

Hutchesontown Community Council Meeting Minutes

**St Francis Centre
Tuesday 23 September 2025**

HUTCHESONTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

J. Thomason (Chair); S. Hay (Vice Chair/ Correspondence Secretary); T. Porter (Treasurer); D. Green (Secretary); I. Devlin.

VISITORS

Cllr M. Hunter; E. Catterall.

APOLOGIES

Bailie S. Siddique; John Grady MP; S. Chase; J. Sechaud.

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

May's minutes ratified by: Proposer: S. Hay Seconder: I. Devlin
June's minutes ratified by: Proposer: I. Devlin Seconder: S. Hay

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from S. Chase, J. Sechaud, Cllr S. Siddique, and John Grady MP.

4. ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Email and Website:

S. Hay noted that this has not yet been completed. Relevant office bearers agreed to a meeting separately to complete the assigning of emails and accounts to relevant office bearer positions.

5. Police Report

None.

6. ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Mhairi Hunter:

Cllr Hunter noted the closure of the Gorbals police station. She has received correspondence about this with constituents. There has also been discussion at local Area Partnership about how the community can maintain face-to-face contact with the police without the physical station present. Police Scotland have agreed to do 'drop-in' sessions with various key stakeholders to maintain their presence in the area. The AP will write to the police and NGHA to arrange these drop-in sessions.

Cllr Hunter also wished it to be noted that at the most recent Area Partnership, funding was given to the St Francis Pipe Band.

In other work, Cllr Hunter is investigating the allocation of LEN V2 funding (funding when there is housing development ring-fenced for community benefit). She has become aware of the question about whether that funding has come back into the community and whether all that funding has come to the community. She plans to keep the Community Council updated with that.

Cllr Hunter concluded by mentioning that community budgeting is currently going on within the Gorbals and is meeting with Gorbals Regeneration Group about developing this further.

In response to Cllr Hunter's report, T. Porter mentioned that the police are in the office for a couple of hours at the Housing Association every Thursday.

Elizabeth Catterall, on behalf of John Grady MP:

Cleansing:

With regard to fly-tipping at NISA, Mr Grady has been working with the company to investigate what is going on around the outside of the shop and is currently looking for an update into how this is being resolved. He is also investigating fly-tipping at the back of the Rose Garden. Part of the solution that he is also trying to work with Glasgow City Council on is making sure all QR codes are on bins to make it easier to tackle any waste management problems.

Roads and Streetworks:

Resurfacing Commercial Road: Mr Grady is currently following this up.

Around Pine Place and Old Rutherglen Road, gully cleaning should be taking place soon.

Lighting issues on Sandyfauld Road has also been raised with Glasgow City Council and Mr Grady is waiting to hear back about this work being completed.

Community safety:

Mr Grady met with Inspector Hogg to investigate persistent issues – the police are currently carrying out ‘days of action’ to troubleshoot problematic behaviours. With specific regard to e-bikes, they are currently working on gathering intelligence about where bikes are coming from and will attempt to tackle this at its source.

As ever, surgeries booked in every week – email to be booked in.

D. Green asked for clarification about the allocation of other postcodes beyond G5 for the Citz Card (Citizens’ Theatre discount card), and E. Catterall assured members that this only related to a small number of houses across the road from the theatre.

D. Green also raised the question of the leisure suite at Gorbals Leisure Centre being closed and what pressure could be put on Glasgow Life to reopen this. Cllr Hunter promised that she would investigate this.

7. LOCAL MATTERS ARISING

Waste Management

There was discussion among members about when waste / bulk uplift takes place. S. Hay mentioned that given that all residents are paying for the service, it is not good enough to just let renters know. It is an issue of communication. Members agreed that NGHHA have open invitation to this meeting to help inform the Community Council of their work. D. Green said wider issue of communication, to which J. Thomason agreed.

Action point: Contact S. Burn and M. Fullerton to come to a meeting of HCC in the near future.

Lighting

T. Porter reported a couple of lights have gone off in Rose Garden and need repaired.

Roads

T. Porter mentioned that the work around Clydeside Distillery has resulted in the road being closed for months. This has meant people parking on cycle lanes. He recommends the community council keep a watching brief on the streets around the distillery to see if it is an issue that needs to be escalated.

Trees

I. Devlin spoke about getting a consultation letter (issued by Scottish Power to residents) two weeks after trees in the area were cut down, about a new substation being put into the area. The substation is being placed there without the residents’ voices being heard, and although the energy company said they will replace the trees, replacing old trees with smaller new ones is not a sustainable approach to the environment.

8. CHRISTMAS HUB / GLASGOW GREEN CONSULTATION

J. Thomason alerted the Community Council about Glasgow City Council deciding to put the Christmas Hub into Glasgow Green. Calton Community Council expressed their frustration about lack of consultation on this issue. Indeed, many members living across from the Green are frustrated about the number of events the Green is used for already. Calton CC sent HCC their email on for comment. Cllr M. Hunter said that there would be notification – but should be more consultation on the circumstances of the decision to place the fayre on the Green.

D. Green also mentioned about the questions Calton CC have raised having already been answered in the statement released by GCC, albeit too late and without adequate consultation having taken place.

T. Porter quite happy to see it in Glasgow Green. Cllr M. Hunter said if we have concerns we should contact Glasgow City Council.

Collectively, it was agreed that the main concern the Council has is about the amount of rubbish the event will generate, and where the rubbish collectors going to be patrolling in order to keep on top of this.

Action Point: S. Hay will contact GCC about litter and mention the lack of consultation.

9. Community Land Buyout

D. Green highlighted that this is a watching brief and that when more news is available about the campaign's progress, he will alert the Community Council.

10. AGM Planning

J. Thomason reminded members that it is the Community Council's AGM next month. J. Thomason will not be here; T. Porter will chair in her stead. J. Thomason reminded all relevant office bearers to make sure that all relevant paperwork is completed in advance of the AGM.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Porter noted that the current bank balance stands at £3144.50.

Action Point: D. Green will put on the Community Council Facebook page suggestions for people to comment on what they would like the Council to spend money on to develop.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

D. Green noted that Bailie S. Siddique had provided information about the caravan located outside the St Francis Centre. Unfortunately there was little GCC could do about this short of asking the owner to move the caravan. However, new legislation is coming into force which may grant the Council more enforcement powers, and so for the time being the Community Council will have to wait and see what further action could be taken.

13. PLANNING & LICENSING

None.

15. AOCB

J. Thomason noted that the Civic Reception for the 50 years of Community Councils took place last week. She hoped everyone present enjoyed it. She will try to get hold of pictures from the event.

I. Devlin raised the question of seats on the bus stop on Oregon Street/Caledonia Road. She was told by Bailie Scanlon that the pavement was too narrow to hold a seat. Cllr M. Hunter will contact SPT to see if anything further can be done.

Date of next meeting: 7.00pm, 21 October 2025, St Francis Centre.