelvingrove Park events update.
- Icen Projects, 20-28 April: St Georges Road consultation event (28 April, Woodside Library) and updated consultation boards.
- GCC, 23 April: pre-consultation survey on Licensing Board overprovision review; closes 20 May 2026.
- Marion Robertson, 23-28 April: public meeting re bin hubs and proposed PBSA.
- Garnethill Multicultural Centre, 29 April: public meeting confirmed Wednesday 3 June, 7pm.
- Stewart Leighton, 29 April: dropped kerbs walkabout and Connecting Woodside update.
- Glasgow 2026 (Kat Heron), 30 April: upcoming community council meeting. Responded.

- Inspector Alexander Marshall (Police Scotland), 13 May: introducing himself as new Community

Police Inspector, inviting WPCC to share policing concerns. Contact:

alexander.marshall@scotland.police.uk, tel. 0141 532 3551.

Planning applications noted; no comments required:

- 26/00557/LBA - Flat 5, 35 Lynedoch Street: window refurbishment. Listed Building Consent. Conservation area: Park.
- 26/00820/FUL - 260 West Princes Street: stonework repairs and external works. Conservation area: Woodlands.
- 26/00679/FUL - 118-146 Park Road/356 West Princes Street: roof, stonework and window works. Conservation area: Woodlands.
- 25/00571/PAN and 25/00997/PAN - 93-113 St Georges Road: PBSA with ground floor commercial uses. PAN stage. Agent: Icen Projects.

Licensing:

HMO applications noted (renewals unless stated otherwise): 3/1 23 Woodlands Drive; 2/2 132 West Princes Street; 3/2 12 Barrington Drive (new); 0/1 25 West Princes Street; 0/2 24 West End Park Street; 3/1 126 Woodlands Road; 1/1 16 Arlington Street; 2/1 126 Woodlands Road; 3/1 37 Arlington Street; 2/2 243 Great Western Road; 0/1 29 Park Road (new, change of owner); 2/1 6 Montague Street; 0/1 35 Montague Street; 1/2 175 West Princes Street; 3/1 37 West Princes Street; 3/1 12 Arlington Street; 1/1 21 West Princes Street.

Entertainment licences noted:

- PEL01432 - MELA 2026, Kelvingrove Park, Sunday 5 July 2026, 12 noon-8.30pm.
- PEL01446 - WOMAD Glasgow 2026, Kelvingrove Park and Kelvin Way, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July 2026, 12 noon-11pm (music curfew 10.30pm). Last date for objection/representation: 28 May 2026.

16. Finance

The Treasurer reported receipt of the admin grant of £634.06. Closing balance: £7,056.18. An invoice should be submitted for approval regarding a contribution by WPCC for poster costs for the 3 June public meeting. Any outstanding invoices for hybrid meeting costs should be submitted before the summer break.

17-18. AOCB/Planning

No planning applications listed required comment. 33 Woodlands Road (school development): planning permission is active; conditions are currently being discharged, indicating the developer intends to commence work.

19. Date of Next Meeting

10 June