

HUTCHESONTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes

St Francis Centre, Cumberland Street
Tuesday 18 August 2026

ATTENDANCE

Judith Thomason (Chair); Serena Hay (Correspondence Secretary/ Vice Chair); David Green (Secretary); Tim Porter (Treasurer); Scott Chase; Hanna Kopasts; Isobel Devlin; Veronica McHugh; Tobias Baganz.

VISITORS

Elizabeth Catterall; Lois Green; Elaine Murray.

APOLOGIES

Romane Moulin.

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

J. Thomason, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

The meeting noted apologies from R. Moulin, M. Amiri, Cllr M. Hunter and J. Grady MP.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

June's minutes were proposed by I. Devlin and seconded by S. Hay.

4. ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

TRSMT

J. Thomason noted that she had not spoken to the TRSMT organisers as she was unaware she had to do this but will do so before the next meeting. She will also find out from Cllr Hunter about how to get back on the mailing list to be kept up-to-date about TRSMT matters.

Community Council Social Event

J. Thomason has not yet organised a social event for Council members but will email out a selection of choices in the next few weeks to find out what date is suitable for most people.

Action Points:

J. Thomason will contact TRSMT organisers about having the Community Council official email addresses added to their email lists for community consultation.

J. Thomason will also consult members about an appropriate day for a social event.

5. POLICE REPORT

Police Scotland were not present to provide a verbal report at this meeting.

6. ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

Elizabeth Catterall (on behalf of John Grady MP)

Signs

Poles have been replaced in some areas to make sure that some road signs don't change.

St Andrew's Bridge

Lighting on St Andrews Suspension Bridge is in hand with Glasgow City Council. One side of the bridge still needs the lights fixed but this needs to be put out to tender to find an acceptable solution.

Defibrillator

J. Grady has found out who owns the building occupied by the Gorbals Library and has spoken to the owners' solicitors who say the owners are willing to have a defibrillator located outside the building. J. Grady will take forward the Community Council's wish to pursue this with the owners of the building and report back when there are further developments.

7. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

H. Kopasts opened the discussion with a request to get help to organise a local litter pick on behalf of the Community Council. She noted that there was a lot of rubbish in some areas of the neighbourhood, and that it would be good for everyone to get together and pick litter around the area. J. Thomason noted that the Council is aware that New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) does this but it is during the working day and not suitable for many residents to attend. T. Porter noted that there are two hubs in the Gorbals with equipment, one of which is NGHA, and that litter-picking equipment can be borrowed with some

planning. T. Porter also noted that the NGHA litter pick takes place on the first Friday of every month and that it's best to avoid this.

In terms of getting access to equipment, T. Porter said that the Community Council could pay and supply equipment for the litter pick as long as it was branded with 'HCC' logos/ name. He also noted that it is possible to get cheap litter-pick equipment for around £3 per item but it is better to spend a bit more money for the better quality equipment. J. Thomason suggested that the Community Council borrow the equipment first from NGHA and then see how it goes. If the litter pick becomes more regular then the Council could look into purchasing its own equipment. T. Porter also said that the litter pick group could apply to Area Partnership for funding.

In further discussion under what auspices the litter pick would be organised, H. Kopasts said that it would be better to organise it under the umbrella of the Community Council as it would bring people together and could be advertised on Facebook. J. Thomason added that it would be good publicity for the Community Council.

After further discussion, the Community Council agreed that those who were so willing would meet to do the litter pick on Saturday 19 September between 10.00 and 12noon, meeting in front of the Gorbals library.

Action Points:

T. Porter will speak to Susan Burn about how to collect the equipment from NGHA in the week before the litter pick (inc. gloves, hi-viz vests, litter pickers), and also ask NGHA about what to do with the rubbish. T. Porter will buy bin bags.

S. Hay will work on publicity and advertise via the Community Council Facebook Page.

8. MATTERS ARISING

NISA Car Park

T. Porter mentioned that a local resident has already emailed all four elected City Council representatives (in addition to Paul Sweeney MSP) on the matter of the NISA car park and a café/trailer kiosk that seems to have set up business there. T. Porter is not sure if the NISA owners know who own it. S. Hay noted that the unit used to be at the side of the Chinese on McNeil Street.

Action Point: E. Catterall noted the Council's concerns and said she will raise this with J. Grady to seek more information about the status of the kiosk.

9. COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION AT GORBALS FAIR

The Community Council took time to review the community consultation exercise and the data collected during the Gorbals Fair. Trends were identified and areas of concern to residents were highlighted and discussed.

Action Points:

T. Baganz will take the lead on designing a consultation exercise to focus on community safety to make it more specific the Gorbals area and to understand the issues about which people may be concerned. (This should include aspects of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, and the street they live on.)

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Porter reported that the Community Council's current balance stands at £3300.68.

11. PLANNING & LICENSING*Licencing*

None.

Action Point:*Planning*

S. Chase notified the Council of recent planning applications over the past month for the Community Council's consideration:

- Retrospective planning permission for a shop on Ballater Street has already expired and it is too late to put in any objections.
- HMO Application (Old Rutherglen Road). After a vote, the Community Council voted 5 to 2 in favour of recommending a rejection of the HMO (with one abstention).

Action Points:

D. Green will lodge a formal objection to the HMO.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

J. Thomason read a message from organisers for 'Hope not Hate' and asked if members wanted them to attend the next Community Council meeting.

Action Point:

J. Thomason will invite organisers from Hope not Hate to speak at the regular meeting in September.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FEDERATION

The Community Council discussed whether or not it was worth engaging in the proposed Community Council Federation. E. Murray mentioned that this had been raised recently at Laurieston Community Council, where they had agreed in principle to join but as they did

not have the capacity to engage with the Federation at the moment they would be unable to send anyone to meetings.

Members also discussed the workings of JAGS, with T. Porter mentioning that Toni Abbot from Glasgow Community Council wished to organise JAGS. I. Devlin said she felt it was an unnecessary tear of governance. J. Thomason reiterated that the Federation does not have any official authority but about having a stronger voice for all community councils across Glasgow and to raise city-wide issues. J. Thomason said it would be worth joining, and wait to see how the body develops. Members of the Council agreed that given that the Federation is meeting four times a year and that each Community Council has one vote, it would be worth engaging in for the time being.

Action Points

T. Baganz and J. Thomason were proposed and agreed by the Council unanimously to have their names proposed as representatives of Hutchesontown Community Council on the Glasgow Community Council Federation. J. Thomason will communicate this to the organisers of the Federation.

15. A.O.C.B.

I. Devlin noted that there was new graffiti around the Scottish Power substation near Caledonia Road. It was suggested that I. Devlin phone Scottish Power to ask for it to be cleaned rather than Glasgow City Council. E. Catterall also said she would get onto this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm, 15 September 2026, St Francis Centre, Cumberland Street.