SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting on 6 November 2025

Attendance: Alasdair Kelly, Cathie McAulay, Fraser McAuley, Fiona Fleming, Graham Cameron (QPBC), Jason Evans (Future Fitness), Luke Stronach (for Gordon McKee MP), Fergus Henderson, Raymond Scott (R&S), Phil Gane, Alan Hall, Andrew Montgomery, Geoff Harker, Isla Scott, Toni Tochel, John Smith, Jonny McDonald (MyShawlands BID), Cllr Jon Molyneux, Anna McEwan, Nicholas Green, Andrew Downie, Stephen Steele (Corner Bikes), Morag McGuire, Joanna Lowrie (Locum GP), Lesley Mairs, Ian Mairs, Bruce MacLeod
Apologies: Jude Hunter, Susan Readman, Paul Whitehead, Bailie Raja, Amy Smyth

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

Chair opened by welcoming everyone and doing a round of introductions. Minutes of the October meeting were proposed by IS and seconded by FH.

2. Report from Police Scotland – no police present

Resident complaint regarding parking in bus stops. PG spoke to this point. Complaint from Resident and we will follow up.

3. Queen's Park

i) Glasshouse closure:

AK explained that there is a meeting scheduled for 18 November, time and venue to be agreed. TT noted that QPWG council officers have said that whilst discussions are ongoing they are attempting to keep the Glasshouses open. Plan was to have a meeting with other CCs first to attend a private meeting to discuss the issue. LS asked if Gordon's office could be invite, this was agreed. FoQP had wondered how long the work will take and more information being made available. GBPT have prepared a report for the Council but it's not publicly available. Agreed to invite FoQP to the meeting.

iii) Friends update – IS provided a report from SR by email. FoQP feel that the QPWG should be run by park users not NRS. Bruce noted that previously it was agenda setting and circulation of the minutes that seemed to hold things up. TT has tried to set up a meeting with the other CCs but there was no response.

iv) Balvicar Playpark update – action note has been circulated. Team are preparing the tender document to be sent to the Procurement Group.

4. Strategic issues

- proposal for monthly walk round with local neighbourhood coordinators. Requested 22/10/25. PG contacted the 3 neighbourhood co-ordinators and received a reply from Amy saying she was keen to do this and thought her colleagues would be too. PG/AK noted that the idea here was to address some of the long-term issues. Business owner has previously contacted the Council regarding blocked drains, received an assurance it would be done but nothing happened so will this work. PG said he hoped that walking round with named staff with responsibility for the issues of concern would result in action being taken. Resident suggested also doing a walkround at night as this would highlight other issues like lighting – resident said that she has been reporting the lane behind Durward for 6 months.

- residents parking controls - response to consultation, community feedback & proposed joint working with LBCC

AK asked Cllr Molyneux to speak to this, there are two proposals within our area – Shawlands (west of Kilmarnock Rd) and Strathbungo – everything north of Minard Rd. Consultations are on for both of these two now and 3 other areas will follow next year. Restrictions will involve marked bays, residents pay minimum £80 per year, visitor permits for 6 hours (£5), businesses can also purchase permits. Everyone will get a letter re consultation survey, show of hands most people have received the letter already. Business owner asked where it will cover, yes most of Shawlands from Camphill to Pollokshaws Rd. Business owner asked for the reason, Cllr Molyneux said partly it was curtail car ownership and manage parking better, discourage visitor parking, stop people parking for longer period of times and encourage use of public transport. Business owner says Shawlands doesn't have great transport links with other parts of the city. AK encouraged everyone to respond to the survey. Jason from Future Fitness has 1700 members who come to train and it's £4.80 per hour to park and he's worried that restricting parking will reduce membership. Jason has been in business for 25 years and employs 14 people and fears for the future of his business. John from the mini garage wonders how he can operate if he can't park cars on the street. AK suggested that this was driven by Scottish Government policy. Johnny said that from the BID perspective he's trying to stay on the fence. JMcD noted that the consultation doesn't make clear that another that the adjoining streets may be included within another parking permit consultation. PG confirmed that feedback can be given to councillors, complete the survey or write to your MSP. PG noted that there is parking at the rear of Shawlands Arcade but this will go with the redevelopment. Resident feels that the businesses should be able to park in the Arcade car park as the businesses are bringing in footfall. Resident asked what the feedback was from West End CCs when they had resident parking controls. JMcD noted the parking in the arcade had been discussed before but the arcade didn't follow this up. Resident noted that she's a locum GP but what happens to their staff, carers, nurses etc. GH feels that the consultation hasn't been fair and we need to look at the best way to respond. There is a drop-in session on 2 December Pollokshaws Library 2-7pm. Chair suggested a way forward was to get in touch with NRS to request a rep to attend the next meeting. (see https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/proposedparkingcontrols). AK encouraged everyone to respond and

share the consultation on social media. JMcD will raise the issue with business but if you don't have the letter you can't respond with the code on the letter. We should share details of both the Shawlands and Stratbungo. Resident noted that strength in numbers and could we do an online petition. Anna asked what the petition would say, PG suggested the something like the Frankfort St one that offered suggestions. AM expressed the view that it was a cash grab and suggested that the CC do a survey of residents. It was agreed that we would do a survey, AK asked those interested in this to stay behind at the end of the meeting and details can be shared on the Google Group. LBCCC would like to be involved.

5. Feedback

i) Langside Avenue Crossing - Cllr Bruce 09/09/25 Director of Roads left GCC

PG said that the commitment to install a camera has not been confirmed as the director left.

ii) Langside Hall - Chet Capkiner - cyclical updates requested 22/10/25

Chet had responded to say there are meetings ongoing.

iii) Balvicar Drive catering unit STO1466 - Cllr Hunter 11/09/25 request via MLU

FoI request response is there are no minutes of the meeting. Cllr Hunter had followed this with the MLU and the response was that we could appeal. Confirmed that the issue is debated in public but decision was made in private. Baptist Church noted that the decision was made on day one and there are 30 days to appeal but the letter took 14 days to appear. Bruce has asked about the burger van but he hasn't received a response from the Council. AM noted that any ASB should be recorded and may be used to report the breach of licence conditions.

6. Proposal for QP Notice Board & Banners

IS spoke to this point, we previously discussed this and submitted a pre-planning application to the Council and received feedback to use prior to submitted an application. IS has met with Anna and looked at the possible locations (to the left of Langside Hall). IS is looking for agreement to take this forward, do we want it to be wood or metal (metal is preferred by the Council). General agreement is that we are in favour of this but it needs to be sturdy and lots of people hand about Langside Hall and there has been lots of vandalism. GH thought it would be a target for graffiti and vandalism until such times as LH reopens. Resident noted that you can use anti-vandalism paint. Bruce said we really need to have a plan to maintain it. Anna noted that metal may be more robust. AM suggested that the application will take some months and once granted it lasts for 5 years. IS has said that she has seen many across Glasgow and few have been vandalised. A vote being taken everyone was in favour of a metal one. PG suggested that we look at PVC banners but they may get vandalised. AM will get a price around 700mm x 2000mm.

7. Area Partnerships - revised funding requests

TT explained that the November meeting has been scaled back but suggested we have this ready for the Q1 meeting. Frankfort St will be discussed at item 9, TT noted two issues Green Fingers, pavement under Coustonholm Rd (IS contacted the adjoining CC but they haven't replied yet). TT asked for other items for the agenda: parking, flooding.

8. BID update

JMcD said there is now a new board in place. Halloween event was very successful with 3 businesses turning into haunted houses. Christmas lights switch on event - 28 November – at 4pm start at Langside Hall. Any issues with light pollution or faults please contact MyShawlands. The new board are recruiting staff so BID activities will increase. Gift Card system is being wound down due to poor uptake. The card isn't accepted by SumUp so it makes it almost impossible to use. BID will be working on the parking permit issue and ask that the CC also do their bit. Cllr Molyneux asked about the outdoor seating area in the square. JMcD said that the Council wanted £24,000 for 3 weekends. Cllr Molyneux will follow this up with NRS.

9. Frankfort St survey

IS noted that the results were handed out at the start of the meeting. The consultation was to understand the views on addressing traffic problems in Frankfort St. The Local Place Plan also included a plan to spread green space out with the park including Minard Rd. The idea is to link both ideas and introduce planters in Frankfort St including at the junction with Minard Rd to narrow the roadway. The results are that most people don't want the road narrowed but they want better signage and road markings. There may be a need to do a technical road survey with NRS to identify what can be done. Will the Council do this and if so how long will it take? TT noted that the AP are asking for detailed costings. Cllr Molyneux suggested that the A77 bus corridor will require traffic surveys and public realms work and Cllr Molyneux will send this to the relevant officers. Resident noted it's not the signage it's the drivers. Resident feels that it is linked to Shawlands Continental customers some of whom are driving too fast too. FH asked if there was a time limit, IS highlighted that there isn't a time limit. AK suggested reporting it to the police, resident says it has been reported to the police but they say it's the council and vice versa.

10. Litter group update

Jude wasn't present but had sent an update by email. *In terms of follow up on the litter group, I did email about a follow up meeting but got no response. While I'm normally up for chasing it up, I've just got a bit jaded with it. It might be useful to discuss and see what people want to do. We all know that things only happen if we agree to do things outside of CC meetings, but I understand we are all busy and it's hard. I am too! But what commitment do people want to put in? I would still like to make time for this if others do. I know another meeting is being organised with other CCs re walkabout…is it the 18th? Rather than trying to organise a separate strategic CC meeting outside of that, I think it would make sense to start the conversation there and see where it goes.*

11. Planning & Licensing Applications

Few planning applications:

Kilmarnock Rd- Oro – application to turn hairdressers into a take-away, moving from inside Oro. Licensing application for Poundworld to be changed to retail. Major one is Titwood Rd – redevelopment of the care home. 63 units across 3 blocks, 2 & 3 bedroom flats, 6 & 4 storeys

high. Only 30 parking spaces for 63 units, feedback is only 50% of people own cars and it looks like spaces are assigned. On the portal there have been objections around parking, height and no path to connect to Moray Place. Moray Place lane isn't adopted to that may be the problem. AK asked about whether we should object, Anna noted the deadline has moved. GH noted Shawlands Arcade was approved with 0% parking so it'll be interesting to see how planning view it. Anna noted that it's within walking distance of two train stations and a major bus route and NPF4 requirements for green space mean it would be difficult to get more parking. Some residents in Carswell Gardens are objecting to overlooking and loss of light. Top floor steps in and we could put in a neutral position and note the height.
Hot food stand next to Hugs and Mugs, proposal is to take part of the park and use it. It was agreed that the CC would put in a formal objection.

12. Councillors' reports

Cllr Molyneux had to leave at 20:37hrs and noted his written report and asked for anyone to contact him it there was anything they wished to raised with him.

Ward 6 elected member report for Community Councils November 2025.

- A Fireworks Control Zone is now in force in Pollokshields between 1 - 10 November, supported by community-led efforts to deter people from misusing fireworks. Police Scotland also has powers to disperse groups of people within the area covered by the Zone if they have concerns related to potential anti-social behaviour.
- Controlled parking zones are being proposed for Strathbungo and Shawlands. These include marked parking bays for residents and visitors using permits as well as short stay pay and display parking. There are resident surveys online and drop-in events at local libraries. https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/proposedparkingcontrols
- Glasgow City Council met on 30 October. It considered a report from the Chief Executive on exit payments for senior officers and the steps the Council is taking to address concerns. Motions were also agreed on the improving prospects for the city centre, new UK government Pride in Place funding, and improving access to childcare.
- Work has started to consider the Council's Budget. The UK Government has delayed setting its Budget which has a knock-on impact on the Scottish budget. The council faces a major financial pressure on homelessness services.
- The recent fire at Londis on Albert Drive is being treated as willful and Police investigations continue. There was also a separate incident in Brickfield Crescent where someone's car was firebombed.
- Action has been taken following repeated missed bin collections in Strathbungo and a meeting with elected members and community representatives is being arranged.
- The community debrief for the Bellahouston summer sessions concerts took place on 2nd October and it highlighted a number of issues, in particular relating to traffic management. The first concerts for next year have now been announced.

- The Elections office is consulting on possible changes to Polling Places including relocating from Pollokshields Burgh Hall to St Alberts Primary and from Nithsdale Road Nursery to Bellahouston Academy or St Alberts Primary. For more information and to respond visit https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/14099/Polling-Districts-and-Places-Review
- Glasgow's bike hire scheme is transitioning to a new operator, Voi, in November. The new scheme will use 1,000 e-bikes and offer a range of hire options.

13. Finance report

Report from PW: herewith is the October finance report for this week's meeting and attached is a scan of the annual accounts that have now been audited and approved by Richard Dye. These will need to be submitted with the AGM minutes to Glasgow City Council.

We had an opening balance of £6,336.18. We paid £50 in rent and £4.25 in regular bank charges. We also reimbursed Alasdair for £29.98 for gifts to long-serving committee members and reimbursed Isla £3.49 for postage of our minutes to libraries. This leaves a balance of £6248.46

14. Formal adoption of new committee - letter to be signed (reminder)

It was noted that the new officers bearers had been duly elected.

15. Training - Community Development Session on Conflict Resolution - Saturday 22nd November, 9:30am – 12:30pm

16. Any other business

IS noted that Moria McLean had raised concerns about graffiti on external wall of Shawlands Arcade. At the last meeting we would JH said the Council graffiti team deal with non-Council property but the website says this is not the case. IS will raise this with Cllr Molyneux. PG will also contact the Council. JMcD has also been contacted about the graffiti on Shawlands Arcade wall at the old Wetherspoons. Bruce feels that the graffiti team is under resourced and we somehow need a plan to address. Bruce paints over any graffiti at the pond or bothy very quickly. IS asked that this be raised during the walkabout. A resident contacted us about a dangerous crossing at Crossmyloof Station, PG has gone to look at this crossing. AK asked that we raise this with the Council. There is a petition for new powers for Community Councils and we will look at this next month. Community Benefits event. FH asked who has purchased Tusk, but AM didn't know. CDT operate the green bus in Pollok Park. IS asked JMcD if the bid would be interested, no. The Freddie the Cat statue/mural campaign was noted. AM asked if we could raise the clearance of leaves during the walkabout.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 4th December, 7pm, Shawlands Bowling Club, 1154 Pollokshaws Rd