

Cathcart & District Community Council (CDCC)

Councillor Report – October 2024

Cllr Sean Ferguson (SNP) Newlands Auldburn Ward

National/City Wide Updates

Transformation timetable for Glasgow city centre revealed

In what will be the [most significant change to city centre streetscapes since the 1970s](#) pedestrianisation of Buchanan Street, work on the creation of 11 'Avenues' will kick off in early 2025.

Funded through the City Deal and other Government streams, [the programme involves the transformation of major thoroughfares including Argyle Street, the Broomielaw and Clyde Street](#), as well as George Square and surrounding streets. [Watch here](#).

Nethercraigs Sports Centre

The [ambitious 25 year plan for Nethercraigs sports centre](#) (enabled by the People Make Glasgow Communities programme work with Pollok United FC) is highlighted.

Pollok have been delivering football, aerobic exercise, cycling and educational and charitable activities since 2006 and managing the outdoor facilities at the Club since October 2020 as part of a Glasgow Life Community Activation Pilot. The 25-year lease enables them to reach and achieve new goals in serving the community.

£50,000 for fifteen food projects

Community gardens, schools, churches and local development trusts have secured [financial support worth a total of £50,000 from the council's Let's Grow Together Fund](#) which is part of the council's Food Growing Strategy. The full list of successful projects is:-

- Anderston Green Spaces, Barmulloch Community Development Company, Budhill and Springboig Allotments, Castlemilk High School, Cranhill Development Trust, Cuthbertson Primary School, Eco Drama, ***Merrylee Primary School*** / Parents Association, North Glasgow Community Food Initiative, Saheliya Community Garden, Springburn Gardens Association, Linkes, St Mark's Church, St Margaret's Church, and St Mungo's Academy.
- Congratulations to Merrylee Primary on their success. I look forward to finding out more when I catch up with the Head Teacher at our next one to one.

Electric wallpaper trialled as alternative to central heating in Glasgow.

Part of a project led by the University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, West of Scotland Housing Association and [Glasgow City Council - 12 tenement properties in Glasgow will assess its effectiveness as a clean heat source](#).

Ward Updates

Merrylee Litter Pick – last week Govanhill Housing Association organised a litter pick in and around Merrylee. I attended and assisted staff and volunteers from the Merrylee Residents Association until we had to stop due to the rain. We also put up some dog poo bag dispensers and hope to get more up next time.

Postal Service Issues – a few residents who have recently moved to Muirsketh Road reached out to highlight recurring issues they've been having with receiving post and parcels. There were issues with the numbering system in their blocks which have now been rectified with Royal Mail.

NIF Funding. The Area Partnership has agreed, in principle, to allocate the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund across community council areas with an SIMD weighting. A few different options will be considered at the next Area Partnership meeting in November and hopefully a common position can be agreed upon. Cathcart and District Community Council, as you know, falls over three council wards, so this complicates matters in terms of figuring out how funding can be spread out fairly while ensuring that one ward, Linn in this case, doesn't shoulder a disproportionate contribution to the overall NIF pot. I will keep the CC up to date once new information is forthcoming. A few ideas for potential bids have been submitted for costings, so far, from Merrylee. The most significant one being seeking clarity about how much replacing the pitch at Merrylee Primary will cost. If the Community Council has other potential Merrylee/ the western portion of Muirend bids, then please feel free to suggest these to elected members in writing.

Newlands Road Children's Residential Facility Issues

The issues at the Residential Facility on Newlands Road have died down somewhat since my recent meeting with officers from Social Work. Issues here flare up on a recurring basis and the situation requires regular monitoring. I will continue to liaise with residents and make representations on their behalf as and when required.

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Surgery Information

- First Tuesday of each month (6.00 pm) Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, 2025 Pollokshaws Road, G43 1NE (Free parking available, provide registration on arrival).

- Second Monday of each month (5.30 pm) Mansewood Community Centre, 88 Parkneuk Road, G43 2AF.
- Fourth Tuesday of each month (6.30 pm) Kennishead Community Hall, 10 Kennishead Avenue, G46 8PR
- Virtual Surgery - Microsoft Teams or telephone consultation. By appointment, flexible ad hoc availability.