

Ruchill Community Council Meeting - Minutes

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

Venue: Ruchill Golf Pavilion, 12 Brassey Street, Ruchill, Glasgow G20 9HP

Cllrs & Associates Present: Joanne Clarke (JC); Ann McGinley (AMcG); Anthony Reid (AR); Theresa Ryan (TR); Bryan Land (BL); Lynsey Parker (LP); Michael Griffin (MG); Shona Thomson (ST); Vikas Marwaha (VM); Colin Patrick (CP); Mary Patrick (MP); Brian Land (BL)

Present: (Community Police x 2); Jill McKay (JMck); Jim Corbett (JCo) Senior Planning Officer (NRS - Glasgow Council) & Nick Cotton (NC) Senior Design Officer (NRS - Glasgow Council); Gemma Coyle (GC - Canal Youth Forum)

Apologies: Sherif Owokunle (SO) James Law (JL); Fran Lundie (FL); Anna Wood (AW)

1. Welcome, introductions, attendance and apologies
2. Approval of last meetings minutes (15/02/24)
 - a. MG and MJ approved (16/02/24 – via email)
3. Community police update
 - a. Incidence male horribly assaulted on Curzon Street by 2 young people on Friday 15th March. AMcG (witness) - 8-9 young people kicked him and hit him over the head by a bottle. Identified 2 people, 1 already charged, and other 1 to be charged tonight. 1 male, 1 female. From general area. Appropriately dealt with two of them. Police present not enquiry officer but stated that 2 police are dealing with other incidences involving the group of minors. The attack was not racially motivated. How were two identified when big group? Currently there's evidence via CCTV to charge these 2.
 - b. Police was at meeting with Ann McLaughlin in Springburn discussing incident and others. There are difficulties as police because historically if they arrested youth offender, there would be some sort of consequence, now there's none. Officers can use discretion on whether to arrest youth offenders, but when the report is submitted, it's dealt with by others. Same group of minors are causing trouble all the time in this area. Police are taking them back, putting in paper work, parents just against police so no consequences. Police want to give them proper consequences, to try to stop repeat offences. Suggested to get young person travel card cancelled for those that have been identified (speaking with Transport Minister). Examples of trouble include attacking innocent people, damaging cars, highest report incident area in Tesco, same group.
 - c. AMcG – report Tamshill street (and others in local area), where drug dealing is happening in the open. Police – we can have a decisive role, but it has to be based on intelligence and we need to build it, if community can keep a

record and report what was seen, description of who, when and where then Police can build up intelligence picture so they can get through doors and get to the source of the crime. It has to be a collective effort. Small report by multiple individuals adds up. Crimestoppers best place to report – totally anonymous, can report via internet, phone, they use same intelligence system as police so information is shared. [Giving information anonymously | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#). A group of police who work in intelligence look at each area and put the multiple sources of information together.

- d. AMcG – Shop in Possilpark reported to sell underage alcohol and vapes, bringing in young people from areas outside of Possil.
- e. Police state - 2 shops charged for selling vapes, last 6 month (this year). CCTV taken from shop as evidence, individual who sold charged. To sell tobacco don't need license?. For charging shop that sells underage alcohol it's more difficult. Trading standards use same intelligence system as police. Report observations via link above.
- f. Police know they are under-resourced and under-staffed. They are taken away from communities during weekend. Encourage local community and community council to contact local councillors to lobby Glasgow council to let them know that police are being taken away from communities to city centre on weekends and it's not good enough (especially this year, election year).
- g. Mark Lucas Julie Davinport – Chief Inspectors.

4. Update from **Jim Corbett Senior Planning Officer NRS** (Glasgow Council) & **Nick Cotton Senior Design Officer**

- a. 6 month project beginning in April 24 – JCoWorked in north city for 17 years – last 2 years, former golf course council involved with People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) where Glasgow Council invited Glasgow communities to apply for surplus assets. Through this process [Hyde and Seek](#), [Glasgow community food network](#) (GCFN – who are allied to the council) and [community moorings Scotland](#) expressed an interest and submitted a People Make Glasgow Communities Proposal ([here](#)) for Ruchill golf course. JCo helping to move forward the proposal They are at engagement stage of PMGC. NRS working with Scottish Canals, interested in building a pottery site on Stockingfield Bridge or Golf course. JCo – interested in accessibility of green area. GCFN – take up a 1/4- 1/3 facility, there is still lots of room for other potential ideas. It will all be community space and feed in from the community will be considered. The Greening Ruchill Masterplan – plans to support the Glasgow CFN group proposal. But all want to work with the community to get a vision. The three groups in the proposal are charities and will find their own money. Scottish canals will need to be involved to give permissions to Community moorings, not involved in the proposal. There's no money at the start of this, together we hope to develop a proposal to attract money. It's not for one group, it's open for everyone
- b. JC - To note, GCFN have run multiple public engagement events in Ruchill that have been poorly attended. They presented the proposal to the

community group and currently run a residential advisory group meeting once a month at the Ruchill golf pavilion, the next will be Thursday 28th March 6-8pm. For more information contact Ebany Dohle (EbanyD_gcfn@outlook.com) and see the link above to the GCFN.

- c. LP – we want to have a portacabin in Ruchill park to have tea after Park Run – have contacted FL but no success. Pavilion suggested but can't be used because of children there, can't take general public to children space. Community portacabin, could be used by others, such as NUC. Need to discuss with FL. JCo can't give answer straight away. Ruchill Park is within planning area (although JCo are NRS, not part of parks).
- d. NC – Job is to fit things together that have been discussed, community council are important, you are the first people we've spoken too and the project hasn't started yet, begins in April. Lots of space for the community as well as 3 organisation that have submitted proposals. Unprecedented to have a park and more naturalised space close together. BL – with the community centre positioned in the middle but not included in boundary, where there's also other green space around, such as Roots of Ruchill. JCo – we are not tied to the boundary.
- e. Brian Willot from MHA emailed JCo stating they have an interest in the masterplan. Asked if there is space for affordable housing on the site. Will need to discuss with housing and take advice of planning. Under planning policy non-conforming use. Ruchill golf course is a protected open space, so will be long process to develop housing on it (unlike more available space that's already classified as housing stock). TR – What is the scale of housing if there is going to be any? If proposed there would be around 20 houses. But there are tunnels and other structures preventing potential development as well as difficulties because of Glasgow Council [Open Space Strategy](#) that prevents development on green space (Policy CDP6 of the City Development Plan). BL - We want to see facilities as well as housing in the north of Glasgow, that includes green space. VM – we also need community indoor spaces. The community centre should be included within the boundaries. JCo acknowledges that we do need to consider the need for indoor community space, this is an ongoing process and we need to consider this.
- f. MHA prepared a brief for proposal of housing on Ruchill Golf Course, they employed an architect, and looked at housing. They didn't propose a lot. MHA is also interested in green spaces for it's tenants.
- g. If there's going to be houses on green space there's a lot to do to get permissions. Green strip along Shannon street with rail line, is listed as housing land supply stock (could potentially accommodate same number of houses with fewer hoops to jump through), but (someone?) proposed to plant trees and greening this space. Part of the project will also look at the permissions/ownership of all the green space in boundaries of project.
- h. NC – as part of planning preparation will contact colleagues in Transport and Active Travel to find out proposals for roads and cycle routes.
- i. BL – we need strategic staff coming to meet the community, not us feeding in information and then final decisions being made at the top.

5. Date of next meeting

a. 18th April Thursday 2024 630-800pm