SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2024

Attendance: Toni Tochel, Isla Scott, PC Alan Mckenzie & PC Nikita Gaurilous- Police Scotland, Jude Hunter, Nick Parton, Susan Readman, Jonny McDonald Shawlands- BID, Alan Hall, John Smith,Cllr Jon Molyneux, Michael Igoe, Geoff Harker, Andrew Hoolachan, Kylie Grant,Micaela Leverque, Joe Iles - University of Glasgow

Apologies: Andrew Montgomery, Paul Whitehead, Ballie Norman Macleod, Cllr Zen Ghani, Amy Smyth (NRS - Council), Alasdair Kelly, Cllr Holly Bruce

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

Minutes of the May meeting proposed by IS and seconded by NP.

2. Police Report

262 calls in our area in the last month.Quite a few thefts including shoplifting; CCTV is being examined. I housebreak-in on Minard Rd, a male has been reported. A male was apprehended filming Kilmurrys.Residents are warned to be vigilant to prevent house break ins. There have been cycle thefts,residents should keep Cycles inside. There are ongoing traffic issues on Frankfort Street. The Police are there to monitor but can't be there all the time.MI suggested targeting the area when it is especially busy. 2 parking attendants were assaulted on Kilmarnock Rd. I male arrested for Breach of the Peace.

3. Local Place Plan Progress

Queen's Park Neighbourhoods project now has a website and a survey - see qpn.org.uk You can follow us on social media too. There was a successful meeting with stakeholder groups in May. Over the summer we will be attending events including Battlefield Community Garden day, Bungo in the Back Lanes, Farmers market and Park Lane. Sessions have been held with students at Shawland Academy who have been enthusiastic and may get involved as a steering group. Kevin Murray Associates wilbe holding sessions too. A family picnic is planned in August at the Glasshouses.

4. Firework Control Zone

We carried out a survey to find out residents' views on Fireworks Control Zones (FCZ) in our area. Of the responses most said yes they wanted them, that the area should be larger than we suggested in the survey and for a longer period. We decided that we would apply for an FCZ that would cover our whole Community Council area and cover the period from the start of October till the end of February. FH asked where the folk are buying the fireworks . The FCZ doesn't cover this aspect. Cllr Molyneux proposed to the Full Council that the whole of Glasgow should be an FCZ and that was carried. The Council will now have to do Statutory Consultations and then make a decision.

5. Public toilets

JMcD said that businesses are unhappy with people coming into premises to use toilets especially families where there are glasses and beer etc. There is all the extra cleaning, cost and damage that this causes. It has been difficult to reach Healthmatic who are in charge of the Public Toilets to find out what is happening. JM said Healthmatic's contract with the Council has now ended and the Council will be putting it out to tender. JM will chase this up.

6. Neighbourhood Improvement Fund

Each ward has £1m to be spent on infrastructure - capital spending only. South Side Central have spent all theirs already. A special meeting was to be held in June to discuss possible interventions for the Pollokshields Ward money. IS to attend that. AH asked could the toilets come under that e.g Changing Places toilets/Secure By Design ideas. AH asked about if the NIF spending could be aligned with the South Side Regional Framework. Jm suggested that we could suggest spending that would make tangible differences such as dropped kerbs. We could also hang back till the Local Place Plan is complete and that will have lots of ideas in it. We could ask for a better path around the Langside halls. AH suggested capital funding that could reduce maintenance costs such as better surfaces. The Area partnership makes the final decision. AH suggested the pavement next to the triangle at Dinmount Dr.

7. Area of land at Regwood St

This piece of land near to Dnisi is attracting fly tipping. Dnisi want to extend their seating onto it which would also be available for others to use as seating. GH suggested consulting those who live in the close between.

KG brought up about 90 Minard Rd cafe doing things without planning permission. AH will raise with Planning Enforcement. JM suggested getting Planning Enforcement to attend one of our meetings.Issue of outdoor seating taking up too much room. JMcD will set up a feedback portal for residents on the issue of cafe's taking up pavement room. TT said that Council supposed to charge businesses for outdoor seating. JH suggested that we could do a walkabout of our area with Councillors to look at these issues.

8. Business Improvement District

The play out days including the 'Pier' have been moved to August. The Pier equipment goes out to schools to be used. Regarding the debt collection from local businesses the cost of being in the BID is roughly about a coffee a week. Due to lack of funds the BID has been unable to carry out all its plans. The hanging baskets will go up again but the cost of maintenance is gone up hugely and the BID have been unable to find a suitable company to do this who don't cost so much. The BID are looking for ideas for who could do the maintenance e.g. local horticulture colleges.

9. Planning & Licensing

AH will write to Planning Enforcement about 90 Minard Rd.

Regarding Shawlands Arcade JM said progress has been delayed by the Section 75 legal contributions to the community and uncertainty around Build To Rent. JM has written to Clydebuilt for an update.

10. Councillor's Report - Jon Molyneux

- The Full Council met on 16 May 2024. I led a motion for my group which proposed that Glasgow City Council progresses a Fireworks Control Zone covering the entire Council area. This was agreed unanimously by all political groups. Council officers will now consider if there is evidence to implement a Zone across the whole city. This will include consulting with emergency services and groups representing those most adversely affected by fireworks. Local communities are still encouraged to apply for Zones in their areas.
- A UK General Election has been called for 4 July. People are encouraged to make sure they are registered to vote. This can be done online at www.glasgow.gov.uk/registertovote. Applications can also be made for postal votes. Voters who attend polling stations will need to have ID with them. Accepted forms of ID include a passport, driving licence, older persons or disabled persons bus pass and Young Scot card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form.
- The Council is planning to roll-out a new 'twin stream' collection system for recycling from front-and-back door properties across the South West of the city from June this year – detailed area-by-area timelines are still to be confirmed. This will mean those homes are given an extra bin (grey) so that paper and card can be recycled separately from other packaging. Households will also be able to recycle more kinds of plastics and drinks cartons at home. At the same time, a new 'one green bin' policy will be enforced to encourage recycling. Extra-large bins will be available in certain circumstances.
- I continue to engage with parents and teachers who are concerned about the potential impact of cuts to the Education Services budget and am working with colleagues on options to reduce these impacts.
- Work has been done to assess roads which would not be considered for an exemption under new Pavement Parking restrictions, either because there are existing parking controls or where there is 7.5m of clear space (for emergency vehicles to pass) if cars

are parked on both sides of the road. This map can be found at: Pavement Parking Prohibitions Assessment Update. The remaining streets will now need further assessment to ascertain whether exemption is merited.

- I attended a briefing on the plans for the 'Inner South' section of the planned City Network of safe cycle lanes, which is at preliminary design stage. This will be subject to wider community consultation in due course.
- I attended a special service to mark the centenary of the Cenotaph in George Square on Friday 31 May.
- I visited the charity Music Broth, based in Govanhill, which operates a musical instrument 'library' and provides a range of music tuition and other community activities.
- Local issues I have been involved with include:

    - I continue to engage with Council officers about the potential for a new active travel route through the old Crossmyloof Care Home site, connecting Moray Place with Titwood Road.

    - I attended a site visit organised by the Strathbungo Society regarding enforcement of new pavement parking regulations. We also discussed additional opportunities to improve the back lanes, following works that were completed recently to improve drainage and underfoot conditions.

    - I raised issues with missed bin collections in Waverley Park and Strathbungo, which have led to knock-on issues, including bin fires.

    - I raised road safety issues, including traffic making illegal left and right turns at the junction of Minard Road and Pollokshaws Road (northbound), and issues with the visibility of the controlled crossing of Pollokshaws Road between Strathbungo and Queens Park. Lining works for the entirety of Pollokshaws Road are planned and will be done mostly via night working to minimise disruption.

SR asked about the binhubs pilot. This is being evaluated by the Council. TT commented that the service that flatted properties get is way behind what main door properties get.

11. Finance

We had an Opening Balance of £4,779.88. We had outgoings of £50 for the May room hire, and a further £26.40 reimbursement to Isla for refreshments at the Local Place Plan stakeholders meeting, which we will be getting reimbursed from our grant funding We had no income in the last month. This leaves a closing balance of **£4,703.48**

12. Any other business

SR - Chair of Friends of Queens Park brought up whether the new lighting in the park will go ahead. FOQP reports that bat checks have been done and the park is a major thoroughfare for them. The decision about lighting has been postponed till after the next Queens Park Working Group meeting the date of which is not known.

JH brought up that next year will be the 50th anniversary of Community Councils in Glasgow. We need to become more diverse.

AH brought up about bike deliveries and should they not have numbers on their jackets. JMcD will look into this.

MI brought up the issue of traditional tenement flats being divided up resulting in overcrowding

Date of next meeting Thursday 5th September