SHAWLANDS & STRATHBUNGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2024

Attendance: Toni Tochel, Jonny Pickering Glasgow City Council Communities, Francis McSorley-Pearson Glasgow Life, Paul Whitehead, Isla Scott, Mark Watson & Darren Brown Police Scotland, Alasdair Kelly, Jude Hunter, Nick Parton, Susan Readman, Kevin Kane (Langside Halls Trust), Jonny McDonald Shawlands BID, Amy Smyth Glasgow City Council, Bruce MacLeod, Alan Hall, John Smith.

Apologies: Michael Igoe, Geoff Harker, Andrew Hoolachan

1. Minutes from last meeting, matters arising

Minutes of the April meeting proposed by AK and seconded by FH.

2. Photo Comp

JH circulated the entries for the photo competition, a vote was taken by a show of hands: Mr Heron 5 votes, QP Pond 7 votes, Maxwell Park 0 Blossom 0.

3. Police Report

PCs Mark & Darren. 298 calls in our area in the last month, quite a few traffic matters, drugs & drink driving. Quite a few thefts, much of it is shoplifting, and there are proactive patrols. A few ASB calls re youths drinking etc. More foot patrols will be taking place in the area. TT asked about the murder, and there have been a few serious violent crimes. Police said their response is high visibility patrols and mounted patrol, more visible police officers helps with this. JH asked if there are any official comms then the CC can share these on our socials. FH asked if there is any update on Frankfort St – response is that it receives ongoing attention when resources allow. Police asked if there is any chance of roads dept doing anything. FH asked about the camera at top of Abbot St and the possibility of cameras, police said this is not allocated by them. Graffiti issue is ongoing, police noted there hasn't been a call for Langside Halls since March and reminds everyone that it is important to report it as this drives police activity.

4. Langside Hall

Jonny Pickering from Asset Management, People Make Glasgow Communities, they help groups take over community facilities. There is an application from Langside Hall Trust and this is progressing, the assessment panel has agreed to proceed to negotiating the lease. Francis McSorley-Pearson says Glasgow Life is responsible for the Halls in it's closed state. They maintain the Hall in a closed state with weekly security checks. IS noted that the Hall is constantly being raised by residents in the area and that's why the CC have it on the agenda. TT noted that the visible deterioration of the Halls is a concern. JH asked about the weekly checks, is the weekly check not resulting in reports to the police, Langside Halls graffiti is cleared by City Building and £5,000 has been spent in the last 12 months. JH asked

about the deterrent effect of the CCTV. FMP says the weekly report results in graffiti being removed. Bailie MacLeod says the failure by GL to report the graffiti to the police means that the police aren't allocating resources. It is therefore important that GL report all instances of criminal damage including graffiti to the police. FMP gave an assurance that all instances will be reported to the police. Cllr Molyneux asked about the current cost of maintaining it, £200,000 per year including £55,000 of utilities. Cllr Molyneux says that those costs are being incurred so addressing the fabric is important given that the LHT transfer is years off. SR asked about the condition of the building as there is talk of water ingress, FMP says there's not current water ingress but the building is in poor condition and GL are only maintaining the external area. JP says the cost of repair is extremely high and there is a Heritage Asset Plan for the city and LH is very high on the list. JP used to be a criminologist, Police Scotland have a team called Secured by Design may be able to assist with some recommendations, including improved lighting and active movement. SR said the active route area has been discussed. Kevin from LHT said the trust applied in March 2022 to acquire LH and Bothy. £6.5m cost to bring LH up to the required standard, even a part opening of the building is £5m. In September 2023 LHT contacted Glasgow Buildings Heritage Trust (GBPT) to ask them to consider being the developer. GBPT have secured some funding from Glasgow Heritage Trust to engage professional teams to refresh the business plan and costings. Phased development (exc Bothy) and the plan may be updated by end of summer. The Bothy is held under 'fields of trust' by the Council. Having a business plan is critical to taking things forward. AM asked about UK Government Levelling Up funding, Kevin said he has considered this. Cllr Molyneux asked is there is any information on the rephasing, but there isn't any information available at the moment. Cllr Molyneux believes that the Council should be doing something. Jonny (BID) says MyShawlands see lots of interest from the community and would like to do a press release to update the community and Kevin agreed with this. Kevin asked why Glasgow Life can't use the civic square for activities as it was developed at a high cost.

5. Local Place Plan

Local Place Plan has been successful in obtaining further funding from Area Partnerships to cover the shortfall. The group has expanded to include other stakeholders, local businesses or community groups are involved. There was a session last night including a walkabout from Langside Hall, Bothy, QP glasshouses. Queens Park Working Group (QPWG) is being controlled by the Council but the LPP is very much owned and controlled by the local community. Looked across to the Victoria Infirmary development, which should have a community facility with the admin block. Also goes down to connect with the QP Recs. Have met with Shawlands Academy and they are very positive about being involved in the LPP and the local community. There isn't sufficient funding to get the consultants to do the engagement with the school but they will provide a toolkit but other stakeholders may be required to support this. There's a plan to attend other community events. Once the website is developed the community can sign up for updates. TT noted that QPWG shouldn't be controlled by the Council. KK said QPWG hasn't met for quite a while, Kevin

McCormack is managing it. There is significant interest in what's happening with the Glasshouse. KK feels the QP plan and the LPP could be a very useful piece of work. IS noted one aspect of the LPP is how people access the park, the LPP will also focus on disabled groups. JH noted that the LPP will be finished within 12 months. JH has asked planning about the ownership of some of the buildings within the park including the Bothy, boat house, admin block, Camphill Bowling Club etc.

6. Queens Park Bothy

Bruce MacLeod approached KK re the Bothy, originally BM looked at it through Friends of Queens Park and considered a Community Asset Transfer but this route is too long. Advice from others is to consider a lease and an application for a lease has been submitted. The fields of trust means the Bothy is protected as part of the park. A PTU may be a quick route to allow some work to start with things like covering the building to allow it to dry out. No real work can be undertaken until the lease is granted and at the moment it's really a large gardening project. JP from Glasgow Communities says he's spoken to Parks about the PTU. In an ideal world it would be great if everything linked up like the LPP/QPWG/LH. KK noted that as part of the QPWG this includes QP Rec and the QPWG have requested all the leases. PW asked about the intended use of the Bothy, BM said this depends on the permission, initially there will be a container for a tool store but long term it will be a CIC operating a coffee shop.

7. Firework Control Zone

TT noted that this is on the agenda to establish if we wish to proceed with an application. We need to specify the boundaries, the reason and the start and finish date of the zone. To get one for November we need to have an application submitted by 12 June. The zone prohibits fireworks within the area even in private property. Cllr Molyneux explained that the CC make the request and then the Council will undertake a statutory consultation within the area. BM asked how long does it take for the CC consultation, 12 June and acknowledged within 5 days and statutory consultation thereafter is 6 weeks. PW thinks it is worth considering carefully as many things are illegal and the police don't have the resources and there's a risk that this punishes those who are law abiding. SR asked if it impacts those who sell fireworks, answer is no there is no impact on shops. Cllr Molyneux noted it could be tried in a specific area for a year and see how it works. PW asked about the duration of the restriction, Cllr Molyneux said this is down to us. AM suggested mid-October to mid-November. AM will do a survey to be used. Jonny BID says the risk is that if we undertake the survey people will expect action, it was noted that if there is enough people in favour of it we will consider proceeding. There was a vote and everyone was in favour of waiting until the June meeting before considering making an application. Cllr Molyneux suggested that it would be helpful if the survey asked why people were in favour or against it.

8. BID

NiteZone will end on 10 May and last weekend will be this weekend. Encouraging licensed trade to join the All Bar One, BID will pay the first year for those who join. Event schedule remains the same but there will also be a cocktail month/fortnight. Litter picks are continuing and there was one last weekend. Now promoting litter picks and encouraging people to organise their own and BID will provide the resources. Mural Trail has moved to Phase 3, there is one starting this week on the Brooklyn Café and perhaps Co-Op building will be next. They are also looking at The Shed gable end. TT asked about vape recycling in B&M seems to be going very well and is there any more businesses joining in, Jonny said the Co-Op should be next but other than that it's trying to find businesses who are willing to do it. Smaller businesses tend not to want to be involved. Jon Smith asked if the Crossmyloof Resource Centre mural is part of the mural trail, Jonny confirmed it isn't. FH asked about cafes selling food to go and there is vermin in Shawlands and food waste, Jonny said that hopefully the litter picks will help. Jonny said if all businesses looked after the section of the pavement outside their premises it would make a difference.

8. Planning & Licensing

There are no new applications but there is a fancy new map on the GCC website which shows where new applications are.

10. Area Partnership

5 main things raised, LPP funding of £3K approved, graffiti was raised, crossing at Darnley St/Rd. Lighting at QP, there was a bid for £40,000 from AP but this has been referred back for further information. SR said she doesn't think there is an SSSI in the park. SR says FoQP have written to the Council requesting any surveys that have been undertaken. QPWG was raised and the AP have requested that QPWG gets back up and running. Also requested that AP get lease for toilet block. £4,500 granted for In-House, £1,700 for Bungo in the Lanes. Pavement parking was also raised and there was a meeting on 24 April re crossing. Pavement parking was also discussed. Amy had an update on the crossing, Karen & Amy met the group manager they have increased the crossing time and the red time. The paving doesn't lend itself to diagonal crossing, the camera detectors only work for those crossing straight at the junctions. TT asked isn't there a way to move the sensor so that it captures people crossing on the diagonal. The group manager will provide a formal response. AK noted that there are a range of people who use the crossing and many people cross diagonally. TT asked if they have watched those crossing diagonally and then extend the time based on that. Amy said an inspector attended and noted those using the crossing. Bailie MacLeod asked about the safe red zone, does this mean that everything is on red for longer, Amy will check this. The Group Manager has offered to attend a meeting. Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund has approved £16,000 for the Queens Park Development Consultation. Bailie MacLeod made a suggestion to the AP that an additional meeting be help for the sole purpose of looking at how the £1m infrastructure fund be allocated.

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Ghani, for education committee had a variety of papers, looking at attainment levels etc. Visit in East Pollokshields today with Amy to identify issues, same for Strathbungo later this month re pavement parking. Case work has involved school placements, litter, bin uplifts etc. Council is getting a new website this month. SR asked how to arrange a walkabout to look at pavements, Cllr Ghani suggested contacting local councillors. AK asked about the 20mph zone and is there a list, Cllr Ghani will obtain further information. FH asked about a camera at the top of Abbot St, Cllr Ghani will look into this. Amy will follow this up.

Finance

Opening Balance of £4838.03. We had outgoings of £50 for the April room hire, and £8.15 postage. We had no income in the last month. This leaves a closing balance of £4,779.88

AOB

Queen's Park Arena have now signed a lease with the Council. FoI – AM asked if there is a way for the Council to be held to account for their failure to provide information. AM gave the example of the toilet block FoI and the Council refused to provide as it said there was 1,200 emails and the cost to redact them was £12,000. Bailie MacLeod said many organisations use the £600 limit to avoid providing information, Bailie MacLeod suggested going through Councillors to obtain information. AM might want to write to Bailie MacLeod suggesting the AI software. BM asked when the QPWG consultation will be issued, TT thought there may be a meeting soon. TT asked Cllr Ghani and Bailie MacLeod what the CC can do regarding the failure of the QPWG to meet, could the CCs take over the Chair. Bailie MacLeod has spoken to Cllr Belic but a QPWG meeting still hasn't been scheduled. Bailie MacLeod suggested writing to Cllr Belic and cc'ing all Councillors for Langside, Pollokshields & Southside Central.

Date of next meeting Thursday 6th June- note new permanent location of monthly meetings - Shawlands Bowling Club, 1154 Pollokshaws Road (near Shawlands Primary School)