

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

held on Tuesday 17 October 2023, from 6.45pm,
at G.E.S.H. Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG

Present: S.Orr (SO) [Chair], A.McIntosh (AM) [Vice Chair], A.Gray (AG) [Secretary],
S.Baldwin (SB) [Treasurer], J.Clark (JC) [Planning & Licensing], A.McNab (AMc)
[CCllr], A.McBain (AMcB) [CCllr], M.Wilkinson (MW) [CCllr]

Others Present: S.Greer [Clr]

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 The Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council (GCG CC) meeting started at 6.45pm 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 SO announced the receipt of apologies from M.Ferrie (MF) [CCllr], K.McNulty (KM) [CCllr], M.Burke (MB) [Clr], R.Kelly (RK) [Clr] and duly noted them for the record.
- 1.3 SO 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.
- 1.4 The meeting started with an agenda overview; participants were urged to actively engage in and discuss vital community matters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from 29 August 2023, as a true and accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 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]**.
>> Cllr Burke is in the process of arranging joint meeting with Headteachers from schools and nursery on Avenue End Road, Police Scotland, and Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) dept, but only headteachers have agreed to meet so far.
- 3.2 Explore if GCC can repair/replace road traffic mirrors at West Cottages in Gartloch **[Cllr Kelly]**.
>> Pending, road mirrors have been replaced. However, Cllr Kelly to provide update.
- 3.3 Share a link to GCG CC's website so that the Centre Director for Glasgow Fort can review recent issues within the community to determine possible support available **[SO]**.
>> Complete, links to website given to Glasgow Fort Director.
- 3.4 CCllrs 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 CCllrs]**.
>> Complete, proposed support includes Glasgow Fort volunteers for local community events or litter picks, promotion of GCG CC on website/noticeboards, keeping us updated on Glasgow Fort events/new stores, out of hours access to Glasgow Fort Defibrillator for community.
- 3.5 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]**.
>> Complete, AGM rearranged to 17 October 2023 at 6pm and advertised on social media and noticeboards.
- 3.6 Cllr Burke to enquire with Glasgow City Council's Town Planning Team about the exclusion of planning permission request (23/01507/FUL) from the weekly notifications sent to community councils, seek clarification on the process and reasons behind this omission **[Cllr Burke]**.
>> Complete, notice was assigned to Easterhouse Community Council which is inactive.



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- 3.7 CCLrs 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 CCLrs]**.
>> Complete, mostly positive feedback received from residents, however deadline for endorsement letter missed due to cancelled September GCG CC meeting. The Glasgow City Council's Planning Portal has been reviewed, and no objections have been raised.
- 3.8 Share Glasgow City Council's (GCC) public consultations on the Facebook page **[SO]**.
>> Complete, all August consultations shared on Facebook.
- 3.9 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]**.
>> Pending, item to be looked at this period.
- 3.10 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 **[All CCLrs]**.
>> Complete, official letter created and sent to all Elected Local Councillors, Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) for support and additional resources. Copy of letter shared with local community via GCG CC website and social media pages.
- 3.11 Cllr Burke to initiate a discussion about implementing more comprehensive clean-up efforts across the Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch areas **[Cllr Burke]**.
>> Complete, Cllr Burke has raised with Tracey Boyle, Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, who has agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss further.
- 3.12 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 **[Cllr Burke]**.
>> Pending, awaiting feedback from NRS.
- 3.13 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 **[Cllr Burke]**.
>> Complete, GCG CC can request GCC litter enforcement teams to investigate litter hotspots. Tracey Boyle, Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, has engaged with Ladbrokes directly who have installed new bins inside their premises, agreed to speak with their clientele, and are monitoring litter volumes outside to ensure this nuisance is reduced. GCC is also planning to install signage as a deterrent to littering.
- 3.14 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 **[Cllr Burke]**.
>> Complete, Fire Brigade point of contact provided to GCG CC to invite to any future meetings where they may be required.
- 3.15 CCLrs 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 **[All CCLrs]**.
>> Pending, item to be looked at this period.
- 3.16 CCLrs 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 **[All CCLrs]**.
>> Complete, no information has been shared at this point, however AMcB has agreed to liaise with GAG representatives, to discuss the possibility of a GAG board member joining GCG CC as an associate member to resolve information sharing issues.



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3.17 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 [All Cllrs].

>> Complete, vendor information and suggestions were shared with GAG chairperson via email to support their event. Publicity for the event was also provided on GCG CC social media pages and website by sharing the group's promotional materials.

4. ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

4.1 Cllr Burke

4.1.1 Apologies issued, no updates this period.

4.2 Cllr Greer

4.2.1 At the North East Area Partnership meeting on 8 September 2023, Cllr Greer and Cllr Burke expressed concerns about local crime, involving car thefts and house break-ins. Inspector G.Bryceland reassured attendees that police patrols during the evenings have been increased. In response to the surge in house break-ins, the police are facilitating household security awareness home visits, which residents can arrange through email (*details to be provided later*). Police Scotland has taken proactive measures by distributing Signal Blocker key pouches to residents, aiming to mitigate car thefts in the area. Additionally, they have offered to supply visual PDFs for dissemination on community council social media platforms.

4.2.2 Noted that Cllr Burke has separately engaged PC Ferguson to address and convey concerns regarding crime in the local community.

4.2.3 Gartloch Road, spanning from Garthamlock to Gartloch Village, will be closed on 29 October 2023 for a litter pick operation.

Action: Given past concerns from Gartloch residents about frequent road closures on Gartloch Road between Garthamlock and Gartloch Village, GCG CC has requested that any planned investigatory or repair work (vegetation clearance, road repairs, street lighting, drainage) in this area coincides with the planned road closure on 29 October 2023. Cllr Greer will coordinate with relevant council departments for further discussions.

4.3 Cllr Kelly

4.3.1 Apologies issued, no updates this period.

5. CURRENT LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 AMcB raised the deteriorating condition of the pathway connecting Blacader Drive to Sevenlocks and asked about the responsible party for its' maintenance. AMcB and Cllr Greer set to discuss the issue further offline.

5.2 AM highlighted her desire for an in-person walkout with elected members across Garthamlock, Craigend and Cardowan Moss, and Cllr Greer agreed to take the lead. AM will collaborate with Cllr Greer to determine suitable dates for scheduling the walkout.

6. AOB

6.1 North East Area Partnership Meeting Feedback: The GCG CC funding application for the installation of CCTV in Garthamlock has been rejected, citing the possibility of a more suitable funding stream. Whilst investigating a separate request for additional Police support in the area, Sandesh Gulhane (MSP) provided feedback recommending involvement of community organisations and Police Scotland, both of which have already been engaged, along with the potential inclusion of local housing associations within the area.

Action: Compose a letter addressed to Wheatley Group, informing them of the GCG CC's local consultation and the feedback received from Police Scotland regarding the need for additional CCTV in Garthamlock, while also requesting their assistance and support in this matter [AG].

Action: Provide a status update on the anticipated funding source for the CCTV project and an estimated timeline for when this funding will become available [Cllr Kelly, Cllr Burke, and Cllr Greer].



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- 6.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue has generously offered to provide AED and CPR training (Revivr Training) to local communities and are encouraging us to get in touch if this is something of interest to our organisation.
Action: Contact Scottish Fire and Rescue to enquire about AED and CPR training availability for local residents. AM suggested Dominican Hall as a possible venue for training since no events have been held in Craigend thus far [AM].
- 6.3 CCLlrs suggested inviting the Glasgow Fort Director to a meeting after Christmas for potential collaboration or discussions.
Action: Invite the Glasgow Fort Director to attend a GCG CC meeting in either January or February 2024 [AM]
- 6.4 It was noted that the distribution of Planning and Licensing emails to the community council mailbox has ceased. JC will use the planning portal link to monitor and check for new planning applications going forward. Cllr Greer offered additional support, should it be needed.
- 6.5 CCLlrs asked if there was a resource to clarify which areas of land GCC is responsible for maintaining within the community.
Action: Distribute the link for "Is this land maintained by the council?" to all CCLlrs [AG].
- 6.6 SB mentioned a recent news article related to a new Aldi Store at Glasgow Fort, and it is anticipated that this information will soon be accessible on the planning portal. JC will be responsible for addressing this matter, as per point 6.4 once available.
- 6.7 AG reviewed Police Scotland FOI crime statistics and prepared a presentation pack that includes simplified graphs for enhanced readability.
Action: Shared Police Scotland FOI pack with all CCLlrs [AG].
- 6.8 Persistent fly tipping behind GESH premises poses a potential fire hazard, requires immediate attention and action.
- 6.9 AM stated that Dominican Hall will be returned to St. Dominic's Church in November 2023; however, future management is anticipated to involve a third-party letting agent.
- 6.10 Multiple CCLlrs voiced a common aim to offer increased health and wellbeing activities for the community, citing a noticeable gap, that could be particularly beneficial during the winter months. Additionally, CCLlrs discussed the requirement to explore funding options to support the implementation of these activities along with funding for Car Signal Blocker pouches to address low morale and safety concerns within the community.
Action: Submit a funding application to the North East Area Partnership, seeking financial support to provide a free health, wellbeing, and community safety initiative within the community [SO].

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 Ordinary meeting on 28 November 2023, 6pm at GESH Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG.
- 7.2 Agenda to be circulated at least 7 days prior to next meeting.
- 7.3 Apologies to be submitted via email to SecretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com
- 7.4 The meeting will close at 7.30pm.