



Ruchill Community Council Meeting – Minutes

Date: Thursday 20th February, 2025

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

Venue: Mackintosh Hall, 15-17 shakespeare Street, Glasgow, G20 8TH

Cllrs & Associates Present: Ann McGinley, Chair: Anthony Reid: Theresa Ryan: Mary Patrick: Colin Patrick: Joanne Clarke: Shona Thomson: Vikas Marwaha:

In Attendance: Cllr Fiona Higgins: Cllr Robert Mooney: City Council, Fran Lundie, Community Police, PC Nicola Toland, LAR housing, Gary Harkins, Glasgow Food Network, Kyle Baldock.

Apologies: Brian Land, Lyndsey Parker, Angela Moore, Marilyn Jackson, Michael Griffin, Jim Ryan

1. Welcome, introductions, attendance and apologies

Chair welcomed and thanked all attendees. Introductions of guests/visitors and apologies.

a. Chair

- i Approval of minutes from January meeting by Theresa Ryan, seconded by Shona Thomson

- ii Chair informed of www.ruchillcommunitycouncil.com and phone line 01414749954 which will be manned Monday-Friday 10am-5pm by volunteers rota.
- iii Community Council funded Notice Board ready, awaiting date for installation.

b. Treasurer

c. Secretary

d. Planning and licensing

2. Community Police

- a. Community Police person PC Toland gave report on new Sergeant Alan Freeman and Sean McKenna , Officer at Maryhill Station and a LPST mailbox.
- b. To be aware of teenage gangs in area as well as motor break-ins and thefts.
- c. Reports from members relayed to police: Needles Tamshill st. – will be removed within 24 hours by NRS.
- d. Police will visit around Ruchill park.

3. Local

- a. Glasgow City council, NRS, - Fran Lundie - noted concerns from council regarding Brassey st lights, Yellow Box, foliage on stairs/gateways, fly tipping.
- b. Glasgow Food Network - Kyle Baldock gave a presentation on the proposed Market Garden. 7.5 acres of Ruchill golf course, funding in place till 2026.

Community Development Trust meets every 2nd Thursday at Pavillion, plans and proposals hoping to work together with other groups.

- c. LAR: @Quadrangle – Gary Harkins – The completion date of 1-2-3 bedroom properties is on schedule.

It is proposed to introduce youth services within the Quadrangle. It has transpired through Council members questions that these properties are for mid market rental to students only, they will be classed as affordable housing ! Unhappy Council members, concerned about local families who have no chance of getting housed unless they are students. Cllr Fiona

Higgins replied that LAR housing has made a deal with only Glasgow University regarding these properties. Gary Harkins from LAR then accused Cllr Higgins of not having Ruchill residents best interests. This resulted in a heated exchange.

After the discussion between Gary Harkins from LAR housing and Cllr Higgins the council would like answers to the following.

“Why were the community deceived into thinking housing was for Glaswegians, when LAR actually is bringing the first student development into an impoverished area of Glasgow. “

The consensus of the Community Council was that more questions need to be asked at Glasgow City Council Administration and the underhanded involvement of Glasgow University and LAR housing.

- d. Discussions and concern around bus stop in Ruchill street is causing traffic jams. It is also located at the entrance to LAR housings property entrance. **Action Point:** Joanne Clark to email regarding infrastructure.

4. Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th March, 2025

Addendum to the Minutes of the Ruchill Community Council meeting

Date of Meeting: 20th February, 2025

Location: Mackintosh Hall, 15-17 Shakespeare Street, Glasgow, G20 8TH

Prepared By: Maureen Cox, Secretary, Ruchill Community Council

Purpose of Addendum:

This addendum is provided to clarify and get an answer to the question asked of LAR housing, "Why were the community deceived into thinking housing was for Glaswegians, when LAR actually is bringing the first student development into an impoverished area of Glasgow."

Additional information:

"As promised I thought it may be useful to clarify the position on the allocation of the 43 homes currently under development at the Quadrangle"

"As confirmed the development will be aimed at students and we have been liaising with Glasgow University staff, who have been extremely interested in our development and complimentary about the quality and type of accommodation. Whilst we will be continuing to liaise with the University and are happy to take referrals from them, this will not be on an exclusive basis for this half of the site. Our properties will be available to any further or higher education students who meet our eligibility criteria of having an annual income of between £14,000 and £28,000 which can be made up of a mixture of grant, student loan and employment income. Thereafter, when allocating homes, the most important factor for Lar is that we are meeting our charitable purpose and, in satisfaction of that charitable purpose, we will prioritise applicants as follows:

- Those whose home address is within a Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 20 data area;
- Those who meet Multiple Deprivation 40 category criteria for admission to study;
- Those who have been in receipt of free school meals for a period of at least 3 months during the previous 6 years;
- Those who are or have been in care; and
- Those who are otherwise suffering or likely to suffer financial hardship such as would prevent them from enrolling for studies."

This has been clarified in writing to the Chair of Ruchill Community Council by Stuart McLaren, Development Director LAR Housing Trust, Dated 7th March, 2025

Approval and Acknowledgment:

This addendum has been reviewed and approved by:

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| • Name: [Redacted] | Position: Chairperson |
| • Name: [Redacted] | Position: Vice Chair |
| • Name: [Redacted] | Position: Council Member |

Date of Addendum: 7th March, 2025