

Hutchesontown Community Council Minutes

**St Francis Centre
Tuesday 19 May 2026**

ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Elizabeth Catterall; Cllr Mhairi Hunter. PC Nicola Scringer; PC Sarah Schofield.

APOLOGIES

None.

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

March's minutes were proposed by Serena Hay and seconded by Tim Porter. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 30 March were proposed by Isobel Devlin and seconded by Tim Porter.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

Judith Thomason formally notified the meeting of that Tobias Banagz was elected as a new member of Hutchesontown Community Council in the by-election held on 19 May 2026.

5. POLICE REPORT

PC Nicola Scringer and PC Sarah Schofield attended on behalf of Police Scotland.

PC Sarah Schofield notified the Council that the Police will have 3 constables and a sergeant in attendance at the upcoming Gorbals Fair, with a police car and items to hand out, including bike locks and other items for children.

The police are monitoring and attending the traffic-restricted school zones in the Gorbals as often as they can. There are still incidents of people still driving down past the schools during restricted hours. The police report that they are having positive conversations with drivers about their actions but have also issued fixed penalty notices when necessary. The fact that the warning signs have been turned the wrong way has been noted and the police have spoken to council about this.

There have been no noticeable crime trends for the area over the past month, and this includes data covering the monitoring of Calton Place and the surrounding area. Judith Thomason asked about increase in crime on the southside of the river around Hutchesontown since the dispersal zone came into effect, but the police reported that no noticeable increase seems to have occurred.

Tobias Baganz asked about new body cameras the police are now required to wear. The police responded that it has had a positive effect in being able to submit cases to the procurator fiscal, but too early to say what the effect is.

Serena Hay asked about the disruption at the Trongate on Saturday 16 May after the football league championship was won by Celtic. The police reported that there were minor incidents, including people throwing things at the police. There may likely be a repeat of this next Saturday when the cup final takes place. Discussion took place surrounding the merits of a fan zone at Glasgow Green, but the police are unaware about any plans to introduce this and are sceptical if this will happen due to a lack of funds and will from the football clubs.

The police also took the opportunity to remind council members to report anything to the police if there is anything of significance occurring in the neighbourhood. Residents can also make use the internet contact form through the Police Scotland which can get through to the control room quicker.

4. ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Land buyout

D. Green confirmed what had been reported and discussed at previous meetings, that the land is on a 100-year lease to Avant Homes and it would be futile to attempt any land buyout right now.

Website Subgroup

Judith Thomason reported that the website subgroup met and have some information to

share. Romane Moulin spoke about the work she and Tobias Baganz had undertaken to investigate different options. From this, the company 'Squarespace' seemed to tick a lot of boxes: multiple people can use it, and it can link to social media, as well as keep our existing domain name. Romane Moulin also drew members' attention to the cost implications of setting up this website of between £10 and £16 a month, plus about £20 per year to keep the domain on their platform. Romane Moulin also suggested the new website replicate the existing one before going on to develop new content.

The Council agreed to proceed with setting up a new website based on the proposals set out by Romane Moulin.

Action Point: Romane Moulin and Tobias Baganz will work to set up a new website on Squarespace. The email address (contact@hutchesontowncc.ac.uk) will be used as a website email. The website subgroup should meet before June to make sure this work is coordinated, as well as work with the treasurer to ensure the bank details are used to pay for any costs.

Training Session

All those who attended the training session considered it to have been well run and informative.

Action points: David Green will print copies of the standing orders, and constitution for all members of the Community Council.

6. ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Mhairi Hunter

With regards to the issue about defibrillator, Cllr Hunter received a response from Glasgow Life about installing this at the Gorbals Library. Glasgow Life explained that they have worked with the British Heart Foundation to instal defibrillators and have a number of automated external defibrillators in Glasgow Life properties in the area, including one at the Adelphi centre. Public access ones are installed on external panels and need to have a suitable power supply, as well as needing to be maintained. The issue for Glasgow Life is that this is not available at the library as Glasgow life leases it from Wheatley Homes and would therefore need permission from them to install this.

Other issues Cllr Hunter is dealing with raised from the last meeting include the state of the riverbank and rubbish around the area affected by the landslip. Glasgow City Council will not sent workers down there because of health and safety reasons, as well as there being hogweed. The Council are going to investigate to see what they can do including commissioning a specialist company to do the cleaning. Funding is allocated to start fixing the walkway but the cleaning cannot wait for this to be done.

There are also continuing issues around Blackfriars and St Francis primary schools concerning drivers and parking around the school. Cllr Hunter has been speaking to both the Council and Police Scotland to see if there is anything can be done about this.

With regard to traffic, Cllr Hunter noted that the Gorbals will be in the first tranche of 20mph zones rolled out across the city (exc. main trunk roads), though given that there are many traffic control measures already in place in the area the real effect of this will be limited. Constituents have also been raising the issue of parking controls. Cllr Hunter explained that it will be some time yet before the Council takes any action on the community engagement that they have done on this. The Gorbals is unique in terms of the mix of social homes, private rent and homeowners, and therefore any parking restrictions would have to take this into account.

Cllr Hunter also remarked on general casework surrounding dog fouling, particularly around Silverfir Street, with some enforcement around that. There has also been comparatively little casework around cleansing.

Cllr Hunter noted also a further two items. First, the Council has a City Development Plan renewed every ten years, setting out plans for housing, regeneration and redevelopment. This is published now on the council website and Community Council members are encouraged to engage with this. Second, Cllr Hunter congratulated Isobel Devlin having worked with elected representatives on the installing of a new bus seat on Caledonia Road, which is now finally in place.

Cllr Hunter also explained that the Council's view on fan zone has involved talking to both football clubs about fan zones and how to deal with fan disorder. The Council has offered technical support to deal with road closures and traffic management. However, the football clubs' views have been that any trouble outside of their own football grounds is not their responsibility. Additionally, the fans who go to a fan zone are not likely the ones causing trouble.

Judith Thomason asked about recycling bins and about QR codes on kerbside bins: On Old Rutherglen Road next to St Francis school are two recycling bins that are always overflowing but with no QR codes to report this. Additionally, these bins seem to serve hundreds of homes in the immediate area yet seem not to be emptied often enough.

Veronica McHugh raised an issue surrounding people coming into the St Francis Hall car park and throwing garden waste into the bins beside the hall.

Scott Chase also asked about communal food disposal bins, with grey bins having been removed and not been replaced. Cllr Hunter offered to get an updated Council plan on food waste.

Tim Porter also noted that half of the lights on St Andrew's Bridge had still not been done. Cllr Hunter mentioned that this work would need to be done from a boat. The Council are searching for a manufacturer to make the globes and light fittings as these are no longer available. Cllr Hunter promised to chase this up for a timeline.

Elizabeth Catterall (on behalf of John Grady MP)

Elizabeth Catterall began her report by explaining that she is still chasing up the Neighbourhood Liaison officer about a walk-round with members of the Community Council and Mr Grady.

John Grady is also aware of and trying to deal with the issues around the Nisa car park, with the rubbish accumulating. The team are still chasing this up with Environmental Health to see if anything can be done. New Gorbals Housing Association are looking into this.

With regard the Parked vehicle on Lawmoor Street, the team are also still pursuing this. Tim Porter mentioned that he has also reported this and added that apparently the Dolash Market shop on Ballater Street are using van but that it has not paid vehicle tax.

Elizabeth Catterall again reminded members of the weekly surgeries that Mr Grady holds around the constituency and to get in touch if there is anything.

Serena Hay added that she has sent the newly-elected MSP, Holly Bruce, a list of Community Council meetings, in the expectation that someone from her office will be in attendance at future meetings.

9. LOCAL MATTERS ARISING

Waste Management

No issues.

Lighting

No issues.

Roads and Drainage

Serena Hay asked about glass recycling, and whether or not there is a safety issue that stops council installing glass recycling bins being put to flats. Cllr Hunter said she would try and find a policy on this.

Upcoming events

None.

10. Gorbals Fair

Judith Thomason asked Community Council members to note that the Gorbals Fair will be taking place on 6 June. Much of what needed to be discussed and planned for the Fair was discussed at the extraordinary meeting.

Action Point:

Judith Thomason will get maps of the Community Council area printed off, new postcards with our new contact information, sweets for children and £10 Hospice shop vouchers.

Serena Hay will bring the t-shirts. Judith Thomason will also bring the Community Council banner.

Judith Thomason also agreed to draw up a rota for everyone and circulate before the Fair.

13. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tim Porter reported that the current balance stands at £3481.54.

The only expenditure over the past month was for hall hire.

13. PLANNING & LICENSING

Licencing:

David Green notified the Council of recent licencing applications that came before the Community Council over the past month:

- 30 April – entertainment licence for 'The Worlds' Pipe Band Championships on Glasgow Green, between Friday 14 August and Sunday 16 August, from 7.00am to 8.00pm.

There were no objections to any of the above licencing applications.

Planning

David Green notified the Council of recent planning applications that came before the Community Council over the past month:

- A proposal for a gym on Moffatt Street in one of the industrial units.
- Retrospective planning application to a shop on Ballater Street.

There were no objections to any of the above licencing applications.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

Serena Hay attended a meeting about setting up a proposed Glasgow Community Council Federation. The Federation's purpose is intended to allow Community Councils to come together and speak with a collective voice, making it easier to be heard and items to be actioned. Although there was discussion about the usefulness of such a group, it was agreed by consensus that Serena Hay would continue to engage with the setting up of this proposed group for the time being and report back to the Council when appropriate.

Action Point: Serena Hay will print off the documents surrounding the proposed group and bring them to the next Community Council so that members can make a more informed decision about whether or not to continue to engage with this group or not.

15. A.O.C.B.

Tobias Baganz informed members that he has registered a TickTock account for Hutchesontown Community Council.

Tim Porter highlighted an incident involving local councillor, Bailie Dr Soryia Siddique which involved her being a target of racist and sexist abuse. The Council unanimously agreed to send a message of solidarity to Bailie Siddique.

Action Point: David Green will draft and circulate a message of solidarity for Bailie Siddique on behalf of the Community Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm, 16 June 2026, St Francis Centre, Cumberland Street.