



## **Ruchill Community Council Meeting – Minutes**

**Date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**Time: 6:30pm – 8pm**

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

**Cllrs & Associates Present:** Ann McGinley, Chair: Anthony Reid: Marilyn Jackson: Lynsey Parker: Brian Land: Theresa Ryan: Mary Patrick: Colin Patrick: Michael Griffin: Joanne Clarke: Vikas Marwaha: Shona Thomson.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Fiona Higgins

### **1. Welcome, introductions, attendance and apologies**

Chair welcomed and thanked all attendees. Introductions and apologies

### **2. Officer update/reports**

#### **a. Chair**

- i** Approval of February minutes by Joanne Clarke, seconded by Shona Thomson
- ii** Notice board will be placed at middle entrance of Ruchill park. Councilors will share whereabouts with community

- b. Treasurer**
- c. Secretary**
- d. Planning and licensing**

### **3. Community Police – Not present**

#### **4. Local**

- a.** Discussion by members on two murders in and around surrounding areas.
- b.** Police stations closing i.e. Possilpark. Brian Land commented on cutbacks affecting communities.
- c.** Vikas Marwaha spoke about local shop attack and what can be done to engage with young people? The closure of the community center has an impact!
- d.** Ann McGinley asked if Maryhill police station is closed at particular times? If so, restricted access or support or presence from police?
- e.** Brian Land highlighted that in nearby Possilpark/Springburn, preloaded vapes the young are buying have illegal substances in them. This may be affecting the youth behavior. Some parent/agency groups being set up to tackle this.
- f.** Lynsey Parker - a noticeable drug use/paraphernalia increase in the area, first time she has seen this since the 1980's.
- g.** Brian Land – Possilpark have bin equipment with key for specialist pick up. Suggested try to have this implemented in Ruchill. Possible key could be left in Mayfield.
- h.** Discussion on bus stop again. Should be moved from Ruchill Street to Shuna Street as when the bus stops it's too narrow and very dangerous as certain drivers try to overtake. Vikas Marwaha mentioned it's the same at Mayfield Street, too narrow when buses stop. Lynsey Parker agreed narrower lanes and islands likely put in place to slow traffic down and let children cross safely. It's now too dangerous and would be better suited elsewhere. No lollipop at Mayfield street island. Zebra crossing more effective possibly.

- i. Community center – Vikas Marwaha application has been paused. We were not informed of this, only when asked they confirmed. Consultation has been down but no reason given why it's paused. Fiona Higgins to find out why, using freedom of information act to find out more.
- j. Still looking for a secretary. Unanimous vote that a secretary should be paid. Will take advice on if it should be a taxable remuneration.

### **Action Points:**

Lynsey Parker – contact Alexandria Park Ranger, regarding sharp bins and communal key for community to access and litter picking equipment etc.

Brian Land – contact NG homes also who imposed bins.

Contact SPT or First Bus, update re bus stops

### **5. Any other business**

Action points from last meeting to be discussed

### **6. Who to invite to next meeting**

Fran Lundie (Neighborhood co-coordinator, GCC)

Martin Rhodes (MP)

Police

Maryhill housing

First Bus

### **7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (this is the fourth Thursday and not the third of the month due to the Easter break)