



**[OFFICIAL] Minutes of Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council
Ordinary Meeting**

held on Tuesday 30 May 2023, from 6.00pm,
at G.E.S.H. Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG

Present: Stephen Orr (SO) [*Chair*], Angela McIntosh (AM) [*Vice Chair*], Sharon Baldwin (SB) [*Treasurer*], Moira Wilkinson (MW), Jacqueline Clark (JC), Karen McNulty (KM), Alan Gray (AG), Maureen Ferrie (MF), Alex McNab (AMc), Scott McCarthy (SM)

Others Present: Cllr Ruairi Kelly (RK), Cllr Maureen Burke (MB), Cllr Sharon Greer (SG) and 4 residents

Apologies: N/a

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

- 1.1** The Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council (GCG CC) meeting started at 6pm and a Quorum of 4 was present. The chair explained refreshments were available and that there were no fire alarms scheduled, any sound of an alarm meant we had to leave the building and assemble outside in the car park.
- 1.2** The chair briefly summarised the Code of Conduct expected of all Community Councillors (Cllrs) as set out within the Scheme of Establishment Governance. These include *service to community, selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership, and respect.*
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- 2.1** The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from 25 April 2023 as a true and accurate record.
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3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** Finalise signatories on bank account.
>> **SB to add 3rd signatory. SB requested SO to provide a personal address.**
- 3.2** Community Calendar showing all local activities.
>> **MW to discuss with Brian at Garthamlock & Craigend Parish Church to provide feedback to GCG CC as no response received since February 2023.**
- 3.3** Litter Picking Hubs.
>> **Closed, MW notified that Garthamlock & Craigend Parish Church are unable to accommodate litter pick hub on their premise and GCG CC needs to find alternative location.**
- 3.4** Free defibrillator from St Andrews First Aid
>> **Cllr Burke has provided 2 options from St Andrews First Aid for Cllrs to consider. Defib will be free, however costs for replacement battery and pads will need to be covered. Cllrs agreed either option would be acceptable, and the device should be procured. SO to check the warranty period left on each device to determine which is most suitable. Cllr Burke advised St Andrews First Aid will support with CPR training. AM has liaised with Fort Management and their defib is available out of hours until a suitable location is found to locate our device outside.**
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4. OFFICER UPDATES & REPORTS

4.1 Chair/Vice-chair

- 4.1.1** Mentioned a named person is required to hold the position of Secretary to fill vacant role. Lawrence from Glasgow City Council (GCC) Community Empowerment Services advised that a note can be made on public meeting schedule that all correspondence will be dealt with via

Chair if person unable to fulfil all aspects of role. AG volunteered to be recorded as Secretary in name only as no other Cllrs able to commit.

4.1.2 Raised that the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) of £1m per ward requires community input to understand where best to invest funding. Investment can be used for roads, lighting, or to make streets and local environment improvements. Funding is additional to finance routinely available by GCC to manage infrastructure improvements. Elected Members (Cllrs) highlighted a portion of NIIF funding has been reallocated since options report published in June 2022 for Easterhouse Sports Centre and Puffin crossing on Westerhouse/Lochend Road in Easterhouse. £1m fund can be spent over a 5-year period.

4.1.3 Reminded GCG CC of the 2nd public consultation session planned for June 2023 as per previous discussions. The June session will be to discuss the public consultation/report undertaken in April 2023 and will mainly focus on actions GCC, GCG CC, and third-party organisations within the local area(s) could support to make neighbourhood improvements. The session could also consider feedback on NIIF. Elected Members (Cllrs) advised they would be acting as GCC representatives at the next meeting.

>> Invite Tracey Boyle, GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, to June meeting to support the 2nd phase of the public consultation [SO].

4.1.4 Advised Gartloch residents nomination forms have been submitted to GCC to join GCG CC.

4.2 Treasurer

4.2.1 Explained there are still issues with our RBS online banking facility and that the bank requested a copy of our constitution which has been sent over to them. Payments can only be made via cheque at present, however MF advised that card and card reader has been received and will pass onto Treasurer so online payments can be made. KM mentioned that she used to work in corporate banking and could help SB if required.

4.2.2 Grant application received from GESH Community Centre to fund chair yoga for 8 weeks for disabled, elderly, and those with mobility issues throughout community. SB suggested GESH ask for voluntary donations to continue sessions after the initial 8-week period.

Decision: Cllrs unanimously accepted application as interest has been shown for these types of activities. MF and AMc declared a private interest as members of GESH and abstained from the vote. Grant of £400 awarded.

>> Provide grant payment to GESH to begin chair yoga sessions [SB].

4.2.3 Financial position explained to Cllrs and treasurer report provided in appendix A.

4.3 Secretary

4.3.1 The Chair provided some updates as current Cllrs are unable to commit to taking on this role.

4.3.2 Highlighted positive feedback had been received from Gartloch residents following the letter drop as this showed GCG CC sought their views and provided the necessary contact information, meeting dates, and social media page links should they want to get involved.

4.3.3 Declared that the Yoga Sessions hosted by YoGlasgow and funded by GCG CC to improve overall community wellbeing and fitness levels has been a success. Positive feedback has been received from participants at sessions and on social media affirming they are enjoying the sessions on offer. The number of attendees is currently at 20 and growing.

4.3.4 Mentioned that the North East Health Improvement Team has been emailed as GCG CC is eager to bring their initiatives into the community and asked if they could support with CPR training. Chair accepted CPR training may no longer be required if St Andrews First Aid can facilitate this (*refer to 3.4*).

4.4 Planning & Licensing

4.4.1 AM and JC had no updates, no licensing or planning applications this period.

4.5 Area Partnership

4.5.1 No updates, next meeting scheduled for Friday, 8 September 2023. No June session as GCC will be in recess.

4.5.2 Elected Members (Cllrs) advised typically 4 sessions are held per year.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

5.1 The Chair thanked Police Scotland for attending our meeting to discuss local concerns and potential resolutions they could support with. Police Scotland representatives were from Baillieston branch as our local community officer is currently on leave.

5.2 Cllrs agreed that periodic data or crime reports from Police Scotland on; number of car accidents particularly on the section of Gartloch Road and Gartcosh, levels of youth disorder and crime types reported would steer future discussion and inform where funding could be allocated. Police Scotland advised that under GDPR this information would have to be requested under a Freedom of Information request.

>> Submit a FOI request to Police Scotland to attain crime data for Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch [SO].

5.3 Chair mentioned several questions had been received from local residents prior to this meeting for feedback from Police Scotland:

5.3.1 Q1: As there is an increase in break-ins throughout the area can Police Scotland provide statistics of the number of these crimes and have there been any prosecutions?

Police Scotland Response: Data is showing no increases for crimes of this nature; however it is suggested residents ensure all criminal activity is raised to Police Scotland as they are now focusing on forensic techniques to apprehend and prosecute perpetrators.

Q2: There has been an increase in vandalism throughout the area, and residents want to know what steps are being taken by Police Scotland to reduce this behaviour?

Police Scotland Response: We are aware there have been incidents of this type of crime and are happy to request a greater police presence within the area to provide confidence in the community. Hopefully this will reduce further vandalism across the local area.

Q3: Speeding cars are on the increase on Gartloch Road, Tillycairn Drive and other internal streets throughout Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch which is causing safety concerns and youths are using quad bikes unsafely. Could Police Scotland provide any assistance?

Police Scotland Response: As above, happy to request further police presence throughout the area. Also, Police Scotland could launch some Speed Awareness days for the community to educate on the consequences of speeding.

Q4: Residents are parking on pavements along Porchester Street and this is a known issue throughout other streets across the community. Although there are no parking restrictions i.e. double yellow lines, can Police Scotland offer any resolution to prevent pedestrians and road users being put at risk?

Police Scotland Response: We can assist with any unsafe obstructions if cars are parked within 10m of a road junction and will be classified as a road traffic offence. Other parking obstructions would be a matter for Glasgow City Council to manage and control.

5.4 MF revealed she had a recent encounter with a fly-tipper throwing items from his van on GESH grounds and asked perpetrator politely to stop this as they were on private land, and it was illegal. The perpetrator became aggressive and threatened staff at GESH with physical abuse. MF explained she had to make a call to Police Scotland who are now investigating the incident – MF emphasised some form of deterrent within this locale is urgently required to prevent further incidents of this nature. Police Scotland advised CCTV at Garthamlock shops would benefit the area as this has worked for a similar scenario in Baillieston and perhaps NIIF could be used to fund this.

- 5.5 MF mentioned that GESH is constantly being graffitied and residents are now complaining that this is unsightly and offensive. GESH does not have the funds available to continue to repaint the building. Police Scotland advised that community CCTV would act as a deterrent.
- 5.6 SM stated there is unsafe parking surrounding Ladbrokes in Garthamlock as visitors are not using its' designated car park and parking across pavements on narrow streets. Police Scotland advised any unsafe obstruction should be reported directly to Police Scotland as this would be a road traffic offence (*refer to 5.3.1*)
- 5.7 AM stated that residents are speeding and driving over the roundabout on Tillycairn Drive, Garthamlock, which has resulted in several near misses. Police Scotland advised they would speak with Tracey Boyle, Glasgow City Council Liaison Officer to review road markings, street lighting and road signage.
- 5.8 SO stated that GCG CC undertook a local consultation to obtain feedback on traffic management issues at Avenue End, St Rose of Lima and Croftcroighn Schools on Mossvale Road which seems to be a serious concern for residents, road users, bus operators, parents/guardians, and elected members. Police Scotland stated Barlanark schools applied staggered pick-up times to reduce congestion and has been successful.
- >> Follow up with GCC enforcement and NRS departments to refresh road markings at schools and discuss other long-term strategies to deal with congestion [Cllr Burke].**
- 5.9 A local resident at the meeting explained that several windows have been smashed near Persimmons West of Scotland office on Findochty Street, Garthamlock and is causing concern. Police Scotland advised that any form of crime should be reported immediately to try and catch perpetrators.
- 5.10 Police Scotland provided some other suggestions which have been shown to reduce crime across other areas of the city, including:
- 5.10.1 Encourage residents to obtain ring door bells or similar devices as capturing crime can ensure perpetrators are brought to justice. Signage should be erected at property to ensure compliance maintained in line with GDPR regulations.
 - 5.10.2 Ask for more CCTV from GCC to be installed across the local area to aid with crime prevention and deter/identify offenders.
 - 5.10.3 In areas with high graffiti, consider local graffiti artist to install murals as these have shown to have worked within the Glasgow City Centre to reduce this type of crime, so could be worthwhile looking into. Indicative costs are £1700.

6. CURRENT LOCAL ISSUES

- 6.1 Gartloch residents raised that an off-road walking route on Blacader Drive in Gartloch has been closed by New City Vision, next to the old mortuary building. Current beliefs are that this has been done to avoid installation of fencing around Sud ponds and want New City Vision to re-open it if there is a public right of way. If it cannot be re-opened Gartloch residents are asking for diversionary signs to be erected if no longer able to use going forward. Cllr Kelly explained he has received complaints for and against the off-road walking route being closed and is exploring options. Cllr Greer advised there is no definitive map for public rights of way in Scotland or Glasgow, but GCC has a Core Paths Plan required by law showing public access routes. This can be found at [\[Link\]](#) (*under map 23*).
- 6.2 AM highlighted that some road markings throughout the area particular on Tillycairn Drive, Garthamlock, and St Dominic's Church, Craigend, are faded and need refreshed. Items have been raised via the MyGlasgow App but remain outstanding. Reference of issue passed to Elected Members (Cllrs) to investigate.
- >> Follow up with GCC to fix faded road markings throughout Garthamlock and Craigend [Cllr Burke/Cllr Kelly].**
- 6.3 Gartloch resident mentioned that she had positive news in relation to long-term issues along the section of road on Gartloch Road between roundabout and Gartcosh. Cllr Kelly has been on-site with resident and drains have been cleared and cameras used to ensure all blockages were dealt with, also two further drains have been installed next to the Gatehouse in Gartloch to manage excess water

and avoid future flooding. Cllr Kelly also arranged for the resurfacing of the layby areas, kerb repairs, and granite planter installations to act as bollards to prevent any further car collisions into the Gatehouse property from speeding cars. Resident now hopes that a footpath can be installed across the entire section of road to support all local Gartloch residents. Resident thanked Cllr Kelly and Cllr Burke for their support over the years and GCG CC.

6.4 SM asked if an additional bin could be put onto Balveny Avenue to reduce litter in this area and noted there are some litter bins on adjacent streets. Cllr Burke and Cllr Kelly explained there is typically a certain distance required between where bins are located.

>> Investigate if bins on adjacent streets to Balveny Avenue can be relocated to service all nearby streets [Cllr Kelly].

6.5 SO asked if additional litter bins could be installed along Gartloch Road, particularly at bus stops as there doesn't seem to be many for a highly pedestrianised street.

>> Discuss with Tracey Boyle, GCC Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, if more bins can be provided along Gartloch Road [SO].

6.6 JC stated that there is an unsafe lighting unit on Kilchoan Road which is hanging and could injure pedestrians or damage nearby vehicles. Advised it has been raised via the MyGlasgow App but remains unrepaired.

>> Contact GCC for update on repair status of broken lighting column on Kilchoan Road using reference provided by JC [Cllr Kelly].

7. ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

7.1 Cllr Sharon Greer

7.1.1 Stated she is still reviewing outstanding issues with Persimmon Homes i.e. pavements, roads, bollards, and street lighting throughout Garthamlock as several sites are nearing the 12-month maintenance period. Also mentioned that the fencing around the proposed Voyage Care Home site on Findochty Street has now been fenced off and should alleviate future litter at this site.

7.2 Cllr Maureen Burke

7.2.1 Discussed that she is still liaising with Persimmon Homes on playparks on Barholm Avenue and Guilford Street. Guildford Street residents want the playpark removed as it is built close to their properties, whilst Barholm Avenue residents want safety improvements such as fencing and better facilities for children as their view is that current facilities are poor. Cllr Burke stated she is finding it difficult to contact the accountable persons at Persimmon Homes, so will make a personal visit to discuss and explore solutions.

7.3 Cllr Ruairi Kelly

7.3.1 Provided an update that he is tackling concerns of Gartloch residents particularly on the slow progress being made to development of the listed Gartloch Asylum Building by the developer, poor pathways, litter bins, and discussing with New City Vision if there is a possibility of installing a playpark in Gartloch for children and families.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 Glasgow City Council via glasgow.gov.uk/consultations

8.1.1 'A Just Transition for Glasgow'. Ends 16 June – seeking views on people's understanding of what "Just Transition Means" and how GCC can successfully transition Glasgow to a net zero city.

8.2 Scottish Government via <https://consult.gov.scot>

8.2.1 Review of Scotland's National Outcomes. Ends 05 June – legal requirement of the Scottish Government under the Community Empowerment Act (2015) to highlight Scotland's aspirations over the next 5 years.

8.2.2 Prescribing the minimum annual number of learning hours. Ends 13 June – to obtain views on prescribed learning hours for primary and secondary schools.

8.2.3 Reforming the criminal law to address misogyny. Ends 23 June – public views on laws to protect woman and girls in society and potential gaps in the law.

8.3 Others (inc. CCDS)

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- 8.3.1** Scotland's Infrastructure and capital investment in challenging times: what happens next? - an online event for CCLrs on 13 June. Email ghannah@mackayhannah.com with name, which community council, and email address if would like to take part [\[Link to take part\]](#).
- 8.3.2** Shared Sentences Film Briefing – an online learning session on woman in the community justice system, role of social enterprise to reduce reoffending and others [\[Link to take part\]](#).
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9. PUBLIC INPUT

- 9.1** Resident highlighted that the road traffic mirrors for West Cottages in Gartloch are damaged and need replacing, asked if GCC could support. Also, asked if an additional mirror could be installed when exiting West Cottages onto Gartloch road to make it safer.
- >> **Explore if GCC can repair/replace road traffic mirrors at West Cottages in Gartloch [Cllr Kelly].**
- 9.2** Residents stated that there is an issue with dog fouling across all areas within the community and enforcement is required to stop this behaviour. One hotspot identified was Gartloch Avenue in Gartloch, residents requested a litter bin at this location to reduce the likelihood of this happening.
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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1** Ordinary meeting on 27 June 2023, 6pm at G.E.S.H Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG.
- 10.2** Agenda to be circulated at least 7 days prior to next meeting.
- 10.3** Apologies to be submitted via email to SecretaryGCCG.CC@gmail.com
- 10.4** The meeting will close at 7.30pm.

Date	Transactions	
01/01/2023	Balance carried over from December 22	2725.16
06/02/2023	Cheque from Persimmons Homes	1000
06/02/2023	Bank Transfer - Glasgow Credit Union (Yoga)	500
14/02/2023	Bank transfer - GCC Admin Grant	701.85
21/02/2023	Bank Transfer - GCC Discretionary grant	173
28/03/2023	Balance as at 28th March 23	5100.01