



Attendance: Toni Tochel (Chair), Andrew Hoolachan, Annelies McMillan (Scottish Water), Susan Readman (FOQP), Greg Linning, Jonathon McDonald (BID), Cllr Jon Molyneux, Michael Igoe, Alasdair Kelly, Isla Scott, Kylie Grant, Nick Parton, Cllr Zen Ghani, Paul Whitehead, Amy Smyth (GCC NRS), David Black, John Smith, Alan Hall, Monia Molino, PC Alan McKechnie (Police Scotland), Andrew Montgomery, Fergus Henderson, Bailie Norman MacLeod

Apologies: Geoff Harker, Martha Smart

Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes from January proposed by AH and seconded by JS.

Former Tusk Building/Waverly Tearooms, 18 Moss-side Rd

FH says the building is in very poor condition. Tree came down and damaged a fence. Lots of litter and waste piling up. FH is of the opinion that Wetherspoons don't care. Cllr Ghani has added the tree to the tree removal plan as it was on the pavement. TT recalled that there had been discussion around community ownership, JMcD from BID will follow up as he is aware of a contact who was looking into public ownership.

Visit & presentation by Scottish Water

Annelies from Scottish Water has a short presentation which she will send by email. Presentation covers the different roles between SW, Council and SEPA. Lots of the questions from the CC relate to aged infrastructure. SW aren't responsible for all water that falls from the sky, only roof drainage, waste water and foul water. They will work with local authorities including to address surface water drainage but this is a local authority issue. PW explained there are quite a few areas in the local area which floods quite badly so we'd like to understand responsibility – Annelies said initially it is a local authority issue as it isn't SW responsibility until it hits the sewer system. David Hay flooding team at Glasgow City Council has confirmed that he's unaware of the flooding at Kilmarnock Rd & Coustonholm Rd bridges. GCC would need to investigate this first. IS said that the Kilmarnock Rd flood was extending about 20m and almost hitting the middle of the road. IS asked Annelies to report it tonight but Annelies isn't online currently. SW will not investigate surface water flooding. PW confirmed that flooding needs to be reported to BOTH SW and GCC. From SW this will create an investigation by SW and they will identify cause including capacity. AH noted the local flood risk management plan, Annelies confirmed this is GCC as lead authority (other LAs) SEPA, SW, Forestry Commission, Nature Scot, HES. On the SEPA flood map, AH noted that they don't pick up small flooding like roads and pavements. Annelies says SEPA are getting ready for National Flood Risk Assessment 3 consultation, this will allow areas not included in the map to be added. There's also Potential Vulnerable Area maps too. SCALGO software used by SW shows ponding. NP asked how do we as a CC make sure something is done with local flooding. Annelies said it's down to us to decide how to report things. The presentation includes contact details and portal information. Cllr Ghani says he has reported Coustonholm Road and he is waiting on a response. TT asked about Shieldhall Tunnel and whether there is a plan for something of that scale again, Annelies said nothing of that scale is planned. NP asked about the flooding in The Georgic and Jonny asked about compensation for those businesses directly impacted, Annelies will follow this up with Corporate Affairs & Matt Bingham at SW and copy Johnny on the email.

Police Report

Things of note: crimes of dishonesty in Tantallon Rd, people trying car doors and getting into common closes 5 incidents. Frankfort St one-way system has been looked at and PC Gavrilous has taken ownership, no detections when officers are present. Shoplifting Kilmarnock Rd, Superdrug B&M and Holland and Barrett. The latter was being investigated and H&B have started putting empty jars out. BP petrol station has had 5 or 6 incidents reported, security guards are present but they have a no confrontation policy. Police Scotland are meeting with BP in February to see how they can assist. D'nisi had an attempted break-in and two residential housebreakings nearby but they have CCTV and doorbell footage. General advice for shops use shutters and alarms if they have them. There's a neighbourhood alert scheme and you can sign up online, you can specify a post code and get alerts. IS said Langside Avenue pedestrian crossing has been raised by a few residents as cars aren't stopping. Police said they will look into. IS said council view is if incidents aren't reported then there isn't a concern. FH said Frankfort St there were about 6 vehicles going the wrong way. Been to see the local MP but he said it wasn't his business contact MSP, contacted MSP but they said they will note it. FH asked re Shawlands Cross CCTV what does it monitor as traffic is a problem, Police will look at it. MI asked if there is a way to make better use of the CCTV as Langside Hall is being vandalised but we are being told we've got to know when it happens. Police said there are many cameras in the city to monitor and many are not actively monitored by the Council.

Extension of 'Bln Hub' trial - your suggestions sought for streets/areas

TT says that we've had 10 responses to the Facebook request for proposed locations. NP wasn't moaning but said he doesn't think this is a pilot and that it will go ahead regardless at the end of it. NP said it's coincidental that public blue bins have been removed and massive backlog of residential blue bins. Cllr Molyneux said it is officially a pilot and they have funding for an additional 75 hubs. NRS have said bin hubs may not be suitable for each area and where there is good access they may continue with backlane collections. NP asked will there be a publicly available report at the end of the pilot. Cllr Ghani said that the consultation events include an undertaking to provide a review. PW said that in his areas there are residents looking for a solution as current collections don't work. JS asked whether it will include main roads like Kilmarnock Rd and Cllr Molyneux said there is already one on Albert Dr but local businesses with outdoor seating weren't happy. TT asked if the locations need to be specific, Cllr Molyneux said it's not an official request so it's for us to decide. Cllr Ghani said that there was an opportunity when being installed for residents to ask for minor relocation. Alan asked if will it be rolled out into Waverly Park area as the removal of the public blue bins there has been an increase in flytipping. AH says he passes them regularly and they look OK and well serviced. AH asked if there has been any evaluation of vermin in backcourts – no. MM suggested extending the period for online feedback. It was agreed that we will leave it running for another couple of weeks. NP asked how we will feedback, TT said we'll post online saying we are thinking about suggesting parts of Shawlands for the pilot and see if that generates feedback. NP suggested we highlight that they may be coming to areas where bins are taken through closes anyway.

Democracy Matters Community Brunch 3.2.24

IS highlighted the community brunch with LBC CC brunch on Saturday 3rd Feb. It's a discussion around local democracy and how people interact with decision making and what control they would like. IS urged everyone to register and attend but you can attend without booking. Lunch has been ordered for 35 but capacity is higher.

Business Improvement District update

JMcD explained BID don't have any staff yet to replace Lisa. Vape Recycling Elf Bar and Co-Op both have recycling vapes in place but some aren't operating. BID will be hosting events again this year. The open top bus tour is coming to Pollok Park but will completely miss Shawlands and Strathbungo which is disappointing. Public toilets – BID are asking what is happening with the

toilets, businesses aren't willing to allow the public to use their toilets but are keen to know what happened with the original agreement. Am explained that David Dunlop had been involved, JS recalled that it was a single lease for the building included the toilets. Cllr Molyneux said the toilet is a city wide contract with HealthMatic which runs until Sept 2024. Alasdair said that betting shops have an obligation to have their toilets open to the public, Johnny will look into this but it doesn't help under 18s who aren't allowed in. SR asked about public toilets in the new Shawlands Arcade development but the developers hadn't included this. SR asked about the parklets and Johnny said this is currently being looked at and something will be done by spring, noted the one outside the Co-Op needs repaired. AH asked why there wasn't a maintenance programme in place, Johnny said this was in place but involved volunteers.

Planning & Licensing Applications inc. Queens Park Hotel

No important applications apart from Queen's Park Hotel. Resident from Balvicar Dr, works being undertaken since 2020 that don't meet conservation area standards. This application involves roofing tiles being placed on top of the existing wall, they divert water into the lane, the tiles also overhang the boundary into residents property by 8cm. The entire back area of the hotel has now been tarmac'd and this means the residents garden (which is at a lower level) is being damaged by poor drainage. The plans include pictures of the basement of the hotel. AH said this is similar to Dubai Nights where the incremental impact combines to create a greater problem. AH said that we can look into the previous works and applications and pull together an objection. It was agreed that this is the route forward.

IS raised the issue of the Open Space Register, reply from Sarah Shaw regarding the space behind Tassie St / Carment Dr. Reply says next update will be as part of the City Development Plan, so won't be done before that. Looked at the trees and they don't merit a Tree Protection Order. Bailie MacLeod noted the contents of the reply and feels that it isn't correct to say it can't go on but rather planning won't do it. Bailie MacLeod feels we should write back saying we disagree and ask for the decision to be reconsidered. AM will right a letter requesting a review, Cllr Molyneux noted sites were added in November 2022. MM asked if we can push back on the points raised in the letter, AH suggested an arborist to look at the Council opinion on the trees. Cllr Molyneux noted a report to committee committed to biennial updates. TT suggested that we look at whether the stance on TPOs are valid.

Councillors' reports

Cllr Molyneux hasn't been well but is working on the Council budget, not as bad as previous years as there is a lower pension burden. £110m to be saved over next 3 years – budget to be set by 15 February. Most case work revolves around bins. Requested update on Crossmyloof Resource Centre, sale of which has been suspended, use of the building is being considered..

Cllr Ghani looking at school resources. Bins, housing and lighting issues are making up case load. Chief Exec of the Council has announced resignation and new one due this year. Air Quality monitoring plan is ongoing including local heat. By January 2025 people will be over £1,000 poorer as a result of the cost of living crisis. SR said they have extra bins returned, Amy will follow this up. AH tried to take his tree for recycling at Pollok Park but couldn't find the location. TT noted that unless you have a car how do you get to Pollok, why isn't it in every park. NP asked about lots of old cones, road work signs barriers etc just left behind but how do you get them removed as the flytipping option doesn't work as they reply saying it isn't flytipping, Amy will follow up.

Bailie MacLeod apologised for missing meetings and being late tonight. Intense consideration being given to budget settlement. Attended an online seminar re bus transport, which included a very impressive presentation from McGills, noted that travel time costs money and quicker journey times means fewer buses for each route and therefore cheaper fares. 60% of income comes from ScotGov for free bus travel. Bailie MacLeod continues to push for free at the point of use public

transport. Only those between 23 and 60 actually need to pay for a bus. Pollok House lease ends on 31 March and PH is now closed and £4m has been set aside for renovation works and £15m for Pollok Park Stables. AH asked why is the Clyde Metro Plan taking so long – Angus Millar says 7 years. AH asked why there isn't joined up thinking around public transport in Glasgow, from his experience of other cities Glasgow isn't joined up. None of the Councillors had an answer.

Process for paying Council tax – carried forward

Finance report

Bank statement not yet available. Previous Closing Balance £5,037.59.

Any other business

JS local heat strategy consultation ongoing, about minimum energy efficiency standards. Pollokshields Area Partnership Tuesday 13 Feb, MI will appear for JS, CC have been asked to submit a written report on main issues from minutes. IS suggested including Langside Hall as Glasgow Times are going to do an article on it. SR noted 300th anniversary of the birth of Duncan Ban in Poetry Garden with speakers on 24th March. Alan Hall noted that during the most recent storms trees in Dinmont triangle were damaged and there is a question about whether these will be cut down. Bailie MacLeod suggested reporting trees as potentially dangerous via 0800 373635. AM noted that the local CC for Pollok House are inactive.

Date of next meeting Thursday 7th March - note new permanent location of monthly meetings - Shawlands Bowling Club, 1154 Pollokshaws Road (near Shawlands Primary School)