



Attendance: Toni Tochel, Nick Parton, Paul Whitehead, Cllr Zen Ghani, Geoff Harker, Isla Scott, Marie Claire McGuinness (Partick CC), Jilly Griffin, Stephen Gourlay (Business Owner/BID), Jonny McDonald (MyShawlands/BID), Gary Fanning (The Splash Glasgow), Fergus Henderson, Alan Hall, Andrew Hoolachan, Andrew Montgomery, PC Darren Brown (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Bailie MacLeod, Jude Hunter, Michael Igoe, Alasdair Kelly, Cllr Molyneux, Amy Smyth, Bailie Raja, Cllr Bruce

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

There was a quick round of introductions and it was agreed that at future meetings we would do a quick round of introductions as necessary. NP took the Chair of the meeting. There being no matters arising the minutes of the September meeting were proposed by IS and seconded by AH.

2. Report from Police Scotland; Fireworks strategy 2024 (Taken before AGM)

TT Chaired this item. Darren Brown, community officer, Shawlands has been OK through September. Only two incidents of note 21 Sept Shawlands Primary climbing frame set on fire. Palestine protesters outside Pure Gym – no disorder. 1 person reporting heroin being taken in Pollokshaws Rd. 178 Kilmarnock Rd knife incident – offenders outstanding. 2 hate incidents – one drunk female arrested for being racist – one male on a bus drunk abusive and racist. No shoplifting in BP at all in the last month following the arrival of new security staff, 2 motorbikes stolen by chains being cut. No serious offences except one sexual assault at a bus stop. 71 offences, 26 have been detected. No particular trends or patterns detected. Fireworks plan has started, Phase 1 in October is prevention and education in schools and proactive visits to shops to make sure they are aware of new laws. Phase 2 for the week before 5 Nov, same education plus leaflet drops and targeting hotspots. Pollokshields is a fireworks control zone so illegal to use fireworks. 4th and 5th November there is an action plan including riot officers on standby. 1st to 10th November tactical deployment to respond to incidents and working with council to remove bonfires in advance. Hugs and Mugs nobody identified but CID are investigating and don't believe there is a wider risk. IS asked about Langside Halls as a resident had been in contact, PC Brown has looked at all of the incidents in the last month and Langside Halls isn't present. If there are no reports then it isn't on the police radar. Please report any incident, by phoning

101 or contact option on Police Scotland website, including new graffiti as this creates a record. FH said the fire brigade have been out twice this week and three times last week at Langside Halls. FH said there was an incident last week with people smashing bottles behind Langside Halls, resident called 101 at the time but after 25 minutes on hold still didn't get through. Police have received no reports from fire brigade. FH asked about ebikes and believes they are a real danger, one rider went right inside the Co-Op whilst still on his ebike. Police said there is a day of action for road traffic matters and they will include ebikes within that operation. GH asked about Langside Halls, one of the windows isn't secure and therefore you could easily get into the building and this is a concern. Police said that it may be best if multiple people reported it - phone Glasgow Life on 0141 287 4350 or by email info@glasgowlife.org.uk. TT advised the officer that there has been numerous incidents of graffiti throughout Shawlands. Officer advised there have been no calls regarding graffiti but there was one general email about graffiti in Shawlands but it wasn't specific. Everyone is encouraged to report any new graffiti, if all tags are identified then it helps if an offender is identified. Business owner asked if the council report graffiti they are aware of, the police said no so it's best to report it to the police and the council via their Graffiti Removal Service on the Council website.

3. Graffiti problems in Shawlands

IS noted that there is a gable end on her street which is continually targeted by graffiti and residents have tried numerous things to stop this ; the residents are spending significant amounts of money to clean the graffiti but it is only just cleaned and then reappears. IS noted that graffiti is now almost everywhere in Shawlands and we need to try and find a way to tackle it. JMcd from BID have worked on murals and some people complain about this and think it links to graffiti but the BID have found that areas with a mural aren't covered in graffiti. The BID have also looked at a special coating which stops spray paint adhering to the building. The BID have limited time resources at the moment but they hope to look at this next year and the BID are happy to work with the community on this. AH feels this is a multifaceted issue including education, policing, finding diversionary activities. MMcG from Partick CC noted that SWG3 have been very successful in addressing this by having a mural trail and working with schools and local groups. JMcd said in Aberdeen they have a project for new artwork which covers areas of the city to allow people to graffiti. GH asked if the work in Partick has reduced the general tagging, yes it has. JG noted there is a difference between the frustration of people tagging and those who are genuinely created and produce good art. JG mentioned there's a car park in the Merchant City which is part of the mural trail with animals, and it is very attractive.

4. Local Place Plan Progress

JH wasn't present. IS provided a brief update, since our last meeting there has been a stakeholder's meeting, run by the consultants Kevin Murray Assoc. Very successful meeting with some very good ideas. We are now at stage 2 of the LPP consultation, there are leaflets, posters , cards and paper surveys for those who aren't online. This is a more

targeted consultation as it is taken from the results of stage 1 see www.qpn.org.uk . IS explained that the LPP is a local plan for a specific area and will feed into the City Plan. There have been 300-400 responses to the first consultation. NP suggested we send feedback to those who completed the first consultation. GH noted that this is an important piece of work as with the City Plan it is a material consideration and influences planning applications, GH feels this isn't just a talking shop and can really influence the Council. JG asked about the Couper Institute meeting regarding active travel, there was frustration that nobody had spoken to local businesses. It would be good to involve local businesses. IS explained that this relates to the City Network project run by the Council and they have engaged consultants. IS noted that it's impossible to reach every single person and NRS have relied on libraries, pop up events and social media. TT noted that this is Cathcart and District CC and whilst we'd attempted to promote it at our meetings we are limited. SG is a local business owner and feels that the communication is cherry picked and businesses have been excluded and it was very difficult to find on the Council website. Most of the parking spaces are being removed from Kilmarnock Rd and the document doesn't mention business at all. Cllr Ghani said that this project has been out in the open for a couple of years. MMcG asked what happens if someone isn't online and how are those who aren't online consulted. JMcD said that the BID weren't aware of this until 10 days ago and any businesses he has spoken to haven't been told about it. By comparison the recent Scottish Water roadworks were very well communicated. PW said that as a local resident who cycles he can't get to local businesses as the roads aren't safe enough for cyclists. AH highlighted that the consultation allows for feedback to change the plans, JMcD feels that it may not be genuine consultation. JG asked if the consultation could be extended, Cllr Ghani will ask the question. GH highlighted that IS contacted the dept concerned to highlight this issue.

5. Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIF)

IS said the NIF is a £1m fund for each ward which is allocated to improve infrastructure. The Council have tried to contact Area Partnership members and CC to see how to spend this money. Some Wards have been coming together to share their allocated funds to have joint projects, bringing bigger benefits. JH has suggested Govanhill/Crosshill and Langside Camphill Battlefield could come together with us to look at a joint project. There is £137,000 still available of Southside Central's award. Cllr Ghani explained that Pollokshields have spent £20,000 and allocated £500,000 and the remaining balance is held pending further consultation. This money is intended to be for infrastructure not revenue spending. IS asked if it would be a good idea to use funds from the NIF to support the LPP with the other CCs such as to develop Langside Square and Halls. There being a vote taken all were in favour. Cllr Ghani said there had been a meeting in June and that a decision was to await further consultation.

6. BID Update

JMcD updated to say the BID are working to recruit more members to their board. The deck chairs were slashed last Friday and it will cost over £650 + labour to repair them. JMcD said

that he's heard the plans for Shawlands Arcade are on hold due to increased costs or the S.75 negotiations are holding things up. AM noted that the S.75 amount was confirmed at £108,000 at the planning committee. AH will contact planning for an update. Cllr Ghani will also ask the developers and planning. JG said that Barclays closed and she thought this was the end of their lease and the developers haven't renewed, is it possible to find out if that's the case. BID Christmas lights are going up right now and its costing £17,000 and the BID are struggling to fund things with this expenditure. Minard Rd bus stop was moved to Langside Halls and the road markings aren't clear which allows people to park there all day rather than shoppers making short visits, there are no restrictions and the parking meter has been knocked down years ago. BID are trying to get the banners replaced next year. JMcD asked about the Christmas trees and it was confirmed that Amy Smyth is the best contact for this as the Council provide the trees.

7. Queen's Park Working Group

QPWG feedback from TT. There was a meeting recently but there wasn't much done it was really just to refocus but there will now be meetings monthly and there hopefully will be more to report going forward.

8. Planning & Licensing Applications

Huge reaction to food van application in Balvicar St so we have objected. Objections have gone in for Finlays and G41 outside seating. Licensing hearing will be 11 October for Finlays. G41 hearing hasn't been confirmed yet but may be same day. Also objected to 90 Minard Rd to a Change of Use from Class 1 to Class 3 without application, application has now been lodged and objections need to be submitted by 24 October. Issue with Charlie Browns, AH contacted Karen Venables to try and discuss the various issues linked to this location. AH plans to also discuss the diagonal crossing at Darnley Rd junction with KV. IS said Amy Smyth has asked if things have improved but it seems to be worse. IS asked if there was an application for extended hours that was considered unreasonable, AH will look at this.

9. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Ghani is here as part of the rota agreed with councillors and the reports are joint. The Great Scottish Run is this weekend. Christmas Lights switch on is 17 November and applications are open now. Hate Crime Prevention week is next week. Council is launching a Build Heritage Commission and Cllr Ghani is the newly appointment Chair. FH said Shawlands Arcade lights go out at night and there are two blind people living there. Gap between Tusk and tenements on Frankfort St is full of rubbish and plants are growing from the building. Shawlands is covered in litter. GH mentioned that the Build Heritage Commission is a positive but there are so many heritage buildings in our area which are at risk and are privately owned.

City-wide

- An update on the implementation of the Low Emission Zone in the city centre showed that in its first months of operation it has reduced nitrogen dioxide emissions by 20%, and in some areas by as much as 34%. Some locations are still recording exceedances of legal limits, notably Howard St, which has a busy taxi stance and under the Hielanman's umbrella on Argyle St. £500,000 which has been raised from fines will be spent on tree planting in the city centre and a community grants fund.
- Glasgow is being put forward to host the 2026 Commonwealth games after a proposal from the Commonwealth Games Federation was supported by the Scottish Government. This will be a 'scaled back' games with no public funding required.
- The council has been awarded £11.5 million to increase the supply of affordable homes, in particular by targeting void properties and acquiring empty homes to bring them back into use as social housing.
- The 100 day countdown to Glasgow's 850th birthday was marked by unveiling key elements of the events programme and how people can get involved. Visit www.glasgow850.com for more details.
- A consultation is underway on a potential city-wide Fireworks Control Zone. The survey takes around 5 minutes and can be accessed at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GlasgowFireworksControlZone>. The deadline to respond is 20 October.
- The Govan-Partick bridge, linking Water Row with the Riverside Museum, has opened to the public.
- A 'call for ideas and sites' for the next City Development Plan is underway. It asks residents, community groups, landowners, developers and others to put forward sites that should be considered in the plan. Further information can be found at: www.glasgow.gov.uk/CDP2

Shawlands and Strathbungo

- The Queens Park Working Group met for the first time in over 9 months and considered updates on Balvicar Street play area, lighting proposals, and Langside Hall among other matters.
- Various issues were raised following the last community council meeting (Glass bins, noise from Henry's, Frankfort St, Bins at the Arcade) and updates shared with the CC
- Strathbungo was the only Scottish neighbourhood listed in Time Out's list of the world's 100 coolest neighbourhoods
- A 'pop-up mobility hub' is planned for Kilmarnock Road between Coustonholm Road and Trefoil Avenue and will be installed by March 2025. These are small 'parklets' which feature hire bikes, seating and information on transport options locally.

- Living Rent Glasgow has organised a campaign calling on the Council to deliver affordable housing through the NP4 planning policy. This included an action at Shawlands Arcade.

11. Any other business

IS said we need to decide on whether to have an interim election as someone wants to join the CC. IS explained the interim election process. There was a discussion which was generally in favour of this and most likely to hold the election in January. AM raised the issue of parking permits – it was agreed to discuss this on the CC Google Group. Alan H noted there is crumbling brickwork at Tusk with rubble falling to the ground. JMcD said The Shed owner is redeveloping it so it won't be vacant.

Date of next meeting – 7th November.