

Broomhouse Community Council Meeting Minutes

Broomhouse Community Hall 7.30pm

25th March 2019

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming

2. Attendance & Apologies

Present:

Allison Lawson (AL) – BCC Chair

Gavin Lawson (GL) – BCC Treasurer

Gordon Hay (GH) – BCC Member

Ian Whyte (IW) – BCC Member

Margaret Arthur (MA) – BCC Member

Jennifer Smith (JS) – Secretary

Councillor Elaine Ballantyne

Others: Scott Walker, Patricia Boateng, Anthony Brawley

Apologies:

John Mason MSP, PC Chris Clift (Police Scotland), John Donald (JD) BCC Member

3. Minutes & Matters arising:

Last meeting minutes approved, proposer: Ian Whyte, Seconder: Gordon Hay.

A BCC laptop has been purchased to help the Chair carry out her duties.

4. Reports:

Police Scotland

We requested a report from PC C Clift however no report was submitted. The BCC were informed at the meeting that the Police had reported on Broomhouse matters at the recent Swinton Community Council Meeting. We will contact PC Christopher Clift to make sure he

can come along to future meetings or send someone in his place. The community feel it is important to have Police attend the BCC meetings to give updates of what is happening in our local area. **(Action: AL / JS)**

Elected Members

Update provided by Cllr Ballantyne:

- Cllr Ballantyne has contacted the Co-op regarding opening a shop in Broomhouse. The Co-op have mentioned that co-operative members can go on to their website and fill out a form requesting a shop be opened in the area. The community strongly support the need for a local shop in the Broomhouse area. We will keep this on the agenda. **(Action: JS / any Co-op member)**
- Cllr Ballantyne has also written to Tesco regarding a possible shop in the area.
- The proposed plan for a pharmacy was discussed. Logan Gray have named the proposed development 'Broomhouse Pharmacy' however the location falls under Baillieston at Wellsgreen Court (next to Taylor Wimpy sales office). We will post a link on BCC Facebook page to encourage local people to have their say **(Action: JS)**. The BCC will also complete the survey, this will be drafted for members to review before being submitted **(Action: All members)**. In case they are not aware the Chair will contact Baillieston Community Council of the proposed pharmacy in their area **(Action: Chair)**.
- Glasgow City Council/roads have been informed of the poor visibility due to the grey electrical box as you come out of South Scott Street and turn right going down across the railway bridge. Cllr Ballantyne has been informed that they are looking into the possibility of moving the grey box back a little.
- Results of the investigation into installing safety barriers at the railway bridge and the speed survey results are pending.
- The community raised the issue of the overgrown trees and bramble bushes on Baillieston Road opposite the community hall. Young people use the pavement obstructed by the overgrown bushes road when catching school buses – Cllr Ballantyne agreed to look into this problem.
- The Chair asked if anyone knew of any allotments in our area – someone had mentioned poly carbon tunnels over at Daldowie. We will try to find out more about what is available in the Broomhouse area.
- The road at the Black Bear has been cleaned.

The chair thanked Cllr Elaine Ballantyne for her input to the meeting which is invaluable.

Treasurers Report

The treasure reported that the funds of BCC were as follows:

Balance as at 1/3/19	£1712.34
Hall Rent	£20.00
Closing Balance:	£1692.34

(GCC awarded DGF £400.00 towards Computer plus software £537.99)

5. Updates following previous meetings

Baillieston Area Partnership

After some discussions with Glasgow City Council and following agreed nominations from the AGM October 2018 we have now been allocated a place on the Baillieston Area Partnership. This is good news as it ensures we are invited to attend and participate in these important local meetings. This ensures that we are informed of what is being discussed about the local area and that we are represented, and our voice heard.

One of the main topics of discussion at the meeting was the new Parkhead Health and Social Care Hub. The BCC will contact Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and request someone to come along to our next BCC meeting to give an update on the current situation regarding the new Parkhead Hub. **(Action: Chair).**

Community Networking

The BCC Chair is in the process of making contact and arranging meetings with local developers and businesses to raise the profile of Broomhouse Community Council and to look at ways of working together. The following have been contacted so far:

- Briar Homes
- Miller Homes
- Patersons
- Black Bear
- West of Scotland Housing Association (previously Broomhouse Housing Association)
- Brighter Baillieston / Baillieston Community Council

In future, 'community networking' will be a standing agenda item so we can report back on discussions and look to build relationships locally.

Community Survey

The content of the leaflet promoting the BCC has now been agreed and everyone is happy with the design and new strapline. We will get printing costs **(Action: JS)** then arrange to get the flyers out before the next meeting in June **(Action: All).**

Community Clean Up

This took place on the 24th March. Despite some negative comments on Facebook this was a success with a good turnout, our best yet! Thanks to Gordon for organising this. Over 40 bags of rubbish were collected. A point of note: the bushes opposite the Black Bear were highlighted as an area with considerable levels of rubbish. It was discussed this could be

due to the cars and buses which often park there picking up and dropping off people using the Black Bear car park. It was agreed to send a letter to the Black Bear to highlight this issue to them. **(Action: Chair & JS).**

There was a recent issue on BCC Facebook page. While the BCC acknowledged that people have the right to comment on posts and engagement this way can be positive, we agreed that anyone using offensive language would be blocked from the BCC Facebook page. **(Action: JS & GH)**

6. Community Council Constitution

The Chair indicated that she was not aware that the Community Council Constitution was due. In respect of this the Chair and Secretary will be compiling a “to do list” covering all requirements and the dates the paperwork needs to be returned. The Chair has completed the BCC Constitution this has been signed and returned to Community Planning Partnership. **(Action: Chair & JS)**

7. Plan/Priorities for 2019

Following on from the last meeting the Chair shared her revised outline of our plans/priorities. As discussed at the last meeting these fall under 3 broad headings; ‘Identity’, ‘Environment’ & ‘Activities’. In line with this, discussions were had around:

- the possibility of getting a Christmas tree for Broomhouse and tying this in with the ‘light switch on’ and a Christmas related event for all the family either in the Broomhouse Community Hall or the Mailcoach.
- BCC Chair has contacted Baillieston Community Council and Brighter Baillieston. They have invited Broomhouse to link in and support the “Talent in the Park” Event on 10th August 2019. The event is being held in Bannerman Park and features: live music, football (dad vs kids etc) and food will be available. It was agreed that Broomhouse struggles to hold a large event as we don’t have the resources or space.
- BCC are keen to obtain funding for 3 signs ‘Welcome to Broomhouse’ or ‘Broomhouse’ at 3 points across the Broomhouse area. GCC no longer provide signs and we agreed to ask some of the developers to contribute.
- The BCC Chair commented that there is funding available for community events and felt that it would be a good idea if we identified needs within our community and that we start applying for funds to benefit the community.

8. Open Floor

Points raised:

- The proposed Sports Hub in John Lindsay park in Baillieston was raised by residents asking if we are any closer to establishing the extent and plans for the money obtained from the new builds in Broomhouse and Baillieston. Cllr Ballantyne has worked tirelessly to locate and confirm the extent of the funds raised from the new builds in Broomhouse/Baillieston. There is recognition that a significant proportion of these funds have already been agreed as money towards a new Hub at James Lindsay Park. Discussions on the plans for the Hub are ongoing within Glasgow City Council and Cllr Ballantyne will keep us updated on any progress and opportunities for consultation and involvement. The BCC and residents will however keep raising the issue of the funds and how we can ensure that some of this money is spent improving facilities within Broomhouse. There is no evidence that any of this money has been spent to date. There was discussion regarding the potential services within the Hub given that there would be a need to raise revenue to sustain the Hub – possibilities include services needed locally e.g. Library, After School Care, Nursery.
- Following the open event last year one resident asked if we have any update from the Forestry Commission on when Phase 2 of the Greenoakhill Woodland Area will be open. We will contact the Forestry Commission for an update. **(Action: JS)**
- One resident has asked to re-join Broomhouse Community Council. This was agreed by the BCC members in attendance. We will contact Lawrence O'Neill at Glasgow City Council to start the process **(Action: JS)**.

9. Meeting Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting:

Monday 3rd June 2019 – 7.30pm in Broomhouse Community Hall.