



Ruchill Community Council Meeting – Minutes

Date: Thursday 19th March, 2026

Venue: LARs Housing Quadrangle, 59 Ruchill Street, Glasgow, G20 9PX

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

Cllrs. & Associates Present: Michael Griffin (Vice Chair); Caroline Barlow; Colin Patrick; Mary Patrick; Jackie Masiunas; Cllr. Robert Mooney (Scottish Labour Party, Canal Ward 16)

Guests: PC Gareth Scott (Police Scotland); PC Sean McKenna (Police Scotland); Gary Harkins (LAR Housing); Rebecca Wilson (Maryhill Housing Association)

Apologies: Ann McGinley (Chair); Theresa Ryan; Anthony Reid; Joanne Clarke; Vikas Marwaha; Shona Thomson; Fran Lundie (Neighborhood Co-ordinator Canal Ward 16); Allan Gow (Scottish National Party, Canal Ward 16); Martin Rhodes (MP); Jim Corbit (NRS)

1. Welcome, introductions, attendance, and apologies
2. Officer update/reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Mary has been chasing Kevin Gannon to get our 2026 Administrative Allowance from the council. She has not gotten a response from Kevin in a week. Robert Mooney will send an email if Mary has still not heard from Kevin in a week's time (26 March).
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Minutes of meeting on Thursday 19th February, 2026 approved by Mary Patrick and seconded by Caroline Barlow.
 - d. Planning and licensing
3. Community Police
 - a. The community police are now called the Local Problem Solving Team. They tackle anti-social behavior.

- b. There have been some issues around Radiography due to school traffic. A schoolchild was involved in a traffic incident so the community police are working with the school to install traffic cameras.
 - c. The newbuild in Hamiltionhill is nearing completion and due to be opening in April. They are having a community day to welcome new residents. All are welcome to come to the event. The police will be there.
 - d. There have been some issues with motorbikes along the canal, police suggest it be reported to 101 or online.
 - e. Police are aware of a report of cameras being placed along Bisland Drive. They are not police cameras and do not look like CCTV, but are unsure what they are for. Cllr. Mooney stated he spoke with Fran and she did not know what they were for either.
 - f. Police have been out on Maryhill Road giving out tickets to educate drivers about road safety near schools.
- 4. Glasgow Council Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator – Fran Lundie
 - a. Not in attendance
- 5. Maryhill HA Chief Executive – Rebecca Wilson
 - a. Rebecca became the CEO of Maryhill HA in September 2024. She noted that Dawn has taken leave and Donna Ronald would be able to attend RCC meetings in Dawn's place. Rebecca will send the secretary Donna's email.
 - b. MHA is focusing on engaging with communities. Last year they ran four community events during the school holidays which they plan on continuing this year. Their events are advertised through their text messaging system, CX Feedback. They will be having an event during the Easter holidays and the events will be open to all.
 - c. MHA has an app called Housing Perks. To register you need your tenant/factor number and it gives you discounts for high street shops (Tesco, Greggs, etc).
 - d. MHA has a new system, Find My Home with Queens Cross HA. People can go online and register interest for housing. Priority is given depending on need and when properties become available users can express interest and bid for properties. Support is available to those who need extra help with access.
 - e. Caroline mentioned there is a massive tree in the garden of a house on Brassey St. Rebecca will raise this with her team.
- 6. NRS Senior Planning Officer - Jim Corbett
 - a. Jim Corbett was not in attendance but sent the following email update regarding the Ruchill Golf Course:

b. *Background*

i. *Greening Ruchill -*

During April-December 2024 the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) - Planning Service led on an initial workpiece titled Greening Ruchill, to identify potential greenspace improvement and active travel projects that could benefit the Ruchill and Canal area.

In part, our efforts aimed to support the Glasgow Community Food Network (GCFN)-led proposals for Ruchill golf course, by: understanding their spatial requirements via discussions; and placing their proposals and a connecting footpath network on a draft layout plan. Local engagement activities were also undertaken as part of our work.

However, in Spring 2025 GCFN indicated that they wished to pause their People Make Glasgow Communities application for the golf course site. As a result, NRS Planning has not progressed the Greening Ruchill workstream beyond the internal draft plan of December 2024.

ii. *Community growing space pilot project -*

In line with the terms of the report to City Administration Committee of 21-08-2025 (Section 3.5 Food System Development), the Council liaised with Glasgow Community Food Network across late 2025 and early 2026 regarding the possible creation of a community growing space pilot project within the golf course. This pilot would have been funded through the Place Based Investment Programme – The Place Fund 2025/26. In response to comments from GCFN and local residents regarding access and impact on natural environment features, Council officers considered that the pilot project would be better suited to an alternative location. This pilot project is therefore not going ahead at Ruchill golf course.

c. *Current activity*

i. *The NRS Planning Service is aware that:*

Glasgow Community Food Network's application for the golf course site is currently the subject of live, positive discussion between themselves and Council officers.

In early March 2026, Make It Glasgow completed the People Make Glasgow Communities Phase 2 Initial Assessment stage for their Scottish Pottery Museum proposal (location: Hole 7, Ruchill golf course). It is anticipated that Make It Glasgow will soon enter the Phase 3 Engagement stage, during which they will lead on local consultation activities that will help shape their project. Further details on the Pottery Museum project can be obtained by contacting Make It Glasgow directly.

d. *The NRS Planning Service will seek to:*

i. offer forward planning advice to those parties currently progressing proposals at the golf course site, if requested; our advice at this stage would focus on providing high-level, spatial planning guidance to emerging local projects. Detailed advice, that is more associated with the Council's formal pre-application advice and planning application processes and for which fees are payable, would be available as projects progress.

e. Cllr. Mooney stated he has tried to get a meeting with Chris Weitz to discuss the golf course but has yet to get a date set. Chris said after feedback from the community they have decided against putting a path through the course.

7. Glasgow City Council, Business Engagement Advisor – David Lyon

a. Not in attendance

8. Current local issues

a. Ruchill Community Centre

i. Cllr. Mooney was told that a decision would be made by the end of the financial year.

b. Notice Board

i. Mary was given the keys to the notice board by Ann. Mary will update the board going forward.

9. Matters arising

10. Public input

11. Any other business

a. Rubble/State of site in front of Quadrangle - Gary Harkins LAR

i. LAR Housing received complaints from local residents regarding the rubble. They have begun to tidy up the site where the rubble is and in the next few weeks gravel will be spread and a more permanent fence will be put up. Eventually, LAR plans on building housing on that site but in the distant future. The remainder of the flats and cafe are hoping to open this summer.

b. Potholes are not being filled even when reported via the app. It was suggested to report potholes via your myglasgow account as it seems to work better.

12. Who to invite to next meeting

a. Kyle Boldock (GCFN), Chris Weitz, Donna Ronald, and Gary Harkins

13. Date of next meeting

a. Thursday 23th April, 2026 6:30 - 8pm at the Quadrangle