



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

held on Tuesday 29 August 2023, from 6.00pm,  
at G.E.S.H. Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG

- Present:** Stephen Orr (SO) [*Chair*], Sharon Baldwin (SB) [*Treasurer*], Jacqueline Clark (JC), Karen McNulty (KM), Alan Gray (AG), Alex McNab (AMc), Amanda McBain (AMcB)
- Others Present:** Cllr Maureen Burke (MB), PC Carr, PC Brown, PC Bennett, Sandra D’Arcy [Chair, Gartloch Action Group] and 10 residents
- Apologies:** Angela McIntosh (AM) [*Vice Chair*], Maureen Ferrie (MF), Scott McCarthy (SM), Cllr Sharon Greer (SG), Cllr Ruairi Kelly (RK)

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**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

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- 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 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 (CCllrs) as set out within the Scheme of Establishment Governance. These include *service to community, selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership, and respect*.
- 1.3** The meeting started with an agenda overview; participants were urged to actively engage in and discuss vital community matters.

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**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

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- 2.1** AM requested revisiting section 7.5 of previous minutes for possible rewording; Chair urged CCllrs to review and discuss alternative language, but after deliberation, it was decided to keep the 27 June minutes unchanged as they accurately reflected the discussions held.
- 2.2** The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from 27 June 2023 as a true and accurate record.
- 2.3** CCllrs approved the 2023 Consolidated Local Consultation Report, shaped by collaborative input from Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch residents. Emphasising its value, residents were reminded that the report informs elected members and Glasgow City Council about local desires, and enables focused efforts by GCG CC. The report will be published on our website for transparency and should be refreshed every 3 years.

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**3. MATTERS ARISING**

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- 3.1** Finalise signatories on bank account.  
**>> Closed, due to issues with signatory changes and inability to make BACS payments, SB has opened a new Lloyds Banking Group account, with existing GCG CC funds transferred. The old account will close after a full bank statement download, and SB thanked the Chair for support. SB, SO and MF have all been added as signatories on the new account.**
- 3.2** Submit a FOI request to Police Scotland to attain crime data for Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch [SO].  
**>> Closed, Police FOI request concluded, data provided to GCG CC. SO noted limited analysis due to other commitments, summarised gradual crime rate decline. Website to host full information soon.**
- 3.3** Follow up with GCC enforcement and NRS departments to refresh road markings at Craigend schools and discuss other long-term strategies to deal with congestion [Cllr Burke].

**>> Cllr Burke coordinating Avenue End and St Rose of Lima visit with Parent Council and NRS council officers to assess traffic management. Road marking refresh scheduled for 31 August 2023.**

3.4 Follow up with GCC to fix faded road markings throughout Garthamlock and Craigend [Cllr Burke/Cllr Kelly].

**>> Closed, Cllr Burke confirmed Mossvale Road, Glenraith Road and Tattershall Road lining refresh scheduled for 31 August 2023. AM confirmed via email that Tillycairn Drive, Collessie Drive, Tillycairn Road, Craigievar Road and Porchester Street complete.**

3.5 Explore if GCC can repair/replace road traffic mirrors at West Cottages in Gartloch [Cllr Kelly].

**>> Cllr Kelly sent apologies for the meeting, but AM shared via email that mirrors were replaced, origin uncertain (Glasgow City Council or resident). Cllr Kelly to share further details in the next meeting.**

3.6 Share a link to GCG CC's website so that the Glasgow Fort Director can review recent issues within the community to determine possible support available [SO].

**>> Closed, shared GCG CC website link with Glasgow Fort Director via email to catch up on local community developments.**

3.7 GCG CC poster to be reshared with all CCLls to include across community venues and spaces [SO].

**>> Closed, re-shared GCG CC poster with all CCLls to display in community venues, promoting our active community council.**

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#### 4. OFFICER UPDATES & REPORTS

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##### 4.1 Chair

4.1.1 Highlighted that the Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch Community Fair was a success, with residents eager for its annual return. The community-oriented event was well-received due to the promotion of local businesses and the offering of numerous free activities such as facepainting, fair rides, massage, and goodie bags for kids.

4.1.2 Gave thanks to the committed volunteers, including GCG CC CCLls, GESH volunteers, residents, and members of the Larkhall Gala Day committee, who travelled from South Lanarkshire to provide invaluable assistance. Additionally, gratitude was extended to GESH for hosting the event.

4.1.3 Noted that CCLls and residents expressed disappointment during the community fair regarding Cllr Kelly's absence and lack of promotion for the event in comparison to similar recent events held across Ward 21 and beyond (e.g. Platform, Ruchazie Gala, Alexandra Park Festival Day). This was particularly noticeable as Cllrs Burke and Greer actively attended. CCLls further requested to express their disappointment regarding the limited support from other community organisations within Ward 21, underscoring the need for building better relationships in this aspect.

4.1.4 Confirmed the Glasgow Fort Director will attend the occasional GCG CC meeting, but it was requested if we could provide a list of our organisations overall objectives and give an idea of what we would be hoping to achieve with his participation that would benefit the wider community.

**Action: CCLls to consider areas that the Glasgow Fort Director could support with (e.g. volunteering, CC promotion) to enable a list to be created and issued to the Director alongside GCG CC objectives [All CCLls].**

4.1.5 Discussed that the upcoming AGM is scheduled for 31 October 2023, which aligns with Halloween. However, CCLls indicated a preference to change the meeting date to the week of 16 October, as this better accommodates those spending time with their children/families during that period. It was stressed that individuals interested in joining the Community Council as members should complete their nomination forms by 8 September 2023. Application forms are accessible on the Glasgow City Council website and should be submitted directly to the council.

**Action: Submit a request to GCC Community Empowerment, asking them to consider changing the AGM meeting date to a day that falls between 16-20 October 2023 [SO].**

- 4.1.6** Stated that the St Andrew First Aid defibrillator training held on 15 August at GESH was successful and well received; noted potential for greater attendance and possibility of future sessions from St Andrews for interested participants.

#### **4.2 Secretary**

- 4.2.1** Confirmed submission of CCTV funding application to North East Area Partnership (NEAP) after June's meeting, prompted by Cllr discussions and Police Scotland recommendations to enhance Garthamlock security and address anti-social behaviour. Decision outcome expected on Friday 8 September 2023, NEAP meeting.
- 4.2.2** Explained Icen Projects and Keepmoat Homes were sent an official GCG CC response detailing gathered concerns from recent community council meetings about the Gartloch housing development; response letter accessible on community council website.
- 4.2.3** Shared social media platforms during the meeting to further promote the GCG CC and Cllr Burke also emphasised the importance of word-of-mouth to reach a wider audience. Social media links are as follows:
- 4.2.3.1** Website - [www.gcgcc.co.uk](http://www.gcgcc.co.uk)
  - 4.2.3.2** Facebook - [www.facebook.com/GCGCommunityCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/GCGCommunityCouncil)
  - 4.2.3.3** X (formerly Twitter) - @GCGCC\_org

#### **4.3 Treasurer**

- 4.3.1** Acknowledged we now have an operational Lloyds Banking Group account for GCG CC; decision to close old account due to inability to change signatories or process BACs payments; new account adheres to governance standards with three unrelated signatories.
- 4.3.2** Clarified outstanding payments: YoGlasgow payment for further 8-week block of mat based yoga and venue rental remains; still awaiting £500.00 reimbursement from NEAP for community fair.
- 4.3.3** Explained that our substantial bank balance this year was due to grants being transferred from inactive community groups within Garthamlock and Craigend to GCG CC, with emphasis that all awards made have been intended to benefit as many residents as possible.
- 4.3.4** Presented a comprehensive breakdown of our balance sheet and offered an overview of expenditure up to the current date. A copy of the balance sheet has been included as Appendix A for reference.

#### **4.4 Planning & Licensing**

- 4.4.1** JC informed the group that a planning permission application (Reference: 23/01507/FUL) has been submitted to Glasgow City Council. The application concerns the conversion of the former Everlast Gym/DW Fitness store at Glasgow Fort into a Primark store.
- 4.4.2** JC highlighted that the planning application (Reference: 23/01507/FUL) for the transformation of the former Everlast Gym/DW Fitness store into a Primark store was not included in Glasgow City Council's weekly planning update circular. The discovery of this application was triggered by a recent news article.

**Action: Cllr Burke to enquire with Glasgow City Council's Town Planning Team about the exclusion of this planning permission request (23/01507/FUL) from the weekly notifications sent to community councils, seek clarification on the process and reasons behind this omission.**

- 4.4.3** SO noted that a recent Facebook post by GCG CC has gathered predominantly positive feedback and reflects the community's desire for the proposed Primark store at Glasgow Fort. However, it was mentioned that there are a few opposing comments expressing concerns about the arrival of Primark to the area.

**Action: Cllrs to assess community feedback on planning application (23/01507/FUL) for Primark at Glasgow Fort. Provide endorsement or rejection recommendation based on local sentiments [All Cllrs].**

#### 4.5 Area Partnership

- 4.5.1 No updates, next meeting Friday, 08 September 2023.
- 4.5.2 Then, Friday 17 November 2023.
- 4.5.3 The Chair and Vice Chair will not be able to attend the upcoming Area Partnership meeting. However, CCLrs will be consulted to determine if they wish to contribute any comments for discussion ahead of the meeting.

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### 5. CONSULTATIONS

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- 5.1 Glasgow City Council via [glasgow.gov.uk/consultations](https://glasgow.gov.uk/consultations)
  - 5.1.1 Busking in Public Spaces. Ends 01 September 2023.
  - 5.1.2 Development Plan Scheme Participation Invitation. Ends 27 September 2023.
  - 5.1.3 Glasgow Local Heath & Energy Efficiency Strategy. Ends 25 September 2023.  
**Action: Share Glasgow City Council's public consultations on the Facebook page [SO].**
- 5.2 Scottish Government via [consult.gov.scot/](https://consult.gov.scot/)
  - 5.2.1 Effective Community Engagement in Local Development Planning Guidance. Ends 13 September 2023.
  - 5.2.2 Fairer Council Tax. Ends 20 September 2023.
- 5.3 Others (inc. CCDS)
  - 5.3.1 The Glasgow Transport Strategy – Spatial Delivery Framework. Saturday, 16 September 2023 from 0930-1200 at Glasgow City Chambers.

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### 6. CURRENT LOCAL ISSUES

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- 6.1 A resident from Garthamlock has highlighted an ongoing concern regarding the unsafe use of motorbikes and quad bikes by youths, posing a potential threat to pedestrians on streets and pavements. The resident stressed the urgency of addressing this issue to prevent potential accidents, incidents or injuries. Police Scotland representatives present at the meeting suggested that any unsafe behavior should be reported to them. They mentioned that reports can be made anonymously by calling 101, and individuals have the right to withhold their name while reporting.
- 6.2 A resident from Gartloch brought up a similar concern through social media, noting that comparable incidents are occurring in the Cardowan Moss region. The resident mentioned instances of anti-social behavior and expressed concern about dogs being off-lead while horseback riders are present from Blackfaulds Farm. This type of situation poses a danger to both the riders, their horses, and those allowing their dogs to roam freely.  
**Action: Develop a social media post to inform residents about the presence of horse riders in the Cardowan Moss area. Explain the potential hazards associated with allowing dogs to be off-lead in the vicinity [SO].**
- 6.3 Residents and CCLrs are urging for an increased and visible police presence throughout the community as a proactive measure to effectively reduce crime levels. Police Scotland representatives mentioned the potential reallocation of additional police resources from Baillieston to support this proposal.
- 6.4 AMcB brought up the ongoing problem of HGVs using Gartloch Road, at Gartcosh end, as a quicker route to deliver goods to Glasgow Fort and pointed out the unsuitability of these roads for large vehicles. It was suggested addressing this issue with the Glasgow Fort Director in a future meeting.
- 6.5 Residents have expressed significant concerns regarding the recent surge in crime across the entire community, with a particular focus on house break-ins and multiple car thefts. There is a strong consensus among residents that immediate action is necessary to address these issues. It was noted that Cllr Burke and Cllr Greer have a meeting arranged with a police liaison, during which they will raise this pressing concern.  
**Action: CCLrs to draft and issue a letter to all Elected Members for Ward 21, urging increased police investment to facilitate a stronger police presence in response to the surge in crime in the community.**

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## 7. PUBLIC INPUT

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**7.1** Several residents have expressed dissatisfaction with Glasgow City Council's practice of cutting grass, as the clippings are being blown onto pathways, which are untidy and creating slippery surfaces. In response, residents are urging GCC to take into account the need to clean up areas after grass cutting to prevent potential injuries from slips, trips, and falls. Additionally, residents are requesting de-weeding at pavement ends to address concerns in this regard.

**Action: Cllr Burke to initiate a discussion about implementing more comprehensive clean-up efforts across the Garthamlock, Craighend, and Gartloch areas.**

**7.2** Residents highlighted that multiple street lights along Mossvale Walk, leading to Glenraith Path, are not functioning. While the suggestion to use the MyGlasgow app for reporting was made, some residents were unsure of the process. To address this, SO shared the Glasgow City Council's Reporting a Street Light Fault phone number, 0800 373635, as an alternative method for them to report the issue.

**7.3** A resident voiced concern over the new RSPB development at Craighend Shops, specifically regarding the installation of benches. The resident highlighted that these benches have been attracting anti-social behaviour, including suspected drug dealing/public drinking, which is causing intimidation for residents who are seeking access to nearby shops. Police Scotland requested resident to report these incidents to them in future on 101.

**7.4** A resident has made a request for additional bins to be placed within the greenspace recently developed by Sevenlochs, located between Avenue End Road and Glenraith Road. The concern arises from the absence of bins within this area.

**Action: Cllr Burke to engage in discussions with Sevenlochs and Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) department to explore the possibility of installing more bins within the greenspace developed by Sevenlochs between Avenue End Road and Glenraith Road.**

**7.5** A resident from Garthamlock has voiced concerns about the excessive litter at Garthamlock Shops in Redcastle Square and Ladbrokes on Gartloch Road. The resident attributes the litter to overflowing bins and the actions of customers. They enquired whether Glasgow City Council possesses any enforcement powers to compel these businesses to address the cleanliness of these areas.

**Action: Cllr Burke to investigate the available enforcement powers that Glasgow City Council possesses to compel local businesses to address the litter issues at Garthamlock Shops and Ladbrokes.**

**7.6** Gartloch residents reiterated their ongoing concerns for the section of Gartloch Road that services West Cottages and Gartloch Village, stressing the need for action on previously raised issues, including addressing:

**7.6.1** the lack of Shell Grip on road bends.

**7.6.2** the problem of speeding drivers.

**7.6.3** the clearing vegetation obstructing road signage.

**7.6.4** the flooding issues on Gartloch Road caused by inadequate drainage.

**7.7** Gartloch residents brought attention to a recent road traffic accident on Gartloch Road, specifically towards the Gartcosh area, involving a trail bike user veering off the road. Residents are unaware whether this incident was reported to Police Scotland but pointed out the ongoing dangers and concerns related to the safety of this road.

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## 8. ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

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### 8.1 Cllr Burke

**8.1.1** Confirmed that the refreshment of road markings on Mossvale Road, Glenraith Road, and Tattershall Road is planned for 31 August 2023.

**8.1.2** Announced that she is in the process of organising a joint visit to Avenue End and St. Rose of Lima with members of the Parent Council and NRS council officers to evaluate traffic

management. The renewal of road markings on Mossvale Road, specifically outside the schools, is scheduled for 31 August 2023.

#### 8.2 Cllr Greer

- 8.2.1** Elected member provided apologies but expressed willingness to support post-meeting discussions.

#### 8.3 Cllr Kelly

- 8.3.1** Elected member provided apologies but expressed willingness to support post-meeting discussions.

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### 9. AOB

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**9.1** A resident expressed gratitude to Cllr Kelly for coordinating the cleanup of gardens at Mossvale Square.

**9.2** Cllr Burke proposed the idea of inviting the Easterhouse Fire Brigade to the upcoming meeting. Given the ongoing local consultations involving Elected Members, having the fire brigade's participation could prove beneficial and contribute to the discussions.

**Action: Cllr Burke to either extend an invitation on behalf of GCG CC to the Easterhouse Fire Brigade or provide a suitable contact person for the community council to establish communication.**

**9.3** Cllrs and residents have observed a noticeable lack of investment in our community when compared to other areas within Ward 21.

**Action: Cllrs to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to Glasgow City Council to gain a comprehensive understanding of the investment levels across all geographical areas within Ward 21, over the last 5 years. This information will facilitate informed discussions in future.**

**9.4** Police Scotland representatives again stressed the importance of reporting non-emergencies, including suspicious behavior and crimes, through the 101-contact number, while reiterating that emergencies should always be reported using 999. It was also noted that individuals can choose to remain anonymous if they have concerns about their identity.

**9.5** The Chair of the Gartloch Action Group (GAG) introduced herself and noted that the group is currently in its early stages with plans to become a constituted group in the future. She outlined the group's primary objectives:

**9.5.1** Address housing developer and factoring (i.e. New City Vision and Greenbelt) issues that have persisted over several years.

**9.5.2** Conduct walkouts with Glasgow City Council, followed by the creation of a comprehensive report to document local concerns and necessary repairs.

**9.5.3** Organise community events tailored to the Gartloch Village area.

**9.5.4** Foster a positive relationship with GCG CC.

**Action: Cllrs have requested that GAG provide a comprehensive outline detailing the specific responsibilities they wish to undertake independently and those that GCG CC should focus on to prevent duplication of effort. This clarification is essential, as Gartloch residents and GAG members have previously expressed their preference for GCG CC to abstain from any actions until this information is provided.**

**9.6** The Chair of GAG mentioned that she has invited AMcB, who is a member of GCG CC and a Gartloch resident, to their upcoming meeting on 7 September 2023 at GESH Community Centre.

**9.7** The Chair of GAG has made a request for GCG CC to assist in various aspects of their upcoming community event in support of MacMillan Cancer Support, scheduled for 30 September 2023, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on 'the Green' at Gartloch Village. The requested support includes:

**9.7.1** Assistance with securing third-party grants.

**9.7.2** Help in finding volunteers.

**9.7.3** Assistance in locating generators.

**9.7.4** Contact information for entertainment providers.

**Action: Cllrs will provide contact details for the providers previously used at GCG Fair and will extend support wherever possible for GAG's upcoming community event. It was emphasised that funding for unconstituted groups can be challenging, and timing could potentially be an issue depending on when GAG finalises its constitution, given the limited time available for preparations.**

- 9.8** Yoga sessions are set to resume on 31 August 2023, running from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a consecutive block of 8 weeks, with a primary focus on enhancing the wellbeing of residents. Updates regarding these sessions can be found on the GCG CC blog, Facebook, and Twitter pages, and promotional posters have also been created to spread the word.
- 9.9** Dance Generation has reached out to GCG CC seeking a venue for their dance group sessions. The contact information for potential venues, including the Dominican Group, GESH, and Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church, have been provided to the requester to facilitate their inquiries and arrangements.
- 9.10** Cllr Burke expressed gratitude to the Cllrs, acknowledging their hard work and the substantial improvements achieved in the area up to this point.

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#### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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- 10.1** Ordinary meeting on 26 September 2023, 6pm at GESH 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 [SecretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com)
- 10.4** The meeting will close at 7.30pm.

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Management Accounts			
Bank balances as of 31st December 2022	£ 2,725.16		
	<b>Year to Date (Jan-Aug)</b>	<b>Projected (Sept-Dec)</b>	<b>Total for Year (Jan - Dec)</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Persimmon Homes - cheque pay-in	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00
Glasgow Credit Union (Craigend Yoga monies) Bank transfer	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Glasgow City Council - Annual Administration budget	£ 701.85	£ -	£ 701.85
Glasgow City Council - Discretionary budget	£ 173.00	£ -	£ 173.00
Bank Interest	£ 19.56	£ -	£ 19.56
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£ 2,394.41</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,394.41</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Rent costs	£ 300.00	£ 250.00	£ 550.00
Insurance	£ -		£ -
Professional Fees (accountant)	£ -		£ -
Subscriptions	£ -		£ -
Travel Expenses	£ -		£ -
Micro Grants - North East Recovery Group	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 400.00
Micro-Grants - Ceann Crieg Hurling & Camogie Club	£ 362.10	£ -	£ 362.10
Micro-Grants - St Dominics Hall	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
Micro-Grants - YoGa GESH	£ 400.00		£ 400.00
Grant for Yoga £340 + £160 rent (holding for group)	£ 500.00		£ 500.00
Admin - Publication of Minutes & Agenda			£ -
Admin - Publication of Newsletters/Flyers	£ 349.24	£ -	£ 349.24
Stationery			£ -
Photocopying	£ 60.98	£ -	£ 60.98
Postage			£ -
Telephone costs			£ -
Other expenses - Fun Day	£ 1,532.76		£ 1,532.76
St Andrew's Ambulance - Defib & Donation	£ 492.28		£ 492.28
Website	£ 43.20	£ -	£ 43.20
Other expenditure	£ 150.05		£ 150.05
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 4,790.61</b>	<b>£ 250.00</b>	<b>£ 5,040.61</b>
<b>CASHFLOW (INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>-£ 2,396.20</b>	<b>-£ 250.00</b>	<b>-£ 2,646.20</b>
<b>CASH POSITION</b>	<b>£ 328.96</b>	<b>£ 78.96</b>	<b>£ 78.96</b>

## NOTES

Balance carried over from end of December 22 was £2,725.16.