

Ruchill Community Council Meeting – Minutes

Date: Thursday 23th April, 2026

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

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

Cllrs. & Associates Present: Ann McGinley (Chair); Michael Griffin (Vice Chair); Caroline Barlow; Theresa Ryan; Shona Thomson; Jackie Masiunas; Cllr. Robert Mooney (Scottish Labour Party, Canal Ward 16)

Guests: Gary Harkins (LAR Housing); Donna Ronald (Maryhill Housing Association); Kyle Boldock (Glasgow Community Food Network); Chris Weitz (NRS Property Assessment Manager); Ross Gillan (Local Resident)

Apologies: Anthony Reid; Joanne Clarke; Vikas Marwaha; Colin Patrick; Mary Patrick; Lyndsey Parker

1. Welcome, introductions, attendance, and apologies
2. Officer update/reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. The 2026 Administrative Allowance was received.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Minutes of meeting on Thursday 19th March, 2026 approved by Michael Griffin and second by Caroline Barlow
 - d. Planning and licensing
3. Community Police - not in attendance
 - a. Not in attendance
4. Glasgow Council Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator – Fran Lundie
 - a. Not in attendance
5. Maryhill HA Head of Housing and Communities – Donna Ronald
 - a. The secretary will forward an email received about fly tipping around the Roots of Ruchill allotment to Donna for her to follow up with. Same with a complaint received about fly tipping near 7 Whitworth Drive.
 - b. Maryhill AH is aware of fly tipping on the golf course. There have been major issues with the Dawsholm Recycling Centre but it is now back open so hopefully there will be no problems with tip runs going forward.
 - c. The tree in the garden of a house on Brassey St was mentioned again. Donna will look into this but said there are checks needed to see if the tree can come down safely.

6. NRS Property Assessment Manager – Chris Weitz

- a. People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) is taking over operational management of Ruchill Golf Course (RGC). Currently, the Glasgow Community Food Network (GCFN) still has live interest with the RGC as do Make It Glasgow. There was a proposal to put a path on the RGC along with a fence around some raised garden beds. The money for this was coming from the Scottish Government. The community did not like the proposal of the path so that is no longer going forward and the money has been given to four different projects in Glasgow. PMGC welcome's any organised group to put in an application but they will need to have a business plan for the RGC.

7. Glasgow Community Food Network – Kyle Boldock

- a. GCFN has been scoping the RGC for five years and has proved a need for growing space to PMGC. They have a committed group of local residents who are helping with GCFN. Last year, GCFN had a design which included 7.5 acres of growing land, allotment spaces, and a market and were in the process of creating a business plan but were halted due to concerns of land contamination. GCFN believed the council should pay for contamination testing but Glasgow City Council said they did not have the funds and proposed the path and raised garden beds option instead which did not go forward.
- b. Currently GCFN is now working closely with North United Communities. They are still hoping to have a growing space on the golf course but it will not be the 7.5 acres like before. They are keen on having more community volunteers. They are working with Stirling University on getting the soil tested for contamination.

8. LAR Project Manager – Gary Harkins

- a. Gary was going to show the cafe but couldn't at this time as it is being repainted and it is still a building site. A metal fence has been ordered to go around the rubble site which will also be tidied up.

9. Current local issues

- a. Ruchill Community Council - no update, much the same

10. Matters arising

11. Public input

12. Any other business

- a. Fly tipping near 7 Whitworth Drive - will forward the concern to Maryhill HA

13. Who to invite to next meeting

- a. Fran Lundie (NRS), Donna Ronald (Maryhill HA), Community Police

14. Date of next meeting

- a. 21 May 2026