Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council

Date:- Monday 14th April 2025

Address:- Daisy Street Neighbourhood Centre Meeting at 7pm

Attendees:- Andy Carberry (Chairperson) Damian Tausney (Treasurer/ Vice Chair), Anne Marie Millar (Secretary), Linda Crumlin, Krystian Opalach, Kevin Walker, Police Scotland - Officer J Cuzen, Liz from MP John Grady's Office. Gillian Scott (Govanhill Housing) Cllrs Belic & Hunter

Public: 6 Members

Apologies:- T Reid (NLO), Lisa Thomson (NLO) Cllrs Gallagher & Siddique, M Nisbet, K Hawley, Jamie Dyer

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Councillor Hunter on her return to GCC.

Minutes 10th March 2025 was agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by D Tausney 2nd by K Walker

Matters Arising/Action Points from March 2025 Minute:

- Invite head of parking enforcement: No one able to attend See Cllr Gallagher Report and Cllr Belic's Report who both received a response from the department

- Sound Engineer – M Nisbet ongoing
- Minute Seretary – M Nisbet – waiting on a second costing before decision is made,

Secretary Report Mail In - Mail Out

All mail sent to Community Councillors.

Treasurer Report: advised that funds in bank are £4,274.02

Planning – There have been 6 applications since last May:

401 Victoria Rd – retrospective application internal/external works
20 Riccarton St
64 Queen Mary Ave Erection of Portch /replacement roof
After a discussion there was no concerns raised.

Licensing

Street Traders License – No concerns raised.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Hunter

As just in post not much to advise and will take any issues forward from tonight's meeting.

Councillor Belic

Dealing with Council Tax issues
Back court issues at Bowman Street
Went on walk-a-bout with the Govanhill Housing Associations Environmental Group as did Clllr Hunter and both taking forward the issues raised from it.

Response regarding Holyrood pupils: Thank you for your enquiry outlining concerns raised by the Secretary of Crosshill Govanhill Community Council

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Councillor Belic Continued

regarding reports of Holyrood Secondary School pupils damaging hedges and causing distress to local residents on Dixon Road.

The concern also referenced an intended meeting with the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher has clarified that while no formal meeting was arranged, she had responded to a resident's email indicating she would try to stop by during a community walk. On that occasion, the school's campus officer attended on her behalf.

Holyrood Secondary School has taken the matter seriously. The Campus Police Officer, PC Logan, has been in contact with the resident on two occasions and all Year Heads have addressed the issue directly with pupils at assemblies. Staff are also routinely present at lunch and dismissal times to monitor pupil behaviour and ensure that any groups gathering are dispersed promptly.

The school is committed to maintaining positive relationships with its local community and continues to work closely with residents to ensure pupils behave respectfully and responsibly in the surrounding area.

Councillor Siddique

I have arranged a meeting with the director of service delivery to discuss

Govanhill cleansing, environment, enforcement and parking concerns.

I have been speaking to GMB and Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre regarding Women's Safety concerns and how we can improve the lived experiences for Glasgow Women.

I am pleased that my motion on Women's Safety supported by the GMB and Amina Muslim Women's Group was agreed cross party as part of a composite agreement.

We thank GMB Union and Amina Women's Group for their support and
Councillor Report Continued

Councillor Siddique Continued

constructive dialogue.

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/councillors-call-unity-violence-against-163518262.html

https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-records-alarming-rise-rape-31306123

I have been raising casework on lack of cleansing, enforcement, infestation and overcrowded housing.

I also attended and spoke at International Roma Day celebrations in Govanhill.

https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/scottish-news/25086044.annual-international-roma-day-celebrated-glasgow/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJom-tleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHrtfUKcwkmcQz5qqE61pS2Qop67wqZ9clbItzwHlas5-B_OfLWZlMea-gA6O_aem_ixTO_nPHc2L-d0YOEavhZA

Any casework let me know.

Councillor Report Continued

Councillor Gallagher

In the month March - April the planned rearrangements of committee duties have taken effect in Council. I continue on Planning, Finance and Audit Scrutiny committee, and Pension board, and have started on the board of

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Councillor Gallagher

the Citizens' Theatre in place of Cllr Aitken. I hope with these changes and some other resolutions of clashes to return to the Laurieston TRA meetings.

I was able to attend the environmental meeting at Govanhill Housing Association and hope to take their issues to act on. I anticipate that some of the recent council budget lines, allowing extensive recruitment in waste and traffic management as well as maintenance of degraded parking controls, will begin to help matters. Some of their issues will require changes in legislation, which I will be happy to support.

I have followed up on complaints re. reported fly-tipping incidents not being cleared up, and am trying to get to the bottom of the ownership issue at Clelland Lane, to get action on the fly-tipping there. In the last quarter my office has resolved 24no. issues, with 12no. still outstanding. The topics included streetscene, refuse, roads, traffic management, and HMOs in order of number of complaints.

I am also happy to have been able to arrange financial support for residents affected by the fire at Chi Maii on Victoria road. Fortunately no-one was seriously injured, but some people needed assistance with repairs.

Finally, we have completed the by-election in Southside Central, and I am happy to welcome Cllr. Hunter as our new councillor colleague.

MP John Grady Report

Cleansing

- John met with Govanhill Housing Association, Govanhill Environmental Residents Group and Elected Reps. to discuss some of the key issues and find a path forward.

A number of key issues came out of that meeting & going forward John is developing a plan to address problems with the Council in a number of key areas:

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Refuse collection, Street Cleansing, Enforcement action against fly tipping and littering, Enforcement action against nuisance premises, Pest control & Methods for reporting and monitoring response times to reports.

There are a number of avenues John is exploring, including gathering data on the extent of the problem in the key areas above and whether these require remedies at an organisational or legislative level.

John will ask again for a cross party, multi-agency meeting to address what is going wrong and how can we change the approach.

- On other cleansing matters, John is still following up all reports received and is monitoring the success of these issues being rectified.

- John has not yet received a response regarding his previous enquiries about: statistics of reports received from Govanhill and Crosshill since the start of this year (2025) and what percentage of these reports have been successfully actioned and closed; how fly tipping reported and fly tipping uplifted is monitored and evaluated; number of enforcement roles (in relation to cleansing matters) which have been advertised and successfully onboarded in the past year; and how is commercial waste in key areas being tracked and tackled. John is continuing to pursue answers to these.

- John has asked for a date for the rollout of the bin hubs, whether old

stock from Pollokshields can be used to replace broken stock in Govanhill in the meantime, and if can we increase capacity of glass recycling outside Govanhill library.

- John has also chased up issue of private buildings with dangerous/ unattended problems, such as blocked drains which are leaking into gardens.

MP John Grady Report Continued

ASB/Crime

- John notes the reports of anti-social behaviour from some pupils from Holyrood Secondary and has asked to meet with the headteacher and campus police officer to address this issue.

- John has asked the Council how many CCTV cameras are operated in the area of Govanhill and Crosshill, how many of these CCTV cameras are monitored in 'real time' and how they are used to identify and enforce against perpetrators.

Parking

- John has asked about bollards being placed at the remaining corner of Coplaw Street and Langside Road.

- John has raised in particular with the Council Annette Street, Allison Street and Dixon Avenue, which continue to be reported as having a large volume of problem parking, including pavement parking, double parking, and parking at bus stops. John has asked if these streets can be monitored and enforcement increased here.

- John has asked for the double yellow lines by the crossing on Allison Street to be re-painted.

- John has asked for the area surrounding Holy Cross Primary to be monitored and for traffic calming measures to be considered.

- John has asked for studs to be clarified at the crossing on Calder Street where there is often problem parking.

- John has asked about bollards for the dropped curbs on Langside Road and Annette Street which frequently have parked cars.

Millennium Square

- John has been continuing to follow up Millennium Square, including the low levels of lighting. We have been informed that the lighting requires new columns and lanterns to be installed.

MP John Grady Report Continued

Millennium Square Continued

- This is being designed and costed- we were told at the end of March this should take no more than 6 weeks. The Council are advising to use the alternative lit route via Butterbiggins Road and Cathcart Road during the hours of darkness.

- We also asked for this area to be jet washed and have been informed it's now been deep cleaned.

Question for MP regarding the Polmadie Response Team – If he could push this so that they don't have to travel out with the area to dump stuff that is collected as they could dump more by taking it to Polmadie.

Double Yellow Lines

Cathcart Road/Allison Street need to be repainted asap also zig zag white lines too. **Action: Cllrs Belic and Hunter**

Police Scotland

Officer Cuzen March – April there was a spike in shop lifting Victoria Rd and Pollockshaws Rd, shops advise to take pictures of those responsible if possible and install CCTV so they can have evidence of theft, advise shops there are marker pens available to mark valuable goods.

There have been a few stolen bikes and Police Scotland are advising people to take them into their houses and not leave them in closes.

Shop lifting arrests have been made.

Drugs – Plain Clothed officers have been deployed to areas that they have had reports of and advised the public to report issues of conern regarding drugs.

Police Scotland continued

Joint day of action will be held regarding vapes sold to children, also vapes and counterfeit cigarettes. If public are aware of shops doing this, they should report to Police Scotland.

Road Traffic Vehicle Crime – 1 report which is lower than normal.

Zig Zag Lines advised Police can issue a fine of £100 if driver is there and if not they can arrange for the vehicle to be uplifted.

E bikes Day of action to take place

No House braking recorded.

Extra patrols around Govanhill Park as received number of calls about ASB

Question for Police Scotland from Public:

Dogs on long leads in Cathkin Park and dogs off lead is there nothing that can be done and also the amount of dog fouling particularly on Dixon Rd Police Scotland advised there was nothing they could do about dog fouling and this is a matter for Glasgow City Council.

Clamps being taken off cars – as there are plenty around back courts and gardens. Advised if seen by police they can take action as it is an act of vandalism.

Clamping of Foreign Vehicles – advised by Cllr Belic could be enforce now as we are no longer in the EU

Van parked on Westmoreland Street for a long time and no action taken.

Nitroxide cans at Cathkin Park/Myrtle Park at the back of Holyrood School and Albert Rd. These cans are being used by drivers mostly at night time. Noted by Police.

Speeding on Aikenhead road – Needs to be looked into by Police.

A.O.C.B.

Queens Park Arena Update

A quick summary of the report - Keith attended their Book Fair - was very busy and a good event - the aim of this is to try and inspire more events at the Glasshouses in the park, and to see those getting used more.

Lisa Thomson – Neighbourhood Liaison Officer

Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend this evening's meeting. However, I would like to provide the following update from NLT.

I am aware that their has been further targeted enforcement within the Govanhill Neighbourhood and this will continue with joint days of action with Parking Enforcement and our partners in Police Scotland.

I can confirm that a traffic audit has been carried out in the Govanhill Neighbourhood and we are awaiting the external contractor providing us with the data. Once this data has been published, further information will follow.

With regards to the Neighbourhood Gully programme, I can confirm that we are currently discussing the gullies which require revisiting in Allison Street with our Roads Dept. Hopefully, these works will be carried out in the near future and as soon as I have confirmed dates I will surely let you know.

Lastly, I would advise that the new divisional director for GCC was out on a walk about in the last few weeks to see what some of the issues are in Govanhill for herself.

I hope the meeting goes well.

Public

Govanhhill Park fence down due to storm damage **Action: Cllr Hunter will look into this and get it repaired**

Public Continued

Pavements Allison St – In need of repair as they are a trip hazard and have potholes was highlighted on recent walk-a-bout. **Action: Cllrs Belic & Hunter to chase this up.**

A member of the public raised that recent works carried out on Aikenhead rd (Holyrood School at Garage) was a shambles as the cones were moved by drivers and then they drove over the part that had been repaired.

Issue of bin men lifting bags and leaving them in garden area and they witnessed bin man toss bags from the binset, as this is a personal issue Cllr Hunter took the CC members details and will respond directly to the member who raised it. **Action: Councillor Hunter.**

Gilliand from Govanhill Housing Association – advised that there is a walk-a-bout tomorrow meeting up at the Housing association building. Council staff will be there too. Walk-a-bouts are always on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th May 2025 – Neighbourhood Centre, Daisy St at 7pm