SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting on 4 June 2026

Attendance: Alasdair Kelly (Chair), Jennifer Thornton, Fergus Henderson, Jonny McDonald (MyShawlands), Geoff Harker, Ross Bradley, Jan Jasinski, Bruce MacLeod (Bothy), Andrew Montgomery, Nick Parton, Anna McEwan, Eileen Scott, Raymond Scott, Bailie Norman MacLeod, PC McRae & PC Bronski (Police Scotland)
Apologies: Susan Readman, John Smith, Toni Tochel, Jude Hunter, Bailie Raja, Phil Gane, Isla Scott, Nick Bibby

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

AK welcomed everyone to the meeting and a roundtable of introductions. Minutes from the last meeting Bailie MacLeod noted at item 7, general AP funding is not revenue only but NIIF is. AP papers are available online. Proposed FH seconded Jan J.

2. Report from Police Scotland

Calls consistent in the last month. No significant increase in crimes. Reports of a bogus caller/workman at a door in Strathbungo. Please be aware and report suspicions. Tree down blocking Pollokshaws Rd. Resident said 6-7 cars have been keyed in Frankfort St, witness reported it to be a young person from Shawlands Academy. Also, a car drove down the wrong one in the one-way street and hit another car. Police said Frankfort St one-way violations have been raised at this meeting numerous times and police do try to attend. Another officer has raised signage with the Council. Resident asked can't parking attendants highlight the violation to drivers. Police said they do need to be there and witness the offence to take action. Recommended that people use the 'Contact Us' form on the Police Scotland website. Police said for the keying incident, get the CCTV from the shop and upload it via the website, police can make an appointment to visit. FH said electric bikes are going up and down the street at speed and it's only a matter of time before someone is injured. FH said some residents want to raise it with the media. FH says he is completing the online form weekly. JMcD said shops are complaining about shoplifting, PC Sarah someone was meant to visit the Co-Op and 3 months later still hasn't. Some shops feel there are organised groups, shops are now taking pictures of the offenders and sharing them on WhatsApp. There seems to be groups arriving in cars with buggies, filling them and confronting staff if challenged. Co-Op and B&M feel that the police response in Shawlands is worse than other areas. Police Scotland does have a specialist team who deal with organised retail crime. Resident asked about the Campus Cops authority, resident caught a shoplifter and approached the campus cop and the police officer refused to deal with it. AM recommended that the resident raise the issue with professional standards.

3. Queen's Park

- Glasshouse closure – PG / TT to discuss options
  TT and FoQP aren't present, TT provided an update by email. There was a discussion around potential uses for the Glasshouses to avoid the closure. Bailie MacLeod noted that the Council has a number of business advisors who can assist with opportunities for funding and also GB Energy are looking for opportunities to invest in renewable energy. BMcL said we should push for any viable option that keeps the building open as it keeps it warm and water tight. AK asked who the CC should write to, Bailie MacLeod said write to him and he will follow it up. Bailie MacLeod said the Council have promised to look after the building. Tollcross Glasshouse has just been taken over on a 25-year lease by a local community group. It was agreed that we would write to the local Councillors and NRS (cc LBC CC). AMcE said we can also write letters of support for a planning application. There is a meeting next Tuesday at 6pm in the Roma Centre, BMcL will attend and feedback.
- Friends of QP – no update
- Working group – TT update provided by email:

1. Development Plan – NRS are compiling a list of long- and short-term projects which will be circulated for the next meeting. Green Space funding is being explored, meanwhile some items with short-term modest funding can be picked up with BAU funds.
2. Glasshouses – Staff not moving before 12th August but exact date TBC. NRS are engaging with city property on how the building will be managed between them and any new tenants coming in. No proposed tenants at a stage where details can be shared. Specifications of the building checks will be brought to the next meeting. Discussions with GBPT are ongoing. The fish are going to similar facilities across the country. Unsure about plants but NRS have taken the question away. The Scot Gov funding for the People's Palace is to plug the gap in the GCC funding not to replace it so there isn't any GCC money that can be moved from People's Palace to Glasshouse. There was discussion of toilet provision in the park due to the closure. Lucy from South Seeds mentioned there was a toilet in the tennis pavilion which many were unaware of. Questions were asked about the costings for the Hugs and Mugs toilets. NRS will supply the last paper on public toilets to the next meeting. GCC put information about public toilets on the Great British Toilet App. It was pointed out that the information on there is not current and a request to update it. Signage in the park and on the gates of the Glasshouse were requested. There was discussion of whether the gated garden will remain open which NRS will take away. The need to balance access and the opportunity for vandalism was mentioned.
3. Park Lighting – Proposals from the Eco Consultants are still awaited.
4. Balvicar Play Area – Cllr Molyneux asked whether it was necessary for all procurement to be concurrent or whether Balvicar could go now. NRS said that there were cost savings from doing all the procurement together. An update on Balvicar will be brought to the next meeting.
5. Covid Memorial – There was a recent meeting with the design team to give the memorial a longer design life. Those comments have been taken on board and it's now with the project team to deal with the fabrication.

4. Strategic issues

- Walk round with local neighbourhood coordinators – update
  No one from the meeting attended the walkround. It was noted we should co-ordinate with neighbouring wards if there are issues for them. Update the Langside/Minard/Pollokshaws junction will be resurfaced this weekend 6-7 June.
- PCZ - steering group
  JMcD said there's not much of an update from the Council. FoI requests have gone in and also a complaint regarding the quality of the consultation. FoI request responses show that the Council haven't taken the action they said they would take in recent years. Website will be launched with information that has been gathered.
- Shawlands Arcade – LL has responded advising they will consider our request.
- Coustonholm Rd - note only. No discussion needed. AK to attend stakeholder mtg on 19th June to review issues / options. AK updated that he will attend and feedback afterwards.
- Bins - GCC proposal to replace lane bins with St bins Prince Edward St / Niddrie Rd / Allison St. PG to visit on next walkround with NRS.

5. Proposal for QP Notice Board & Banners

We have purchased the OS map need and AMcE will work on the planning application and lodge in due course.

6. Area Partnerships

Lighting the lane issue - TC to comment

7. Business Improvement District report

JMcD said now that the police don't report crimes stats there's no objective data but shoplifting seems to be on the increase in the larger shops. Businesses want some action taken. Planters – site visits have taken place and funding is allocated. Love Queen's Park is the theme and it's hoped that the parklets are seen as being connected to Queen's Park. Sofie is the new co-ordinator and her email is communitycoordinator@myshawlands.com. New board member and they are still looking for new board members. Working on lamppost banners and the artist has been on the streets asking people for ideas. Events still planned but awaiting PTU.

8. Litter group meeting – carried forward

9. Planning & Licensing Applications

AMcE said there's a new planning application to turn the cobblers at Pollokshaws East into a take-away sandwich shop. No other significant applications. Revised plan for Millwood St/Deanston development but still demolishes the church. No decision on Titwood Rd development. AMcE

attended the licensing meeting but didn't realise how long the meeting takes but noted objectors can only speak to items included in the letter of objection. Application was refused.

10 Councillors report

Bailie MacLeod circulated his written report and shared the briefing on the new 20mph speed limit across the city and will start in Govan. AK asked if the 20mph proposal are finalised or is there a consultation, Bailie MacLeod thought the notice had been published. AK noted part of Pollokshaws Rd will be 20mph. AMcK confirmed that it will be an 18-month Temp TRO. FH said land between Tusk and 48 Frankfort St is Council land and needs cleaned. City Development Plan 2 has now been published and will be open for consultation in the next couple of months. Our LPP is incorporated. NP said that the Council App seems to be selective when reporting fly tipping, some items are collected quickly but other just left. Engagement with new MSP – no further information available.

Councillors report to the meeting of Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council on 4th June 2026

The City Council met on Thursday,14th May 2026. The topics of motions submitted included the outcome of the Scottish Parliament election, the ongoing impact of Brexit, Freedom of the City, and electoral reform.

Despite objections - the applications for temporary public entertainment licences for the Summer Sessions concerts in Bellahouston Park recently were approved.

There have been several reports of people driving at very high speeds around Pollokshields. Police are aware and will endeavour to target resources accordingly.

Renewal of the 3G sports pitches at the Palace of Art is proposed, using over £250,000 of developer contributions.

Council officers are working with the Southside Housing Association to address problems with bin stores around St Andrews Drive.

Elected members continue to press the Council to provide a sustainable solution to lighting the main public walking route to Shawlands Station via Herries Lane, which is privately owned.

The Council is working with owners and contractors to address serious structural problems affecting the tenement at 78 Minard Road.

A learning review has been published into issues associated with 'Family C' – a case which saw multiple missed opportunities by public agencies to intervene in cases of obvious child neglect.

The Council has published a draft City Development Plan, which is be subject to full public consultation from later this month. This will provide the framework against which all planning applications in the city will be assessed for the next decade, so it is very important that communities engage with it and highlight any concerns or missed opportunities.

11. Finance

Balance £6,309.81 spending £41.76 bowling club, £90 litter prize, £4.25 bank charges. AM also mentioned costs for the hustings.

12. AOB

Carment Dr Residents Group – street closure for a football themed / highland games 13 June. AMcE said there's another South Sector Locality engagement forum 10am on June 18th at Samaritan House, Copelaw St. Bailie MacLeod will be attending. CCs have been invited. AK said residents concerned about QPH should be alerted. PG will contact residents.

***Note* Date of next meeting - Thursday 3rd September**