



Langside Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

**Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025, 7pm till 9pm
at Finn's Place, 167 Ledard Road, G42 9QU**

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:

Members present: Guy Dorey, Graham Stark, Richard Dye, Richard Mason, Emily Benita, Claire Conaghan.

Members' apologies: Alastair King, Russell Ecob, Josh Henderson, Yann Sweeney, Diane Osprey.

Apologies: Linda Winters (Minute Secretary).

Others present: Cllr Stephen Docherty, Luke Stronach

2) Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 May 2025 had been circulated in advance. GD proposed these for approval, RM seconded; the minutes were noted as approved.

3) Matters Arising (Not covered elsewhere):

LS confirmed that he would add the community council's admin email address to Gordon McKee's funding bulletin and encouraged members to get in touch with him or Gordon McKee if there was anything that his office could help with.

4) Community Police Report:

PC Robertson (G2947) and PC Gavrilos (G2873) visited to give updates.

No serious incidents were reported and it was noted that the number of serious incidents doesn't match the frequency of total incidents. The summer weather sees an increase in the number of drunk and disorderly incidents, as well as minor car accidents. There have been break-ins and shoplifting incidents in commercial properties on Holmlea Road. A man with a knife was found on Battlefield Road, but there was nothing of note in relation to injuries or serious threat to the public.

The PCs encouraged the members to report to them or their Sergeant about anything of concern,

including speeding bikes and illegal parking.

5) GCC Councillors Report:

Cllr SD gave several updates.

Parking and Pavement Concerns

There are ongoing concerns about pavement parking and lack of enforcement. Areas like Skirving Street and Tantallon Road are badly affected. Cllr SD is escalating this after disappointing, generic replies so far. Overgrown hedges on Cartside Road and Cartvale Road remain an issue, with the council expecting residents to manage them or face fines. Double yellow lines are faded at the Battlefield Rest, and people park in bus stops, blocking disabled access.

Tantallon Road resurfacing was celebrated by RD, but there's concern about speeding in the area. Parking permits have been discussed, but with no clear timeline, while streets like Millbrae Road are now overcrowded, showing that the problem hasn't been solved but just moved around.

Advance signage for gully clearances is often poor, dates aren't always reliable, and it's unclear if parking tickets resulting from this confusion can be appealed or how. Cllr SD is seeking a fairer, clearer approach.

The Queen's Park Working Group hasn't met since March, despite meeting monthly before, and Cllr SD will push for this to resume.

Langside Halls

For Langside Halls, InHouse is taking their business plan forward, and has given it to GCC senior management and NRS for their consideration. A meeting took place the week beforehand with cross party representation in attendance, but no timeline is available yet. RD asked for updates between community council meetings via email, with part of the community council's position being that use of Langside Halls would dissuade vandals.

Bus Franchising

Bus franchising consultation has been undertaken by SPT but it would take approximately £1 billion for bus improvements to be made and no timeline is available but Cllr SD affirmed that he could see how the bus service has deteriorated.

Langside Library Updates

GD asked whether there were any updates with the Langside Library refurbishment. SD confirmed that he hadn't been given any updates.

Hedge Cutting Guidance

Further to the earlier parking and pavement concerns, Cllr SD elaborated on hedge cutting guidance, with 150mm / 6 inches needing to be brought back for the benefit of the pavement users. More budget has been allocated to street clean up teams. When residents are concerned about the lack of hedge cutting from other residents, Cllrs can instruct people to cut their edges. Sending the

Cllrs an email probably yields better results than going via the GCC portal. Members pointed out that the Southside Tool Library makes equipment for these kinds of tasks available, as well as the potential for residents to reach out to gardening and landscaping companies operating in the area. RM offered to post a diagram with instructions and best practice on community council channels as part of overall digital comms.

6) Local Issues raised or reported by members of the public:

There was nothing raised or reported.

7) Planning Report:

There were no planning items to discuss.

8) Licensing Report:

Only one application was received, a circus at the Queen's Park Recreation Ground between 30 July and 4 August. No objections were raised.

A training session for community council members with a licensing solicitor will be held on Sat 14 June from 9:30am-1:00pm. RD suggested that this could be helpful for the community council developing its own policy on licensing applications. No one present at the meeting could attend the training but EB will flag to members on WhatsApp to see if anyone can attend, see if further training opportunities will be available in future, and ask if materials from the training session could be shared.

9) Battlefield Street Party

RD was approached by Jane, from Battlefield Community Project, who run Window Wonderland, the lamp parade, and the Battlefield Community Garden, about their upcoming street party. Held in the Community Garden on Saturday 14 June from 2pm-5pm, Jane was looking for community partners who could help approach local businesses to ask for donations of raffle and tombola prizes.

Any members who are able to approach local businesses, please notify RD who can follow up and liaise with Jane.

10) Scottish Power and Energy Network (SPEN) Tree Fund Update:

SPEN Tree Fund applications are not open for submissions yet but the members continued to discuss what they could include in their application. Cllr SD, who has significant prior landscaping experience, offered his help in guiding the community council's preparation of their application, as did LS on behalf of Gordon McKee. Regarding the previous idea of funds being used to possibly clear hogweed, Cllr SD confirmed that the Cart is the responsibility of GCC, and that this would be a very hazardous project. He also noted that this year is Glasgow's 850th anniversary and various outlets would be keen to be involved in or cover projects for PR. Members were encouraged to read through the fund materials in the inbox and continue to consider what could be a beneficial project.

11) Community Engagement in LBCCC:

Training in community engagement has been offered by GCC over two half-days later in summer. Each community council can send one representative. The GCC organisers will confirm the exact dates once availability has been surveyed from the confirmed representatives.

12) Web Development:

RM is currently exploring ideas for making social media posts more engaging. It was agreed that RD, JH, CC, and RM will all have posting permissions and responsibilities for the social media accounts. Minutes from meetings will be posted both on social media and on the website. In addition, news items and updates will be shared throughout the month.

CC will prepare a 10-minute social media rota on a month-to-month basis, including reminders for meetings. Everyone will be asked to find two relevant news stories or share posts from other community pages to maintain regular activity. Once the website has been redeveloped, social media will help drive traffic to the website.

Posting duties for June will be rotated weekly as follows: RM will cover social media updates in week one, starting with a post about the Battlefield Street Party. CC will post updates relating to hedging in week two. JH was nominated to take responsibility in week three, though RM and CC can cover if needed. RD will post the minutes from the meeting in week four.

GD will handle website updates. RM - with JH - will look into running a sponsored Facebook / Instagram post targeted specifically at the hyper-local area. RD will investigate obtaining more physical banners advertising the community council.

GD reported back on website costings. An off-the-shelf template option would cost £20 per month, while developing a standalone site would be around £200. Hosting would be arranged separately. A fully custom-designed site would start from around £500. Key requirements for the new website discussed were grounded in making the website simpler and improving accessibility, as well as redesigning to include several core features: a map of the area covered by the community council, a blog/news/posts section, increased use of images, a calendar or diary feature for upcoming events, and a newsletter signup option.

RM suggested improving the website's back end to improve ease of maintenance by community council members. GD noted the importance of good Wordpress discipline and possibly bringing in a designer, with CouchCMS mentioned as an alternative. Suggested content sections included topics such as back lanes, a local resource/directory, and case studies. There was also interest in incorporating a QR code for easy signposting. Members were encouraged to research into other community council websites for inspiration.

EB will remind everyone in the body of the next agenda email that the room is booked from 6:30pm for any working groups who wish to discuss things in greater detail prior to the standard community council meeting. GD will draft a website proposal document, and a working group will be formed for those interested in discussing ideas either informally or ahead of the next official meeting.

13) Correspondence:

Nothing received that wasn't covered in earlier items.

14) Treasurer's Report:

LBCCC's current bank balance stands at £2,022, after £36 expenditure for room hire.

15) AOB:

a) RD informed the other members that photos from a recent Local Place Plan project, running a planting session at Finn's Place in collaboration with the King's Trust, were now available in the inbox. Consent has been secured from the people shown in the photos for public use. RM agreed to use the photos on social media content.

b) EB will chase Finn's Place regarding keeping hard copies of the community council's minutes available for the community while Langside Library is closed.

16) Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 July 2025 at Finn's Place