SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2024

Attendance: Toni Tochel (Chair), Isla Scott, Nick Parton, Jude Hunter, Andrew Hoolachan, Andrew Montgomery, Alasdair Kelly, John Smith, Alan Hall, Fergus Henderson, PC Mark Watson, Sgt Gary Phillips, Cllr Zen Ghani, Martha Smart, Geoff Harker

Apologies: Amy Smyth (local NRS rep), Michael Igoe, Susan Readman, Bailie MacLeod, Cllr Molyneux, Paul Whitehead,Monia Molino

Minutes & Matters Arising

There being no matters arising the minutes of the December meeting were approved, proposed by IS and Seconded by AH..

Police Report

Noticed an increase in house-breakings in the neighbouring areas so please be vigilant. 260 calls in the area, 16 road traffic matters, 36 assist the public, 15 ASB, vandalism at Langside Hall. TT asked about road traffic issues in Frankfort St raised at last meeting but officer had no update. FH explained that traffic is still driving the wrong way on Frankfort St from Abbot St. FH says that this is an ongoing regular thing, parking is a council matter but obstruction is a police matter. Police are trying to set up a joint enforcement day with Council parking team. Police encourage reporting of all issues, parking can be reported via Glasgow City Council website or by calling the Council. TT asked about the cars driving the wrong way in a one-way street but police said they need to catch them in the act. GH asked about joy-riding following the serious crash in Shields Road, police said they have been out today doing speed checks in the area. Police noted that the Council can do speed measuring. IS asked about Langside Hall as it's an ongoing problem, police said that there are limited resources, the CCTV camera has been trained on it but CCTV hours are now limited to 3pm to 3am. MS looking as Sustrans funding and there is an opportunity in March to apply for funding. GH asked about 20mph speed limit, Cllr Ghani said that this is out for consultation. AH noted that there had been talk about opening up the path behind Langside Hall as that would help with footfall through the area where ASB is taking place. JH said this links to the Local Place Plan.

Gully cleaning and flooding issues

GH asked for this to be on the agenda. AS provided an update by email. GH noted that in his area cars were cleared twice but NRS didn't turn up to do the work. Noted both drains at the bottom of Carment Dr are blocked which results in flooding on Kilmarnock Rd. FH noted Coustonholm Rd was flooded for 5 days. Also noted under railway bridge on Haggs Rd also floods often. JS contacted GCC in advance and he printed notices and put them on the cars and this seemed reasonably successful as only 4 cars were there on the day. JS suggested if we print the notices and try to find volunteers to place them on vehicles before the works. TT suggested we ask about communication between the teams doing the works and the teams putting the cones out and also about the drains that are cleared but still flood. AH asked about flooding around Strathbungo primary and the impact of those who have mobility issues. IS said that Karen Venables offered the opportunity to meet with those responsible for the gully cleaning programme (Roads) but it would need to be a daytime meeting. MS said that the infrastructure isn't ready for the environmental changes that we are seeing now. GH noted Shieldhall Tunnel was built to address this but doesn't seem to have worked. IS will speak to KV regarding scheduling the meeting. JS noted that drainage could be one of the areas we look at with the £1m infrastructure fund as this could make a difference rather than filling potholes. We will also contact Scottish Water to see if they can attend our meeting.

Fly Tipping and vandalism on Frankfort St

FH noted that there's a black bin at the bottom of Abbot St at Frankfort St and this is attracting litter and fly tipping. Black bags etc are being dumped there and once one person does that others add to it. FH asked about relocating the bin to Abbot St at Pollokshaws Rd but the Council refused. NP wasn't sure that moving the bin would do anything as there's already a bin at the top of Abbot St. The issue appears to be fly tipping and it was agreed that we ask AS for more signage. FH noted that the bins are always overflowing with take away containers and coffee cups. AM noted that the problem was the Council not emptying the bins rather than waste from takeaways. NP noted that recycling is limited and bin hubs may not solve the problem. AH would be interested to see how the Council allocates resources at neighbourhood level as each area has different needs. Could there be more targeted emptying of bins. MS asked if there is an opportunity to be smarter and look for partnership solutions as if it all comes down to money and the Council says that they don't have the money then what do we do. NP noted that the MyGlasgow app works really well as he reported fly tipping and the Council responded quickly. Cllr Ghani said that in terms of fly tipping lots of it is down to people from outside the area, some people know that if they fly tip then the Council will remove it and it doesn't cost them. Cllr Ghani will attempt to get further information on resource levels for each neighbourhood.

Democracy/Local Place Plan update

Democracy Matters 2 is a consultation from the ScotGov that runs until the end of February. Local groups are being encouraged to ask specific questions which will be used to inform a democracy bill. Questions like how can local communities be involved in running and planning services. Discussion with LCB CC around holding a joint event, they have received their £300 funding and we have applied for ours. Event is on Saturday 3rd February 11.30am-1.30pm in Queens Park/Govanhill Parish Church, 170 Queens Drive. Idea is to self facilitate it using the toolkit supplied. Consultation feedback needs to be submitted to ScotGov by 28 February. Format is still to be agreed. Idea is to encourage people to come who wouldn't normally engage with this type of event.

Local Place Plan - fund available through the Council of up to £15,000 to develop a LPP. Once completed this can then be submitted to be part of the City Development Plan for the next 10 years. Suggesting that the LPP covers civic square all the way up the hill to Langside Monument and the buildings of interest. Whilst the focus is outside the park so as not to duplicate the work of QPWG but perhaps may include QP Glasshouses. The benefit of the plan is that it would be developed and owned by the community. Funding deadline is 22 January and plan needs to be completed by March 2025. Unsure how many CCs have applied but clearly with only £80,000 available there can only be 5 plans funded. The funding would support professional consultants to work with the community, a few consultants have been identified who may be available. It is unclear what criteria the Council will use if there are more than 5 applications. There has been an offer from planning to do a walkabout and training session on the afternoon of Saturday 27 January.

TT suggested that with the CC involvement in QPWG it is a good idea not to include the park. Consideration of the cycle route between Pollokshaws Rd and Langside Ave. JH really wants to engage with young people as part of the LPP. AH said that Kevin Murray is a consultant based in Glasgow and teaches at Glasgow Uni and specialises in working with community groups and he is very keen to help us with a LPP. JH has already made contact with Kevin Murray. Once grant is confirmed in February the brief needs to be completed and submitted by end of March. AH feels a brief needs to have some high level objectives. Southside already has a development framework. JH said that there is a working group (with IS , PW, NP) and AH, MS will join this plus 3 from LBC CC. Michael Ward from planning feels that some CCs may submit applications for small amounts as they may write the plans themselves. There was a discussion around the

plan being place based. MS took part in organising peoples assemblies in Dundee and would be happy to share this experience to ensure that we attract those who don't normally attend these events. IS thinks it's important that this is bottom up and we produce something that expresses the will of the people of our area. MS said that DM2 could be used to inform the LPP. IS said that the place standards tools are designed to get people round the table. MS said that if there isn't a lot of applications they may be flexible with the deadline.

Business Improvement District update

Update from Jonny. Replacement for Lisa not in place yet so most activity is on social media. Jonny will speak to Kylie regarding vapes recycling.

Pollok House change of management to Glasgow City Council

It was noted that National Trust for Scotland are returning the operation of Pollok House to Glasgow City Council. Pollok House has now closed for 2 years for a major refurbishment. AM will contact the relevant community council to see if we can work with them on our concerns.

Planning & Licensing Applications

There have been no major applications, all residents. Tassie St / Carment Dr objection was successful and the application for a car park was refused. GH thanked AH for submitting the CC objection. Land was sold today for £40,000 but it's not clear who purchased it and what their intention is. IS said will contact Sarah Shaw and Neil Moran regarding adding the site to the open space plan. AH noted that there is also the asset transfer route and this would need the residents to make more use of the space. GH noted that the residents had been looking after the site for a number of years. IS noted Cllr Molyneux supplied a link for community ownership. MS suggested Carment Community Group could perhaps speak to Botanic Gardens to look at a little forest idea which happened in Dundee. Noted that South Seeds may have good experience. FH asked about Poundworld site, AM said women's/girl's gym had been approved at Local Planning Review Committee. FH said there are issues with Henry's Cafe in Abbot St, allegation is that there is a beer garden outside and noise as late as midnight. Complaint would go to Licensing Dept at Glasgow City Council.

Feedback from Queen's Park Working Group meeting

TT will share the minutes of the last QPWG meeting on the Google Group, the following is a summary of updates following the QPWG meeting:

> **Glasshouse -** Council are looking at a number of options for the long term use of the Glasshouse facilities though at this stage we have no further detail to share. SRUC are currently in discussions with NRS Property colleagues to ensure their continued delivery of horticultural courses and their use of the glasshouse.
> **Bothy @ Langside Avenue -** A general visual inspection has been undertaken by Property Services. They have advised that a further dilapidation survey would be required in advance of any proposal.
> **Solar Lighting** – Word document shared with minutes sets out plans for the installation of solar uplighters ('Solar Eyes') through the park. Council have also set out a route through the park to trial the use of reflective surfacing. In early January, they will also be trialling the use of a solar light ('Solar Vision').

Playground, expect works to be started end of 2024. More than 1,000 responses to consultation and now looking at an in-person event. Looking to establish various leases related to properties in the park. Solar/wind lighting trial going in for 8 weeks and they are looking at reflective surfaces to minimise impact on wildlife. Looking at the skate park in QP Recs. SR asked via email regarding lighting and expressed concern at lighting around big pond. MS asked about the funding available to QPWG, TT explained that

the WG is using funding from different pots but doesn't have it's own pot of money. AH suggested smart lighting may help with the conflict between people and wildlife as it only operates when people are present.

Councillors' reports

Cllr Ghani – Over past few weeks had a number of meetings including new Police Chief Inspector, very productive meeting listening to his plans. Glasgow Working Together intergenerational working bringing different generations together. Meeting with Council regarding 2 TROs, one relating to Ibrox event day parking. Budget is coming up next month, proposals being worked through at the minute, budget will be one of the most difficult that the city has faced whilst trying to protect services. Strathclyde Pension Fund doing well so there will be a pension holiday. Motion at Full Council calling for devolution of employment law. Litter and gullies being blocked and household waste collections are also an issue. Back to school cases too. City awarded £5m for research into health inequalities. City Development Plan engagement and consultation is ongoing. Right Tree in the Right Place portal has been launched to help identify 18m trees being planted across City Region. It's possible to purchase trees to commemorate events. MS noted that Strathclyde Pension Fund has invested £618m in fossil fuels. GH noted that SPF also backed Shawlands Arcade which hasn't gone down well in the community. IS asked if Cllr Ghani could follow up on the speeding and joy-riding issue. Cllr Ghani said that there is funding for mobile CCTV which can help. IS also asked about Langside Hall and a resident has been recording the graffiti and the resident has suggested a walkabout with residents, councillors and officers. JH noted that LPP walkabout on 27 January. FH has enquired about traffic in Frankfort St and the Council had sent a reply saying they wouldn't take action. AK said there was CCTV coverage of Langside Hall but we've been told that it would only be reviewed if we could provide a 30-60 min period for them to examine. Cllr Ghani will check this with the Ch Insp.

Finance report

Opening Balance £5,320.59 paid out: December Rent £50, Ink for printer (Isla) £23.00; Wordpress web hosting (Toni) £120.00, November rent £50.00. Closing Balance £5,037.59.

Any other business

JH will follow up photograph competition. Helen McVey had contacted Weatherspoons about the state of the old Tusk Building on Moss-side Rd and they had replied that they would look into it.

Date of next meeting Thursday 1st February - note new permanent location of monthly meetings - Shawlands Bowling Club, 1154 Pollokshaws Road (near Shawlands Primary School)