

# Minutes of Meeting (no.436) of Broomhill Community Council

13th November 2024, 19:00-21:00.  
Broomhill Primary School Library, 57 Edgehill Rd, G11 7HZ

## Minutes

1. Committee Members Present were: Barbara McTavish(chair), Morag McKerrell, Lorna McWilliams (Vice Chair & Treasurer), Hector Rufrancos (Secretary), Elaine Hindle, Roy Hamdy and David Rennie. Also in attendance was Councillor Eunis Jassemi and PC Andy McKay (AMcK) from Police Scotland. Apologies were received from: Isobel Yates, Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell and Patricia Ferguson MP.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings. Due to a recent change of minute secretary, the October minutes are delayed.
3. Matters Arising: Discussed the possibility of using AI for minute-taking. Agreed to trial this in December if no paid volunteers come forward through Broomhill Watch.

4. **Police Report** Andy McKay (AMcK) provided an update on local policing efforts, noting a recent trial of plainclothes officers patrolling retail areas. He shared that the trial has shown some success in curbing small-scale crime and discouraging potential vandals.

The discussion turned to incidents of vandalism, which have been affecting various parts of the community. AMcK encouraged residents to use the online reporting form, which allows police to analyse patterns and respond more effectively to identified hotspots. Additionally, he reported an increase in vandalism attributed to a group of travelling youths from the Cardonald area; arrests have recently been made in connection to these incidents.

Residents have also raised concerns about drug activity, specifically around Marlborough Lane, where some residents have observed suspicious behaviour. AMcK recommended that any reports should be made through the online reporting form available here, with as much detail as possible. The police can act more decisively when there is substantial intelligence, allowing them to identify patterns and intervene effectively.

5. **Councillor reports** Councillor Jassemi provided updates on several community issues. First, he mentioned the ongoing plans for the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ), with further details available below.

The council discussed the green space near Broomhill Drive and Thornwood roundabout, which some residents have proposed could be used for community projects. Investigations are underway to clarify ownership, as well as to explore how the area might serve local interests.

There was also discussion about planting a tree along the central reservation of Churchill Drive, a project still in its early stages. Councillor Jassemi noted that initial conversations are ongoing regarding this effort. Additionally, he addressed concerns about a choked drain

at the bottom of Woodcroft, which will be passed along to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration, and Sustainability (NRS)<sup>1</sup> for action.

Finally, the council discussed the possibility of establishing a Christmas tree collection point in Broomhill, similar to those set up in Partick and Hyndland in recent years.

6. Office Bearers reports:

- (a) **Chair** Barbara McTavish shared correspondence from Glasgow City Council, inviting BCC's participation in organising events for the 50th anniversary of community councils, which coincides with Glasgow's 850th anniversary. While the BCC lacks the capacity to actively participate in organising, the council expressed its support for the commemoration and the recognition of community council contributions.
- (b) **Vice-Chair** Lorna McWilliams noted that discussions are ongoing about inviting the manager of Kirktonholme Nursery as a guest speaker at an upcoming meeting.
- (c) **Secretary & Correspondence** Hector Rufrancos reported on resident correspondence related to vandalism and drug activity, which had been passed along to the police for follow-up. He also mentioned that complaints about littering along Marlborough Avenue have led to the installation of a new bin at the corner of Marlborough Avenue and Balshagray Drive.
- (d) **Treasurer** balance on the main account continues to be £2,500.02. The last transaction was on 6 September. There is still £20 in the sponsorship account. A new account signatory is needed, Elaine Hindle volunteered.

7. **Public Open Forum** There were no local residents in attendance. Morag McKerrell raised issues relating to the road lines at Crow Road near Cross park being absent on the road causing a safety issue, these were reported to Cllr Jassemi. Complaints were also raised about blocked gutter on corner of Woodcroft and Crow Road. Further issues of gullies overgrowing, and grass growing on walkways.

8. Updates

- (a) **Victoria Park Area Partnership (VPAP)** The VPAP had put forward a proposal to collaborate with New Practice on identifying projects that would equitably distribute £1 million in funds, ensuring accessibility for all residents. However, the proposal was rejected due to Glasgow City Council's procurement rules. The VPAP has been informed that further consultation will take place in coordination with the Centre for Public Innovation. Moving forward, the VPAP will meet with the Communities Partnership to discuss alternative next steps.

In other updates, the planned safety renovations at Thornwood Roundabout have been postponed, with consultations now expected in the first quarter of 2025. Additionally, funding has been approved for a cycle dirt track on the red blaes pitches. Finally, Elaine Hindle was unanimously elected to replace Charles Scott as an alternate representative for VPAP.

- (b) **Friends of Naseby Park** The council received an update from the Friends of Naseby Park group, noting the unfortunate theft of the Aidan Pilkington Memorial Camellia Bush. The group plans to request funding from the VPAP to replace the bush. There was also a brief discussion on the idea of setting up a Christmas tree in the park, but the necessary permissions were missed for this year.

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<sup>1</sup>The GCC department in charge of parks, roads, among other things.

- (c) **Planning** The council reviewed two recent planning applications. Application 24/02476/FUL involves the installation of an external vent at a flatted dwelling, and application 24/02592/FUL involves an extension to a dwelling. Neither application was deemed to require input from the council. A licensing application for which BCC had put in representations on behalf of the community was discussed. Papa Johns at Broomhill square had asked for 5am opening hours. We were informed by Cllr Jassemi that the application had been amended to 2am during week days and 3am during weekends.
  - (d) **RPZ** The latest update on the RPZ indicated that initial designs have received feedback from the relevant community councils. The NRS is currently revising their plans and intends to conduct a six-week consultation in the first quarter of 2025. This consultation will be available both online and through paper forms, and all local residents will be contacted directly by Glasgow City Council to invite their participation.
  - (e) **Local Area Plan** New Practice has proposed a revised timeline for the Place Plan due to staffing changes, aiming for completion by mid-January 2025 to meet the council's financial year requirements. A draft will be provided in the third week of November for BCC review, followed by a consultation period ending January 3, 2025.
9. **Recruitment** The council expressed gratitude to new members Elaine Hindle and Isobel Yates for joining. While these new members are a welcome addition, the council still has four vacancies and encourages more community members to step forward. The council recognised the dedication of its current members in achieving progress over the past year and hopes to welcome new voices to continue this momentum.
10. **AOCB** No other competent business was raised.

Meeting Closed at 20:30 with a vote of thanks to the chair.