Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council

Date:- Monday 9th September 2024

Address:- Daisy Street Neighbourhood Centre Meeting at 7pm

Attendees:- Andy Carberry (Chair) Damian Tausney (Treasurer/Vice Chair), Anne Marie Millar (Secretary), M Nisbet, K Walker, Police Scotland: Inspector G Hogg, N Morris and Darren, Cllr Siddique

Public: Members 3

Apologies:- J Dyer, K Hawley, N Walsh

Minutes 12 August 2024 were proposed by M Nisbet and Seconded by K Walker

Matters Arising/Action Points from 12 August 2024 Minutes

- **Tattoo Shop Garturk Street re: bin with needles on street – Response:** the relevant department confirmed that a visit has been conducted with advice and guidance provided to the business with follow up communication instructing the business to remove the bin.

  A further visit was carried out on 19 August 2024 and the bin was removed from the street.

- **White Van no MOT/Road Tax on Langside Rd** - **Response from Police Scotland** – when the email was sent they actually had officers out that morning along with local Council Parking Attendants to target some of the parking issues in the area and the Inspector asked them to

Matters Arising/Action Points from 12 August 2024 Minutes Cont'd

White Van no MOT/Road Tax on Langside Rd - **Response from Police Scotland Continued**

Look at the van but it might be the case it needs to be the DVLA that deal with it.

- **Red Car – No MOT - Response Cllr Siddique:** advises that following a site visit to this location on Tuesday 20 August 2024, the reported vehicle was observed, namely the red Suzuki. The vehicle was found to be secure, with no broken glass, one flat tyre and described in poor condition. It is also currently taxed until 01 October 2024. As such, the vehicle does not meet the Council's criteria to be considered as abandoned at this time and therefore, I am unable to take any further action to have it removed.

  Whilst I note upon checking that the vehicle does not have a current MOT, I would confirm this is not something that the department have any control over.

- **Foreign Vehicles**

  Foreign Cars abandoned on Streets in local area. Email sent to Police Scotland and the 4 local Cllrs - Response from Police Scotland, confirmed the DVLA won't touch them if they are a foreign vehicle. The Council will remove them if they are abandoned and a danger – this normally means they have to be fire damaged, broken windows or some other way of being unsafe. Responses **Cllr Gallagher -** advising that following a site visit to this location, the reported vehicle was observed, namely the silver Ford, registration number given. The vehicle was found to be secure, with no broken glass, no flat tyres, described in fair condition with a small section of accident damage. It was also noted that the vehicle is displaying foreign vehicle registration plates, this means that they are unable to check the road tax or MOT status of the vehicle.

Matters Arising/Action Points from August 2024 Minute Continued:

- **Foreign Vehicles Continued**

  As such the vehicle does not meet the Council's criteria to be considered as abandoned at this time.

- **Fireworks** - email sent to 4 local Cllrs

  Response Cllr Gallagher: The Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 gives local authorities a discretionary power to introduce the control zones, which would make it a criminal offence to ignite a firework within its boundary or to fire or throw a firework into a zone.

  Community input is central to whether a firework control zone should be implemented in neighbourhoods within the city and this has led to requests for a zone being accepted in relation to twelve areas across Glasgow. The application deadline has now passed and the consultations period ended on 18th August 2024.

  The areas identified through the application process are Woodlands, Shawlands and Strathbungo, Shawlands, Summerston, Knightswood, Alexandra Park, Toryglen, Linn Park, Cardonald, Broomhouse, Pollokshields and Dennistoun. Four separate applications have been received in relation to Pollokshields.

The consultations can be found herw https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/9643
Applications for Fireworks Control Zones will re-open in 2025 and the forms and processes can be found here https://citizen.glascc1-prd.gosshosted.com/article/8924/Fireworks-Control-Zones-FCZ
An application for the Govanhill area was not received in 2024. The application process was publicised in local media and through social media.

A citywide consultation will commence in mid-September."

Matters Arising/Action Points from August 2024 Minute Continued:

Fireworks Continued

Response from Cllr Siddique - advising she has raised our concerns with the relevant department and will advise us when they respond to her.

After a discussion it was **agreed** that when the window opened up for new zones we would look into applying on behalf of the local area.

- **Use of funds for possible equipment to assist hearing impaired members of Community attend meetings**. **Community Council Resource Centre response-** That we could purchase equipment necessary.

- **Invite John Currie along to September meeting to discuss street sweeping -** Response – The Chairperson and Secretary met with J Currie, P Clayton, K Venables and T Reid. Given a copy of Draft Local Plan which was handed out to Community Councillors for comment. Community Councillors that were unable to attend the meeting will receive it via email.

- **Meeting with Shawlands/Strathbungo CC** update K. Hawley:

  ACTION: CONTACT STRATHBUNGO/SHAWLANDS CC RE: MEETING
  Re: our approaching neighbouring CC about - I have spoken with their chair Toni about this. I have emailed to progress this but not had response yet. Will chase (will email round us to suggest an agenda based on what we said last time). (Incidentally, I have also had informal discussion with people from Langside/Battlefield who have also expressed that CCs might get further if we worked together more...)

  QUEENS PARK NEIGHBOURHOODS
  I attended the event at the Queens Park Glasshouses, 1st Sept, representing our CC. The event was aimed at raising awareness of the project and there was a great turnout.
  The results from the first survey (getting *general* views about priorities)

Matters Arising/Action Points from August 2024 Minute Continued:

Meeting with Shawlands/Strathbungo – Continued

were on display (I'll send my pictures) and we have now moved to a second survey to get more *specific* ideas here: https://qpn.org.uk/ (click "have your say")

QUEENS PARK WORKING GROUP
After a very long time with no meetings, we have the first meeting of this year next week (19th). I will be attending and will report back.

CC ELECTION APPLICATION
I have not yet sent my application - need to get signed by neighbour - but think I've got till the end of the week...

Secretary Report Mail In - Mail Out

All mail sent to Community Councillors

Treasurer Report: advised that funds in bank are £3,675.67

Audit for AGM – Treasurer gave secretary the papers for the Audit and the Secretary will give them to the Auditor. **Action: Secretary**

Police Scotland – As community officers don't work on a Monday they will try and get someone to volunteer to come along. Many thanks to them as they managed to get two community officers to attend and also the Inspector had a change of duty and was able to attend tonight's meeting also.

Inspector G Hogg introduced himself and introduced us to the new community officers who gave up their own time to attend tonights meeting which is appreciated.

We were advised that Community Officer S Jamieson had moved on.

The structure for the Team is: Inspector, 2 Sergeants, the teams work day shift and back shift Tuesday to Saturday off Sunday and Monday. A team consists of a Seargeant and 5 Officers and are the problem-solving Teams.
Police Scotland Continued

August Stats

There was slight increase than in the previous month.

Drugs – Call were lower than previous month 17 Calls in August 2024

Robbery – 1 Report regarding an electric scooter children involved.

House Breakings – 4 reports

Hate Crimes – 3 verbal comments

Abandoned Vehicles – Handful of calls

Car Crashes – 21 reported to Police Scotland

If Police Scotland see cars parked on pedestrian crossings, they will issue a fine and 3 points to license. Police Scotland have been working with GCC Parking and also DVLA and will be having a day of action in the near future.

Police were advised that there are Fireworks being set of in Bennan Square Park.

Member of the community raised that there was issues when games were on at Hampden Stadium and raised issue of the Union Bears causing issue on the train. Police Scotland advised that they had spoken to the Club regarding the conduct of the Union Bears.

Planning – No concerns

Licensing – No Concerns

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Neighbourhood Liaison Officer – Not in attendance the following points carried over:

- Despite years of engagement with Council officers, why has there been no change in the unacceptable conditions in Govanhill.

Response: As discussed yesterday, we're seeing reports that Govanhill is cleaner than last year but we still have challenges to work through and we need the community to work with us and help us identify fly-tippers and being abusing waste streams.

We have a deep clean team in mon-fri to de-litter and remove fly tipping (where no investigations can take place), street sweeping and a nightshift team in.

The resources in Govanhill are similar to what goes into the city centre. We have a note of some areas which we will focus more on, particularly around Holyrood School. Reports from the community provide us with the necessary information for resource deployment, we thank everyone who has been using the MyGlasgow APP, online services or calling GCC to report issues – I can assure you these are being analysed, monitored and utilised for priority works, when we're dealing with a number of multiple issues across the area that all require attention.

There is a new litter picking group that is linked in with NRS and carrying out great work each month. We will continue to support any residents/ groups looking to help improve the environment.

Our EMATAC group met last month to discuss our actions across Govanhill, moving forward we're looking to focus on Litter and Flytipping Deterrents, Pest Control and Environmental Education. This is highlighted in our new draft plan, which we will work with the CC to amend and we'll then share the final draft.

Neighbourhood Liaison Officer – Not in attendance the following points carried over Continued:

- Why are streets in Govanhill only being litter picked instead of being swept with a brush, why do street sweepers not use the proper equipment supplied by the Council, i.e. Street sweeping barrows etc. is this now council policy or is it a local depot policy.

Response: Across the city our Biodiversity team and Procurement teams have hundreds of jobs in scope which all need to be put through the system. There are a number of outstanding items for Area Partnerships currently and teams are working hard to get these completed. This project is another one on the list however we have been trying to move this along as quickly as possible.

Fence has been cleared and the path has been reinstated, the area should look a lot tidier now.

Shrubs have been cut back and moss removal from tarmac has been carried out.

Permission has now been sought from owner, who is residing abroad, to paint wall at rear of their address which is covered in graffiti tags. Nomination form put in to our Community Payback team to assist with some of the works.

Paint and materials are currently going through our ordering system.

- Why are we still having major problems with parking issues despite this being raised over the last number of years?

Response: Discussed at meeting on 4th Sep with Streetscene Managers, Operations teams leave the depot with the tools required, they are sweeping – we have a note regarding more attention along gulley channels. Local storage areas being sought for barrow storage to make this work more efficient.

- There is a feeling amongst Community Councillors that Local council officers are slowly withdrawing from engaging with the Community

council, evidenced by the fact that despite repeated requests for at

Neighbourhood Liaison Officer – Not in attendance the following points carried over Continued:

> least one officer to attend our meetings there have been no Officers in attendance in our last 3 meetings. Given that Govanhill is officially the most challenging ward in Glasgow and despite the lack of progress and the major ongoing issue do you find this acceptable?

Response: Thomas, Parking Enforcement and Police Scotland have set up a multi-agency Parking meeting where priority areas, enforcement remits and joint days of action are scheduled in. We are trying to organise joint days of enforcement each month, highlighting the numbers of tickets/ warning notices on social media.

Legislation only coming into place last year and only being enforceable from the end of September.

Police Scotland's Safer Communities team and the local policing team have been great at educating businesses and groups locally regarding parking issues.

An 'Understanding Parking' sheet has been created (as well as in Punjabi and Urdu) to help direct people to the best route for parking issues.

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Our **Community Enforcement Officers (CEOs)** have issued the following FPNs, between 14th July to 21st August, for dog fouling (DF) and Litter in Southside Central:

1 DF Bankhall St;	1 DF Coplaw St;	1 DF Inglefield St;
1 DF Langside Rd;	1 DF South Annandale St.	1 Litter Calder St;
11 Litter Langside Dr	1 Litter Albert Rd;	6 Litter Allison St;

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1 Litter Cathcart Rd; 1 Litter Devon Place; 1 Litter Dixon Ave;

1 Litter Hickman St; 3 Litter Hollybrook St; 2 Litter Inglefield St;

2 Litter Kingarth St; 3 Litter Langside Rd; 1 Litter Nelson St;

1 Litter South Annandale St, 3 Litter Westmoreland St.

Commercial Waste:

NRS Commercial Waste Enforcement Officers have issued **7 x £500 FPNs** for commercial waste and environmental offences during the above period.

Volunteer Clean-ups through our Neighbourhood Improvement and Enforcement Service (NIES)

In 2024 there have been 230 clean-ups by community groups, businesses, schools and Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteers in Govanhill. 12 of these were by schools, whilst 10 were by community groups. There are 26 NIVs in the neighbourhood and have undertaken, in total, 208 clean-ups in 2024.

912 people have taken part, although these are not 'unique records' as some of these people have taken part more than once. More specifically, these were 446 Adults and 466 children, as follows:

· 26 NIVs who do regular clean-ups; 4 new NIVs were recruited in 2024.

· 10 children and 4 adults from Hollybrook Academy do a monthly clean-up lasting 1 hour;

· 50 children and 5 adults from Holyrood Secondary School do a monthly cleanup lasting 1 hour;

· St. Constantine Primary School did 5 cleanups between 18th and 22nd March with 20-25 children and 2-4 adults participating in each of these days;

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· 10 children and 1 adult from New Broom Residents community group do a 2-hour cleanup each month;

· 1 business and 3 more Community Groups have also conducted cleanups in 2024.

· An NRS staff working for NIES, conducted a cleanup in Govanhill in April 2024, in his role as a charity volunteer, which attracted 100 adult volunteers and 20 children and young people. The good weather was advantageous, and local businesses volunteered snacks and soft drinks for the event. Qualitative feedback was that the attendees enjoyed the event and expressed a wish that there were more such events in the future.

In total, residents have volunteered 2,314 hours in conducting litter clean-ups in Govanhill in 2024.

Parking Update:

We are actively carrying out joint Parking Days of Action with NRS Parking Enforcement and Police Scotland, to help tackle double parking, parking on yellow lines and vehicle obstructions. We're awaiting the final numbers from the event a couple of weeks ago, but these days of action will continue, alongside the roll out for Pavement Parking enforcement.

We're actively working with community groups and places of worship regarding the increase of traffic around prayer times, to assist us with parking issues. We have created the attached Parking Information sheet which we have been discussing with local groups in Govanhill. I have attached these, should you wish to disseminate them further.

Govanhill Neighbourhood Plan:

The latest Govanhill EMATAC (environmental Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination) meeting took place on Tuesday 20th August. The three main priorities the group has agreed to focus on are:- Litter and Flytipping Deterrents - Pest Control - Environmental Education

This Neighbourhood Plan is what NRS will work with moving forward. There was previously a larger document created a few years ago but we are not

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able to commit to this level, given our current position in terms of resources. This previous document was created in partnership with Thriving Places and unfortunately we don't have this consistency anymore. As soon as the plan has been agreed with senior management we will share this with the Community Council and yourselves, and we are happy to have any further discussions around it.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Siddique

Issues being raised and dealt with: Cleansing, infestation, lack of social housing, concerns around abandoned vehicles, enforcement, double parking and outstanding housing repairs raised.

Calder St Project – After a discussion Cllr Siddique agreed to take the **agreed** concerns of timescale to complete what was after consulting **with** the local schools. **Action Cllr Siddique**

Issues raised regarding outstanding cleaning of Gullies and also re painting of road lines. **Action: Cllr Siddique to raise with J O Hagan**

Community Councillor K Walker raised the following issues:

(A) 5 aside Park in the Govanhill Park **(B)** Abandoned bikes who do you contact **Action: Community Councillor K Walker to contact Councillor Siddique**

Public

Dealt with under Agenda

A.O.C.B.
Community Council Elections
Nomination Forms were available for members of the Public to join the Community Council.

Date of Next Meeting