

Barbara McTavish, Chair – October 2026

In the previous year since September 2025 BCC has been very fortunate to have a very good relationship with our elected Glasgow City Councillors who are faithful in attending regularly. My very grateful thanks go to Cllrs Lana Reid McConnell and Eunis Jassemi who have both been very helpful in getting areas of concerns from members of the community dealt with noticeably quicker. We have also had support from our local MP Patricia Ferguson.

In December 2025 we said goodbye and thank you to our Secretary and fellow member Hector Rufrancos as he moved out of the Broomhill Area. In February 2026 we welcomed 2 new Community Councillors by election, Andy Gill and Moya McCann.

Our community work continued with collaboration with Friends of Marlborough Ave, Friends of Naseby Park amongst others and eventually after a year of constantly pushing a new post box was reinstalled on Crow Road in November 2025. BCC has continued to work with GCC on areas such as bin collections, flooding, traffic management, fallen trees, and the siting of public refuse bins. A great deal of work has been undertaken regarding the possible introduction of an RPZ in Broomhill and Thornwood. BCC organised a community meeting in Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church and leafleted the community with over 250 people attending. The entire community came together to voice huge and varied concerns over this proposal. An unprecedented response of more than 1500 surveys was submitted which we believe led to GCC inviting both Thornwood and Broomhill representative elected councillors along to discuss concerns. Following July 2025 publication of Summary of Early engagement, we have been assured that there will be a separation of the two areas and new surveys will be carried out and await further updates and joint meetings with GCC representatives from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to work together for a better solution.

There was further engagement with Victoria Park Area Partnership including traffic and pedestrian improvements around Thornwood roundabout. Our representative on Victoria Park Community Trust Abigail Harding is stepping down from her position. She is also standing down as an associate member of BCC and our thanks for all her contributions and we wish her all the best in the future.

The usual business of planning applications did not raise any particularly contentious issues with the exception of one in June 26 when we were encouraged to join together with Whiteinch and Jordanhill CC to look at joint submission of objections for a lattice mast in Victoria Park.

The Public Forum held at each of our meetings continues to attract several interesting issues and brings in new folks when local issues arise that they wish to raise.

The Chairperson would like to thank all the elected members for a successful year and thank them for their diligence in their CC roles. Also, many thanks for attending the meetings and their contributions throughout the past year. In particular my thanks are extended to Isobel Yates whose secretarial and organisational skills we would be lost without.

BCC welcomes any enquires about becoming elected as we still have a number of spaces to fill. I look forward to the coming year even though I am aware there will be many challenges, which will require action. If you are interested, please come along to any of our meetings and talk to us.