SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting on 6 February 2025

Attendance: Alasdair Kelly (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Micaela Levesque, Anna McEwan, Paul Whitehead, Isla Scott, Alan Hall, Bailie Hanif Raja, Jude Hunter, Michael Igoe, Susan Readman (FoQP), Toni Tochel, Nick Parton, Bruce MacLeod (Bothy), Geoff Harker, Fergus Henderson,
Apologies:

Interim Election
There are 3 nominees, 2 as community council members and 1 for associate
Micaela Levesque nominated as a member by NP seconded by PW
Anna McEwan nominated as a member by JH and seconded TT
Phil Gane nominated as an associate member by PW and seconded by GH

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising
AK opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for brevity as there was a busy agenda. There was a roundtable of introductions. There being no matters arising January minutes nominated by IS and seconded by JH.

2. Report from Police Scotland – no officers present

3. Visit from Bruce Macleod ; the Bothy plans
Bruce said that there will be 2 containers and they will be linked to the Camphill Bowling Club fence to create a garden. One container will be used as a meeting space. They are recruiting volunteers from schools, colleges and local people. The entire site will be fully accessible for those in wheelchairs. There will be a café and a bakery. It is hoped that the business plan will be completed in the next 3 months and within a year items will be onsite. Full information is available on PMG. Bailie MacLeod suggested the website address and email be shared. NP said that was very good news.

4. Fencing around Queen's Park and use of park for dog-walking.
SR said that she was waiting to hear from the resident who had been in contact regarding gap in the fence opposite BP and dogs in the park. MI said some parks have segregated cycle lanes. Cllr Molyneux had commented that some land will be taken from the park to create a cycle lane. GH mentioned the white line that has been painted in the park but there's no indication of what it is. PW said the white line is for visibility and the thinking on segregation doesn't work and people should just be

considerate of each other. AK asked TT whether QPWG will look at the shared use issue and TT agreed.

5. The state of Shawlands Arcade especially the railings

AK asked for this item to be on the agenda, following the MyShawlands BID meeting last week, Jonny McDonald was speaking about the condition of the arcade bringing down the area. AK thought it would be worthwhile to raise this issue with the owners of the arcade. Everyone agreed. IS said that the Community Payback people could maybe be engaged to look at the arcade. JH provided contact details for the Community Payback team.

6. Local Place Plan update and decisions about legacy projects

JH circulated an update and the final consultation is on Saturday 8th February between 12 and 3pm, refreshments are being provided. After the consultation Kevin Murray Assoc will prepare the final draft and send it to councillors for all 3 wards and then submit the final plan to the Council at the end of March. Key ideas are traffic calming,safe crossings into the park and public realm improvements, especially at Langside Square. Langside ward AP may be asked to support funding for the crossing. There's a desire to constitute Queen's Park Neighbourhood as a group to have influence and access to funding and work with other groups across the area. The CC agreed with this and are in support. The Council, GBPT and Community Links and having a consultation on the future of the QP glasshouse. TT said that there have been discussions and QPWG had secured funding but this was meant to be around the fabric of the glasshouses. TT agreed that the neighbourhood was a good idea but it needs to be thought through and discussed by the community and not the Council. TT said the QPWG was started because of the glasshouses. PW agreed with and supported the recommendations especially the learning and also offered a vote of thanks to JH and IS for the huge amount of work they have done. NP said that the QPN and QPWG could work together. TT will try to agree a date for a meeting. AK proposed that we support constituting QPN, propose QPN as the designated local partner and work collaboratively with stakeholders. There being no objections this was approved.

7. Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund

There is a paper going to the next AP meeting regarding community engagement on the NIFF. Starting point should be engagement with community councils and then other groups or relevant stakeholders like LPP. There has been some discussion that £500,000 may be spent on streetlighting but is this a community priority. MI said there had been a discussion around broad allocation e.g. £100,000 for pavements and potholes etc. JH said that the proposal is that there should be discussion around obtaining a costed recommendation and then put to the community. NP said the

concept of just spending it on pavements and streetlighting is just the way the council works. AK suggested that we pass a message to the AP that £500,000 shouldn't be spent without community consultation. NRS have undertaken that for the April AP meeting they will attend with a summary of current NIIF spend and priorities.

8. Next Area Partnership meeting

MI noted the previous discussion on NIIF. JH noted that there is a paper regarding Ward plans and NRS would to engage on this. JH suggested that we circulate the AP papers in advance to allow the CC to comment on those. AP asked re Langside Halls with 3 wards coming together is it possible for only 2 wards would contribute. AM asked about whether it is possible for the CC to request the AP to investigate the possibility of moving Langside Hall from Southside Central. Bailie MacLeod noted with regret that Langside Hall has been closed for over 8 years and having spent over £600,000 on a new boiler the building has still not reopened. Bailie MacLeod said that £80,000 per year spent on Non Domestic Rates and almost £100,000 on heating the building.

9. Langside Halls update

Micaela noted that In-House continue to work on the plan to reopen LH. The combination of In-House skills on operating a venue and the skills and knowledge of LHT has been extremely useful. It is hoped that they will be in a position to launch bids for funding soon.

10. Business Improvement District update

Jonny McDonald wasn't present but it was agreed to add his report to the minute. There is funding for the next 2 years and the BID are keen to keep moving forward. They are hopeful that the collection rate and funding shortfall will be made up to fund further activities. The BID can't currently afford to employ people. FH feels the amount of pavement clutter in Shawlands isn't acceptable and people with mobility issues or prams etc are having to use the road. TT asked if FH is asking those who complain to him to also complain to the Council/Police.

11. Planning & Licensing Applications

Anna hasn't had a handover meeting with AH yet. IS would also like to meet Anna too.

12.Councillors' reports – taken as item 2

Bailie MacLeod made reference to his written report submitted in advance (included below). There has been concern expressed regarding cycle route proposed on Moss-side Rd and Dinmont Rd. There have been 2 engagement events regarding the proposed cycle routes. Bailie MacLeod feels that the concerns of residents have been

taken onboard but the outcome of the consultation is awaited. FH asked will there be a cycle lane from Minard Rd/Pollokshaws Rd and the up Pollokshaws Road, Bailie MacLeod thought this was correct. Bailie MacLeod said that the Visitor Levy will take a number of years to progress and it would be 2027. AM asked about the £700,000 of payments made to two council officers who resigned, Bailie MacLeod said he was aware of the reports but couldn't comment further. Legal officers are investigating have been commissioned to investigate, but Bailie MacLeod understands that this will not happen again.

Councillors' Report – February 2025

- Offences of **pavement parking, double parking and parking across a dropped kerb** are now enforceable city wide, with the exception of some streets which still need to be assessed for possible exemption of the pavement parking restriction. These offences are liable for a £100 fine.
- Scotland's first **safer drug consumption facility**, the Thistle, is now open. Its aim is to reduce the harm associated with intravenous drug use and to help people with addictions access support and treatment.
- The council has agreed to consult on a 5% per night **Visitor Levy**. Edinburgh became the first Scottish council to agree a Levy earlier in the month. In Glasgow. this could raise more than £12.5m annually to support services that both residents and visitors benefit from, such as street cleaning, parks maintenance and culture and sport.
- Council staff responded to 100s of incidents as a result of **Storm Eowyn**, helping to minimise disruption and maintain public safety.
- The programme for **Glasgow 850** has been launched. The calendar of events started with an Interfaith celebration. Residents can sign up to support the anniversary celebrations as a volunteer. Visit www.glasgow850.com
- Revised proposals for an **event day parking scheme** around Ibrox Stadium, including Craigton, Bellahouston and Dumbreck, have been developed. A public consultation on the required traffic regulation orders will follow informal consultation with elected members and relevant community councils.
- Revised proposals for the south section of the **city active travel network** have been developed, including routes on Pollokshaws Road, Shields Road and Maxwell road. There are drop-in consultation events on 5th February (2pm-4pm and 5pm-8pm) at Destiny Church in Shawlands and 6th February (4pm-7pm) at Pollokshields Library.
- A number of **missed bin reports** were made following the Christmas period and the bad weather that followed. Services should now be getting back on schedule.
- New plans for part of the **former Craigholme School** in Pollokshields have been tabled and are available for public comment.

- The fire-damaged tenement at **Albert Cross** suffered further internal damage as a result of Storm Eowyn and the council is stepping-up work with owners to secure a resolution.
- A proposal to use developer contributions to deliver an upgrade to the **Balvicar Street play park** has been submitted to elected members and if supported will then go to the City Administration Committee for approval.

Bailie Raja has been absent for a while due to illness but is now back in the fold. Not much to add to the report offered by Bailie MacLeod. Should anyone require any further information regarding the cycle lane please feel free to send an email to the councillors and they will respond. Bailie Raja thanked the Chair for taking this item early.

13. Finance report

We had an opening balance of £8,106.26. We paid £33.17 to Isla in reimbursement for envelopes and postage. I forgot to pay rent last month so I've paid double this month, which will be reflected in next month's accounts. This leaves a closing balance of £7,982.49. It was noted that a significant amount of the is held on behalf of the LPP.

14. Any other business

STV News are asking if we could forward items of interest to them as they wish to have an ongoing relationship. NP noted that having access to the press wasn't a bad thing. Bailie MacLeod reserves the right to give them a story for an issue elsewhere in the Ward. JH mentioned that it's Glasgow 850 this year and also 50 years of Community Councils, there is a working group of CCs and perhaps a civic reception. There may also be small grant funding available. MI noted that the DWP want disabled people to attend their office on Coustonholm Rd but the pavement is too narrow on one side and on the other side there is no crossing so someone in a wheelchair can't get there (there was discussion of a bollard blocking the pavement but this was later corrected). Great British Spring Clean is taking part from 21st March to 6th April have invited us to take part, SR thought this was a very good idea.
Allan Anderson is a resident from Tantallon Road, about 18 months ago the street was resurfaced and with no zigzags being repainted cards park right in front of the pelican crossings. This presents a clear danger to children crossing on the way to school. AM has raised this with the local councillors.

Date of next meeting Thursday 6th March