



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MEETING

## Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Ordinary Meeting

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Date:	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Time:	6:00 PM
Location:	GESH, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow, G33 5EG
Community Councillors Present:	S. Orr <b>(SO)</b> [Chair], A. McIntosh <b>(AM)</b> [Vice Chair], A. Gray <b>(AG)</b> [Secretary], J. Clark <b>(JC)</b> [Planning & Licensing], M. Ferrie <b>(MF)</b> [Member], A. McBain <b>(AMcB)</b> [Member], A. McNab <b>(AMc)</b> [Member], K. McNulty <b>(KM)</b> [Member]
Others Present:	R. Kelly <b>(RK)</b> [Councillor], S. D'Arcy <b>(SD)</b> [GAG], PC Carr <b>(PCC)</b> [Police Scotland], 1 Resident <b>(Resident)</b>

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### 1 Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Apologies

- 1.1 The meeting started at 6:00 PM and a quorum of 4 was present.
- 1.2 (SO): Explained the facilities and fire safety procedures for the building.
- 1.3 (SO): Announced the receipt of apologies from S. Baldwin **(SB)** [Treasurer], M. Wilkinson **(MW)** [Member], S. Greer **(SG)** [Councillor], M. Burke **(MB)** [Councillor] and noted them for the record.
- 1.4 (SO): Summarised the agenda, code of conduct, and urged all in attendance to participate during the meeting.

### 2 Approval of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 (SO): Invited all present to review, and approve, the previous Ordinary Meeting minutes. The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from 27 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

### 3 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 3.1 **Action owner (AM):** Contact Scottish Fire and Rescue to enquire about AED and CPR training availability for residents. AM suggested Dominican Hall as a possible venue for training since no events have been held in Craigend thus far.  
Update 28/11/2023: Scottish Fire and Rescue have asked for an indication of the number of residents/community groups interested in the training to determine how many sessions would be required. Sessions are currently proposed for Jan/Feb 2024 so an engagement exercise will be required before then. GCG CC will also require information on any rent payable for the sessions for Community Council approval.  
Update 30/01/2024: Engagement exercise has been undertaken through Facebook/in person visits with local community groups. Further information on hall requirements pending.  
Update 27/02/2024: Apologies received from (AM), no update at this time.  
Update 26/03/2024: Potential dates in April, May, and June have been emailed to Scottish Fire and Rescue for consideration. However, it is proposed that only one session be held due to limited interest shown by residents. (AM) will feed back the agreed date to (AG) once a response comes in. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***
- 3.2 **Action owner (SB):** Download all previous bank statements and issue to secretary mailbox for filing and close previous bank account.  
Update 30/01/2024: All bank statements have been issued to the secretary mailbox and will be reviewed for completeness. Bank account closure pending until all remaining funds can be transferred to the new Community Council bank account.

Update 27/02/2024: Closure could not be completed due to an issue with an unpaid cheque from the old RBS bank account. (AG) has emailed (SB) and provided a copy of the unpaid cheque letter issued by the bank. Attendees reiterated the March 2024 deadline for the funds to be spent, so funds remaining in the old account require transfer and closure of the old account is required as soon as possible (prior to mid-March).

**Update 26/03/2024:** (SB) issued apologies but advised prior to the meeting that all funds have been transferred out of the old account, but the account remains open. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***

- 3.3 **Action owners (SO/RK):** Discuss previous Community Safety initiative with Elected Members/Police Scotland to find out who is responsible for this fund and formally request if we can transfer the funds to both Community Councils (Garthamlock and Craighend) and (Ruchazie). Fund amount is unknown currently.

Update 30/01/2024: The group's name has been confirmed as 'Ruchazie & Craighend Resident Action Group'. (RK) has agreed to engage with the inactive group to discuss redistributing remaining funds/donations to other groups within the area to serve the wider community. Feedback will be provided by (RK).

Update 27/02/2024: (RK) has emailed a member of the group regarding the possibility of re-allocating the funds and is awaiting a response.

**Update 26/03/2024:** The previous group members have confirmed that they are unable to access their bank account so are unable to transfer any remaining funds to another active group. It was collectively agreed that since these are public funds, they should be used appropriately within Craighend and Ruchazie as originally intended. Any misuse will require those involved to provide justification, as the community is not reaping any benefits. (RK) will oversee progress on this matter separately with the group. **\*\*\* Closed. \*\*\***

- 3.4 **Action owners (SB/SG):** (SG) will investigate why the administration budget appears lower than previous years and will feed back to (SB).

Update 27/02/2024: (SG) apologised as enquiries are still to be made on this matter but will feed back to GCG CC once any further information is obtained.

**Update 26/03/2024:** No update, apologies issued. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***

- 3.5 **Action owner (SG):** Investigate who is the responsible party for the lighting in Redcastle Square and request for their repair.

Update 27/02/2024: JP Management have been identified as the responsible party and the lighting issue was down to an unpaid bill, leading to the utility company cutting off the supply. This has now been partially resolved and the lights in front of the shops are now operational but the three lights in front of GESH are still off. (SG) has spoken to the director of legal within GCC to see if the three lights can be adopted.

**Update 26/03/2024:** No update, apologies issued. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***

- 3.6 **Action owner (AG):** Send an enquiry to GCC Roads and Parking department to find out whether there is a possibility of additional bus shelters on Mossvale Road.

**Update 26/03/2024:** Email issued to GCC NRS department on 10/03/2024 requesting information on who is best placed to deal with this request. NRS suggested contacting GCC at [parkingservices@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:parkingservices@glasgow.gov.uk) and SPT at [www.spt.co.uk/contact-us/](http://www.spt.co.uk/contact-us/) so that the request is known to both parties. Requests for additional bus shelters were subsequently issued to both parties on 04/03/2024. Currently awaiting a response but (RK) has also emailed SPT separately and will feed back to GCG CC. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***

- 3.7 **Action owner (AG):** Send an enquiry to GCC NRS to review bin placements around the Cardowan Moss area of Mossvale Road and determine whether additional bins, or relocation of existing bins, is possible.

**Update 26/03/2024:** Email issued to GCC NRS department on 04/03/2024 requesting review. Feedback received on 08/03/2023 explained that there is already a street bin on this section of Mossvale Road and there is no space to locate a bin on the Cardowan Moss side of the road due to the lack of pavement area. The only location available would be within the in shot for the bus stop on the opposite side of the road. NRS have recently had a bin moved nearer to the primary school at Mossvale Road to combat escalating litter issues here, so now there are a few bins local to the location. There would not be justification for an additional bin here at this time, and movement of others might cause litter issues elsewhere. **\*\*\* Closed. \*\*\***

3.8 **Action owner (AG):** Issue a copy of the agreed Annual Self-Assessment scoring to GCC prior to the end of February 2024 deadline.

**Update 26/03/2024:** Annual Self-Assessment (with green RAG score) issued to GCC on 28/02/2024.

\*\*\* Closed. \*\*\*

## 4 Officer Updates & Reports

### Chair/Vice Chair

4.1 (SO): Meeting held with Ivan McKee (MSP) and (RK) on 08/03/2024 to go through all items GCG CC has undertaken since its re-establishment. Discussions covered all GCG CC successes and issues previously highlighted through our meetings. A request was put forward for more visibility for all Elected Members throughout our boundary area and attendance at our future GCG CC led events such as litter picks and other community events.

4.2 (SO): Ivan McKee (MSP) requested a copy of the Police Investment/Crime Concerns within Ward 21 letter that GCG CC issued last year. This letter has since been forwarded and Ivan has apologised for the initial oversight but will discuss it with Police Scotland during his upcoming meetings.

4.3 (SO): An Area Partnership application has been submitted for consideration at the NEAP April 2024 meeting to fund minor shortfall in Local Place Plan grant award. Further detail is provided in point 4.6 below.

4.4 (SO): Final completion report for NEAP wellbeing grant will be issued to GCC this week.

4.5 (AM): Walkout was undertaken with (SG) throughout Craigend which identified issues relating to poor road and footpath conditions, flytipping, litter, overgrowth, and the communal bins in Mossvale Square/Way. Residents from the Ruchazie area near Gilbertfield Street are dumping their rubbish within these bin areas and residents are now understandably raising complaints.

### Secretary

4.6 We have received a proposal from our selected consultancy for the Local Place Plan. GCC has acknowledged groups will have a funding shortfall due to the oversubscription to the grant. GCG CC have undertaken a scope reduction exercise to bring costs down, but anything further will jeopardise the integrity of the plan. A request for additional funds has been put forward to NEAP but we are unable to instruct the work until we have confirmation that the shortfall will be funded. Legal agreements have been sent to GCG CC from GCC to release the funding and these must be returned no later than 31/03/2024.

**Action owner (AG):** Return the signed copy of the GCG CC Local Place Plan legal agreement to GCC by 31/03/2024. \*\*\* Open. \*\*\*

4.7 A communication has been sent to us by Police Scotland for sharing at our meeting. The communication states 'A number of reports have been received by Police Scotland in regard to telephone calls from criminals impersonating police officers in order to obtain money from victims. The criminal impersonating the police informs the victim that they have been subject to fraud, and thereafter the criminal will attempt to get money from the victim. Police Scotland officers will never ask you to transfer money to another account, ask you to withdraw money and hand it to a person or post it by mail, exchange money into Euros or other foreign currency, ask for your PIN number or tell you that a new bank account has been set up for you to move money into. If you are unsure, hang up the phone and report it to Police Scotland via 101. If you have received the telephone call via your landline phone, use a different phone to contact 101.'

4.8 Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) did not have our community litter-pick hub shown on their interactive maps. This was highlighted to KSB and has since been resolved. KSB have also advised they will advertise our hub in their future communications due to the error.

4.9 Response received regarding the letter we sent to address the pre-planning consultation 'Cornerstone 30749100' (radio base tower installation in Garthamlock). The response was shared with all Community Councillors on 07/03/2024 but to summarise; all installations are EMF compliant; a range of alternative sites have already been explored and discounted, visual impact mitigations can be undertaken (i.e. painting of equipment) and it is not known if there would be compatibility issues with our proposed CCTV but there are no known instances of this occurring elsewhere.

- 4.10 The GCG CC website subscription is due for renewal on 31/05/2024. Suggest that we renew it for 2 years as there is a 33% discount which brings the total cost to circa £100 as opposed to £160+. We also require a new batch of printer ink due to the number of flyers and consultations we have printed, and we have not purchased any additional ink since April 2023. The cost of the ink is £60.80 which includes 2 black cartridges and one for colour.

**Motion:** Community Councillors consent that the website subscription can be renewed for 2 years, and 3 x ink cartridges can be purchased using the current GCG CC debit card.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Action owners (SO/SB):** Renew GCG CC website subscription for 2 years and purchase 3 x ink cartridges using the GCG CC debit card. \*\*\* Open. \*\*\*

- 4.11 Ruchazie and Garthamlock Volunteering Fair was held in GESH on 22/03/2024 by Volunteer Glasgow. GCG CC were asked to advertise the event on our Facebook page by the organiser which led to complaints from some residents regarding the exclusion of Craigend as Ruchazie and Garthamlock are viewed as separate areas. This information was passed to the organiser who advised the areas were selected by the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), but the feedback would be passed to them to keep it in mind for future activities in the area.
- 4.12 N. Byfield and C. Mooney, Community Service Officers for Glasgow Life, have reached out to make introductions with GCG CC. Both have agreed to attend our next Ordinary Meeting on 30/04/2024.  
**Action owner (AG):** Add 'Glasgow Life Introduction' to April's agenda and issue a formal invite to N. Byfield and C. Mooney at least one week prior to the 30/04/2024 meeting. \*\*\* Open. \*\*\*
- 4.13 A resident emailed on 19/03/2024 to highlight that they had reported the excavated pavements on Tillycairn Road to CityFibre. The resident advised that the holes have been like this for several months with no apparent work taking place. Additionally, the resident has reported the broken bollards which mark the traffic calming measures along Tillycairn Road to GCC via the MyGlasgow app. The resident was thanked for making the reports and was asked if they could keep GCG CC updated with any development.
- 4.14 An email was sent to L. Doyle at Wheatley Homes Glasgow on 25/03/2023 to ask whether they would like to join GCG CC as an associate member (co-optee). The email highlighted that we would like to bring all community stakeholders on board with a view of addressing common goals/issues within the community.
- 4.15 The rural section of Gartloch Road was closed on 17/03/2024 for fly tipping, de-littering and mechanical sweeping works undertaken by GCC. GCG CC informed residents of this via our Facebook page 10 days prior to, and on the morning of, the activity following a request from GCC NRS.

#### **Treasurer**

- 4.16 Apologies received; however, a full financial statement has been attached, see **Appendix A**.

#### **Planning & Licensing**

- 4.17 No new applications.

#### **Area Partnership**

- 4.18 No update, next meeting scheduled for 19/04/2024.

## **5 Elected Member Updates**

### **Councillor R. Kelly**

- 5.1 **Offerswick Land** – Queries were raised during previous GCG CC meetings regarding what was happening to the area of land which was the former site of the Barge Pub. After investigation it has been clarified that the site was used as a laydown area for equipment during building development and part of the planning condition was to put the land back to as it was previously.
- 5.2 **Gartloch Developments** – A meeting was held with New City Vision to discuss the build programme over the next few years. (Resident) raised concerns regarding unfinished listed buildings works which should have been completed before additional development was undertaken. (SD) raised concerns around poor management of the development site and unsafe conditions. (AMcB) expressed that planning permission issues are not something which can be managed by GCG CC

and that they require immediate action by GCC. (RK) offered to obtain official programme dates and suggested having a meeting with New City Vision and GAG to open lines of communication.

### **Councillor M. Burke**

5.3 No update, apologies issued.

### **Councillor S. Greer**

5.4 No update, apologies issued.

## **6 Police Scotland Update**

6.1 (PCC): Quad bikes in Blacader Drive are still a reported issue. Police Scotland have attended the site and spoken to dog walkers who do not seem to have an issue with the bikes. However, Inspector G. Bryceland has spoken with the GCC NRS department, and they are planning on installing bollards/boulders at the bottom of Blacader Drive. NRS have also erected signs, but they have been vandalised.

6.2 (PCC): There is a Police Action Plan for Glasgow Fort McDonalds over the Easter holidays and the next 3 weeks due to an increase in gang fighting and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 (PCC): There is still limited Police resource within the area which has been exacerbated by the closure of Baillieston Police Station.

6.4 (PCC): GESH bins were set on fire at the weekend and vandals accessed the roof (Friday and Saturday). The fire brigade/police attended, and the police have been briefed to check in occasionally due to the increase in anti-social behaviour in the area.

6.5 (PCC): PC J. Sinnerton has created a doorstoppers presentation. Police Scotland have leaflets, mirrors and other educational items for residents. Inspector G. Bryceland is the point of contact if a presentation of this type would be something GCG CC would be interested in hosting.

**Action owner (AG):** Email Inspector Bryceland to find out if PC Sinnerton would be available to provide a presentation both in GESH and St Dominics for residents. (MF) indicated a Thursday would be the preferred day for GESH but is open to most days, (AM) indicated a Sunday after mass would be best for St Dominics due to the volume of people in attendance. **\*\*\* Open. \*\*\***

6.6 (PCC): There was a serious assault in Ruchazie which spilled over into Craigend recently. The incident itself occurred in Ruchazie but the perpetrator left to go to a house in Craigend.

6.7 (PCC): A man was seen trying car doors in Cragievar Street recently. Police officers attended site, but no cars were successfully broken into, and no one was identified.

## **7 Consultations**

### **Your Police 2023/2024**

7.1 Survey is still open online and closes 31/03/2024. Paper copies should be returned to GCG CC no later than 29/03/2024. Several community groups and residents have already handed over paper copies to GCG CC to be emailed over to Police Scotland.

7.2 Further city/nationwide consultations can be found at:  
Glasgow City Council via [www.glasgow.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/consultations)  
Scottish Government via [www.consult.gov.scot](http://www.consult.gov.scot)

## **8 Current Local Issues & Public Input**

8.1 (MF): The GESH roof has been graffitied again following the incidents described by (PCC) at the weekend.

8.2 (Resident): The recent crime incidents, especially with youths, highlight the importance of CCTV for crime monitoring and the additional need to inform parents with youth disturbance issues. (SO) suggested GAG may be able to apply for a grant as a separate group to use smaller-scale CCTV devices to serve as a neighbourhood watch tool for the known anti-social and vandalism issues in Gartloch Village.



- 8.3 (SD): A meeting is being held over the coming weeks to discuss engagement and the viability of GAG as interest in the group seems to have depleted.
- 8.4 (SD): There are ongoing issues with the Gartloch Village Factors and the quality of service that they are delivering. Community Councillors noted that there is a mechanism which allows residents to replace a factoring company but cautioned that this should be approached carefully. It is essential to agree on a suitable replacement beforehand to ensure the community is not negatively impacted by this type of change.
- 8.5 (AMcB, SD, Resident): There are safety concerns regarding the listed hospital building in Gartloch Village and the work around its surrounding area. The fencing is often placed too close to the building, which is falling apart, posing a potential safety hazard. (SO) suggested that GAG could approach the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to investigate the worksite who would assess if there are any unsafe work practices and would take appropriate action. (RK) is also happy to complete a walkout of the site if required.
- 8.6 (AMcB, SD): There is a bus stop at the bottom of Heatherbank Avenue which no one seems to know who is responsible for. There are no lights which are unsafe, and this has been highlighted to GCC NRS. (MB) has also raised this as an issue previously with New City Vision, who is believed to be responsible for the lights.
- 8.7 (SO): The channeling on the road at Stepps Road (B765) is lifting following recent installation of traffic lights. This has been temporarily fixed but is lifting again. (RK) advised he has not seen permanent fixing in most areas and has raised this internally with GCC as it is not sufficient. (JC) asked what the KPI period is for a permanent fix, but this is not known after a temporary fix has been undertaken.

## 9 Any Other Business (AOB)

- 9.1 (AM): Suggested that we share Police incidents on our Facebook page to keep residents informed of current known issues.  
**Action owner (SO):** Share details of the recent crime incidents within our community of the GCG CC Facebook page and highlight ways of reporting such crimes. \*\*\* Open. \*\*\*
- 9.2 (AM): There is a derelict house at 69 Tillycairn Road which continues to fall into a state of disrepair. (RK) advised there may be opportunity for GCC to complete a compulsory purchase order for the property if it has been left vacant for some time.  
**Action owner (RK):** Investigate whether there is opportunity for GCC to complete a compulsory purchase order for the vacant property at 69 Tillycairn Road for community betterment. \*\*\* Open. \*\*\*
- 9.3 (AMcB, Resident): Observed GCC supervisors driving back and forth along the road while clean-up workers walked behind them during the Gartloch Road closure on 17/03/2024 and feel this was a waste of funding/resources. Residents continue to advocate for multiple repair tasks to be undertaken simultaneously during road closures to minimise disruption.
- 9.4 (AM): While driving on Gartloch Road towards the Gartloch area, a car was observed that had crashed into a nearby field. (AM) promptly called 101 but unfortunately, experienced a prolonged wait on hold before finally getting through to inform Police Scotland of the incident. Upon receiving a call back from an advisor, there was uncertainty regarding which boundary area this accident fell into and there was difficulty in allocating a police station to deal with the incident. This raised concerns as there could have been an injured individual(s) in the vehicle and this boundary uncertainty with emergency services is a common issue for this area.

## 10 Declare Date of Next Meeting & Meeting Close

- 10.1 The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 30 April 2024, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at GESH Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow, G33 5EG.
- 10.2 The agenda will be circulated at least 7 days prior to the next meeting.
- 10.3 Apologies to be submitted via email to [secretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com)
- 10.4 The meeting closed at 7:40 PM.

## APPENDIX A

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Management Accounts			
As at 26th March 2024			
Bank balances as of 31st August 2023	£	328.96	
	Year to Date (Sept-Mar)	Projected (April-August)	Total Projected for Year (Sept- Aug)
<b>INCOME</b>			
Glasgow City Council - Discretionary budget	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
CJ Lang & Sons (Spar) Donation	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Glasgow City Council - Annual Administration budget	£ 662.17	£ -	£ 662.17
Glasgow City Council - Area Partnership Funds	£ 1,117.76	£ -	£ 1,117.76
Bank Interest	£ 4.87	£ -	£ 4.87
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£ 2,784.80</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,784.80</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Rent costs - CC Meetings	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Insurance	£ -		£ -
Professional Fees (accountant)	£ -		£ -
Subscriptions	£ -		£ -
Travel Expenses	£ -		£ -
Micro Grants		£ -	£ -
Grant for Yoga £340 + £160 rent (holding for group)	£ 500.00		£ 500.00
Area Partnership funding Expenditure (Yoga + Zumba)			£ -
Admin - Publication of Minutes & Agenda			£ -
Admin - Publication of Newsletters/Flyers		£ -	£ -
Stationery	£ 28.10		£ 28.10
Photocopying/Printing		£ -	£ -
Postage			£ -
Telephone costs			£ -
Other expenses			£ -
Website		£ -	
Other expenditure			£ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 528.10</b>	<b>£ 500.00</b>	<b>£ 1,028.10</b>
<b>CASHFLOW (INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE)</b>			
	£ 2,256.70	-£ 500.00	£ 1,756.70
<b>CASH POSITION</b>			
	£ 2,585.66	£ 2,085.66	£ 2,085.66