

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MEETING

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Ordinary Meeting



Date:	Tuesday 30 th April 2024
Time:	6:00 PM
Location:	GESH, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow, G33 5EG
Community Councillors Present:	S. Orr (SO) [Chair], A. McIntosh (AM) [Vice Chair], A. Gray (AG) [Secretary], S. Baldwin (SB) [Treasurer], J. Clark (JC) [Planning & Licensing], M. Ferrie (MF) [Member], A. McBain (AMcB) [Member], M. Wilkinson (MW) [Member], K. McNulty (KM) [Member], A. McNab (AMc) [Member],
Others Present:	S. Greer (SG) [Councillor], N. Byfield (NB) [Glasgow Life], PC P. Ferguson (PF) [Police Scotland], PC K. Fitzgerald (KF) [Police Scotland], 8 Residents (Resident)

1 Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Apologies

- 1.1 The meeting started at 6:00 PM and a quorum of 4 was present.
- 1.2 (SO): Explained the facilities and fire safety procedures for the building.
- 1.3 (SO): Announced the receipt of apologies from R. Kelly **(RK)** [Councillor], M. Burke **(MB)** [Councillor], C. Mooney **(CM)** [Glasgow Life], and noted them for the record.
- 1.4 (SO): Summarised the agenda, code of conduct, and urged all in attendance to participate during the meeting.

2 Approval of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 (SO): Invited all present to review, and approve, the previous Ordinary Meeting minutes. The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from 26 March 2024 as a true and accurate record and agreed to add the financial statement from March 2024 as an appendix to the official minutes.

3 Glasgow Life Introduction

- 3.1 (SO): Welcomed (NB) to the meeting and explained that the purpose of this section was to provide an overview and understanding of Glasgow Life.
- 3.2 (NB): Made an introduction as the Community Development Officer for the North East and noted transitioning from a previous role as Community Engagement Officer which covered the North East, Baillieston and Shettleston areas. As part of the new role, a more targeted approach is planned with a view to collaborate with Elected Members, North East Area Partnership and local groups within Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council's (GCG CC's) boundary area.
- 3.3 (NB): Explained that Glasgow Life is an arms-length organisation from Glasgow City Council and focuses on cultural services, music, sports, leisure, libraries, learning, events, festivals, and community development.
- 3.4 (NB): Highlighted Glasgow Life is currently working in schools to tackle antisocial behaviours from youths and actively signposts kids to community events.
- 3.5 (SO): Mentioned all the active community groups within GCG CC's boundary and requested that even though there are no current community facilities within Gartloch, they are kept involved. (NB) noted that this would not be a problem however many activities will require a community space.
- 3.6 (NB): Advised that GCG CC are free to share contact details for (NB) with community groups as the Glasgow Life point of contact should anyone wish to reach out.

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 **Action owner (AM):** Contact Scottish Fire and Rescue to enquire about AED and CPR training availability for residents. AM suggested Dominican Hall as a possible venue for training since no events have been held in Craighend thus far.
Update 26/03/2024: Potential dates in April, May, and June have been emailed to Scottish Fire and Rescue for consideration. It is proposed that only one session be held due to limited interest shown by residents. (AM) will feed back the agreed date to (AG) once a response comes in.
Update 30/04/2024: No response yet from Scottish Fire and rescue. (AM) will follow-up on original email. *** Open. ***
- 4.2 **Action owner (SB):** Download all previous bank statements and issue to secretary mailbox for filing and close previous bank account.
Update 30/04/2024: Previous bank account now closed, and all remaining funds transferred to the new GCG CC account. *** Closed. ***
- 4.3 **Action owners (SB/SG):** (SG) will investigate why the administration budget appears lower than previous years and will feed back to (SB).
Update 30/04/2024: Glasgow City Council (GCC) have confirmed that the allowance was reduced by circa £40 due to an increase in the Annual Community Council Insurance Renewal Policy (citywide). This is hoped to be revised for the 2024/2025 renewal. *** Closed. ***
- 4.4 **Action owner (SG):** Investigate who is the responsible party for the lighting in Redcastle Square and request for their repair.
Update 27/02/2024: JP Management have been identified as the responsible party and the lighting issue was down to an unpaid bill, leading to the utility company cutting off the supply. This has now been partially resolved and the lights in front of the shops are now operational but the three lights in front of GESH are still off. (SG) has spoken to the director of legal within GCC to see if the three lights can be adopted.
Update 30/04/2024: GESH have been asked to take ownership of the three streetlights adjacent to their property. GESH advised that they are not willing to accept this expense and noted that no other charitable/community organisation elsewhere need to pay for streetlighting. (SG) is arranging a meeting with GCC NRS, City Properties, Elected Members and GESH to resolve this issue as a separate matter. *** Closed. ***
- 4.5 **Action owner (AG):** Send an enquiry to GCC Roads and Parking department to find out whether there is a possibility of additional bus shelters on Mossvale Road.
Update 30/04/2024: SPT conducted a survey on passenger numbers at these bus stops, revealing minimal usage over a 4-week period. Moreover, SPT's capital funding has been cut by the Scottish Government for the upcoming financial year, reducing their ability to finance bus stop improvements, including shelters. Consequently, providing bus shelters at the specified locations is deemed unfeasible for now. *** Closed. ***
- 4.6 **Action owner (AG):** Return the signed copy of the GCG CC Local Place Plan legal agreement to GCC by 31/03/2024.
Update 30/04/2024: Legal agreement issued to GCC, and final confirmation of funding award received on 09/04/2024 which advised an inception meeting should be set up between our chosen consultancy and the GCC Planning team prior to any work being undertaken. GCG CC will not hold any of the funds awarded and items should be billed directly to GCC. *** Closed. ***
- 4.7 **Action owners (SO/SB):** Renew GCG CC website subscription for 2 years and purchase 3 x ink cartridges using the GCG CC debit card.
Update 30/04/2024: Website subscription, domain name and ink cartridges purchased on 24/04/2024. *** Closed. ***
- 4.8 **Action owner (AG):** Add 'Glasgow Life Introduction' to April's agenda and issue a formal invite to N. Byfield and C. Mooney at least one week prior to the 30/04/2024 meeting.
Update 30/04/2024: Formal invite issued on 11/04/2024 and 'Glasgow Life Introduction' added as item 3 on the agenda. *** Closed. ***
- 4.9 **Action owner (AG):** Email Inspector Bryceland to find out if PC Sinnerton would be available to provide a presentation both in GESH and St Dominics for residents. (MF) indicated a Thursday would

be the preferred day for GESH but is open to most days, (AM) indicated a Sunday after mass would be best for St Dominics due to the volume of people in attendance.

Update 30/04/2024: Email sent to Inspector Bryceland on 11/04/2024. Currently in discussion with PC Sinnerton, GESH and St Dominics. (AM) and (MF) agreed that discussions are best held directly with PC Sinnerton so (AG) will forward on the contact details to enable this. Once dates have been agreed, these should be sent to the secretary mailbox so that the events can be advertised on the GCG CC website and Facebook page. *** Closed. ***

- 4.10 **Action owner (SO):** Share details of the recent crime incidents within our community of the GCG CC Facebook page and highlight ways of reporting such crimes.

Update 30/04/2024: Facebook and GCG CC website posts published on 29/03/2024 to highlight crime incidents and methods of reporting. *** Closed. ***

- 4.11 **Action owner (RK):** Investigate whether there is an opportunity for GCC to complete a compulsory purchase order for the vacant property at 69 Tillycairn Road for community betterment.

Update 30/04/2024: This has been raised with the empty property team and they are doing investigations into ownership. (RK) advised that they would then need a housing association that would be willing to take on the property but should have some more information on this for the next meeting. *** Open. ***

5 Officer Updates & Reports

Chair/Vice Chair

- 5.1 (SO): Litter pick was held on 27/04/2024 as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean-up campaign. The focus was on areas of land on Gartloch Road, open spaces behind Glasgow Fort, and sections of Coxton Place. Continuing with the current trend, there were minimal resident volunteers but (SG) and the 56th Glasgow Scout group attended to support the event, which was appreciated. The total number of bags collected was 18 over an hour.
- 5.2 (SO): The final position statement for the Wellbeing Programme grant was submitted to GCC at the end of March 2024.

Secretary

- 5.3 Invitation sent out to L. Doyle to request Whetley Homes Glasgow to join GCG CC as an Associate Member. Response received accepting this invitation but advised that the time that GCG CC meetings run may be an issue, but L. Doyle (or an associate) will try to attend at least every second meeting.
- 5.4 S. Dowling and L. O'Neill are leaving GCC on 31/05/2024. The new contacts for Community Council items are T. Jackson (Head of Communities within GCC) and G. Tonner (Programme Manager within GCC).
- 5.5 (RK) provided a draft copy of the New City Vision housebuilding programme for Gartloch that was discussed during the March 2024 meeting. This can be found attached as **Appendix A**.
- 5.6 The deposit for the community fair face painters has been paid and an invoice/receipt issued to (SB) on 24/04/2024.
- 5.7 Inspector Bryceland contacted all Community Councils in the Ward asking for key information expected from Police Scotland for our meetings should a representative be unavailable to attend. Suggested items were:
- current Police Scotland initiatives/community events.
 - any local issues/crime statistics over the past month.
 - any new action plans moving forward and success stories.

Treasurer

- 5.8 Provided a Treasurers Report and full financial statement, see **Appendix B**.
- 5.9 It was reiterated that GCG CC will not hold the Local Place Plan grant award, and items should be invoiced direct to GCC by the consultancy undertaking this work on behalf of the community. The additional funds awarded at April 2024 NEAP meeting will cover the remainder of the contract and are the only funds that will be managed by GCG CC.

Planning & Licensing

- 5.10 Application Reference: **24/00278/FUL**
Proposal: Use of vacant office as a residential flat, includes external alterations. Flat 1 71 Coxton Place.
Last Date for Comments: 17/04/2024.
Target Date for Decision: 17/05/2024.
- 5.11 Application Reference: **24/00607/FUL**
Proposal: Installation of telecommunications monopole, associated cabinets, and ancillary works. Site adjacent to Balancing Pond on Gartloch Road.
Last Date for Comments: 22/04/2024.
Target Date for Decision: 03/05/2024.
- 5.12 A formal objection was issued to GCC Planning on 22/04/2024 in relation to planning application 24/00607/FUL based on community feedback. A copy of the letter issued can be found attached as **Appendix C**.

Area Partnership

- 5.13 North East Area Partnership (NEAP) meeting was held on 19/04/2024 with (SO) and (AM) in attendance. (AM) was invited to listen in on proceedings to provide a balanced view from GCG CC representation.
- 5.14 Previous concerns regarding grant funding awards across Ward 21 were noted in the official NEAP meeting minutes from February 2024.
- 5.15 Inspector Bryceland is transitioning to a new role, with no update yet on his replacement.
- 5.16 Core funding of £3,600 has been provided out-with the NEAP for a festive lighting programme within the Ward. Additional funds can be accessed for this purpose through NEAP if oversubscribed. NEAP representative asked if areas could be alternated to share the experience as current areas identified are Molendinar, Easterhouse shopping centre and the section of Gartloch Road within Ruchazie in line with previous years. Suggested areas from within our own boundary area have been sent over to (RK) to cost for consideration as we have never participated in this programme before. It will not be viable for all the below to be installed, however areas highlighted were:
- Gartloch Road between Tower View Nursey and Tillycairn roundabout (festive column lighting).
 - Avenue End greenspace (natural tree feature in the centre which would serve both Craigend and Ruchazie).
 - Avenue End school seating area (tree feature).
 - Craigend shops (tree feature to compensate for lack of trees the area was previously promised as part of the RSPB development).
 - Gartloch Avenue greenspace in Gartloch (tree feature with suggestion New City Vision also provides some funding).
- 5.17 Deployable CCTV to combat fly-tipping is still to be procured despite being approved as part of last year's budget.
- 5.18 NEAP representative voiced concerns that Garthamlock CCTV remains uncoded despite being proposed in March 2023.
- 5.19 NEAP representative highlighted that there are common issues/themes across the Ward and suggested that Community Council/third sector organisations link up which would provide the opportunity to stretch out available funds on shared causes.
- 5.20 Police Scotland reported a rise in youth anti-social behavior. Off-road motorbikes remain a concern in Gartloch, with collaborative efforts between Police Scotland and Sevenlochs underway to find solutions. Police Scotland have applied for citywide funding for their own off-road motorbikes.
- 5.21 GCG CC have been awarded £2,369 to cover the shortfall and progress with our Local Place Plan.
- 5.22 NEAP representative requested that clear grant criteria is considered going forward for assessing applications as the criteria for what can/cannot be awarded keeps changing and does not consistently provide benefit to our wider community.

- 5.23 (AM) noted that mobile CCTV that GCC are in the process of procuring can only operate in 5G areas which may cause an issue when most fly-tipping is rural.
- 5.24 (AM) noted a success story highlighted during the NEAP meeting whereby moving bollards 2.5m, this deterred future fly-tipping at an area in Easterhouse.

6 Elected Member Updates

Councillor R. Kelly

- 6.1 No update, apologies issued.

Councillor M. Burke

- 6.2 No update, apologies issued.

Councillor S. Greer

- 6.3 **Coxton Place Bins** – The GCG CC litter pick in April was a success. However, it was noted that there were no public bins along the entire length of Coxton Place. A meeting has been arranged with NRS to review if public bins can be installed in this area.
- 6.4 **Craigend Footpaths** – A few complaints have come in regarding the weeds/buildup of vegetation on public footpaths on Pitreavie Place and Jerviston Road.
- 6.5 **Graffiti in Mossvale Road** – The fence of a property on the corner of Collessie Drive/Mossvale Road has been reported as covered in graffiti and residents have requested for this to be removed.
- 6.6 **Gartloch Off-Road Bikes** – Visited Gartloch Village alongside (MB) and Inspector Bryceland to consider preventative measures for managing off-road bikes in the area. Natural bollards are being considered to remain in-keeping with the area, but a further review is required before any decision is made.
- 6.7 **Gartloch Village Visit** – Attending site with (MB) and P. Sweeney (MSP) to assess all issues which have been raised by residents within this area.

7 Police Scotland Update

- 7.1 (PF): Youth disorder is still a big issue, especially during the lighter nights. A dedicated action plan was put in place during the Easter holidays at McDonalds Auchinlea. Action plan proved successful by working with parents, lettering households, and identifying problematic offenders. Auchinlea Park was identified as a problem area with territorial issues and much of the graffiti has been removed by GCC. This will continue to be monitored into the summer.
- 7.2 (PF): Police Scotland attended St Rose of Lima P6 and P7's to engage with kids and explain their roles and responsibilities within the community prior with an aim to combat anti-social behaviour early. Avenue End and Sunnyside will get the same visits as Police Scotland have noted that many crimes in the area are committed by 10 and 11 year olds.
- 7.3 (PF): Off-road bikes are becoming a city-wide problem and are not exclusive to our community. Any instances should be reported to Police Scotland but there is targeted monitoring on-going throughout the area.
- 7.4 (PF): There has been an increase in crime reporting within our boundary this month (87 reports) however there is nothing significant or a cause for concern for the community. The upward trend in crime reporting is appreciated and has been beneficial for Police Scotland awareness of local issues.
- 7.5 The following items were highlighted to Police Scotland during the meeting for consideration:
- recent dog attacks within Cardowan Moss circulating on social media.
 - cars speeding on Gartloch Road.
 - motorists parking on corners/blind spots on the rural section of Gartloch Road.
 - anti-social behaviour within derelict buildings at Blacader Drive and Gartloch Avenue within Gartloch Village.
 - people camping/fishing at Bishop Loch in Gartloch and leaving rubbish and personal waste.

- 7.6 (PF): Social media is not something that is actively monitored by Police Scotland so community members must report any distressing content viewed online either via 101 or by email.
- 7.7 (PF): Asked that in addition to the items highlighted within section 5.7 above, was there any other key information that would be beneficial for GCG CC meetings. (AMcB) stated that information on recent road traffic accidents on the rural section of Gartloch Road would be appreciated.
- 7.8 (PF): Police Scotland are now notifying social housing providers/landlords if their tenants are identified as causing youth disorder.

8 Consultations

- 8.1 No current consultations however all paper copies of the 'Your Police 2023/2024' consultation were issued to Police Scotland on 30/03/2024.
- 8.2 Further city/nationwide consultations can be found at:
Glasgow City Council via www.glasgow.gov.uk/consultations
Scottish Government via www.consult.gov.scot

9 Current Local Issues & Public Input

- 9.1 (Resident): The garden of the property at 90 Mossvale Road is littered with junk and has been that way for the last 2 months. GCC intervention is now required as this is upsetting nearby residents and neighbours.
- 9.2 (Resident): The communal bin areas of the flats in Craigend are noticeably in a poor state and require walkouts by GCC/Wheatley Homes to manage clean-ups and tenant letter-drops to notify residents that this behaviour is no longer acceptable.
- 9.3 (Resident): GCC refuse collectors are equipped with brushes/shovels to manage dropped rubbish when collecting bins, but residents often witness trails of rubbish left behind which requires residents to clean.
- 9.4 (SO): Cold tar has been used to fill the potholes left behind from recent traffic light upgrades at the junction of Gartloch Road and Stepps Road. The repair is poor and will likely require further intervention soon. (JC) noted that there are other potholes nearby on the same stretch of road which have been left and still require repair.
- 9.5 (SB): The bus stop at the junction of Tattershall Road and Gartloch Road was repaired a few months ago but has opened back up and requires repair.
- 9.6 (Resident): The bus stop outside 962 Gartloch Road has a large pothole which has been left unrepaired for some time and is now dangerously deep and requires immediate repair before damaging a vehicle or causing an accident.
- 9.7 (MF): Recent community clean-ups undertaken by GESH have noted significant dog fouling along the length of Coxton Place which has limited access to areas for clean-up.
- 9.8 (Resident): The MUGA adjacent to GESH, and managed by GCC, is in a poor state and would benefit from some repair/maintenance (i.e. new granulated rubber surfaces).
- 9.9 (Resident): The lack of public bins in Gartloch is still an issue and the littering is having a direct impact on factoring bills as more clean-ups are required. It was noted that there are only three public bins across the entire area of Gartloch Village. Specific problem areas are the bus stops on Blacader Drive.
Action owner (SO): Ask GCC NRS to consider additional public bin installations across Gartloch Village with Blacader Drive bus stops highlighted as a priority. *** Open. ***
- 9.10 (Resident): JCB's and lorries are increasingly using the rural section of Gartloch Road for house development and access to Glasgow Fort. The road itself is not suited to this type of traffic and there is also concern regarding the speed of these vehicles.

10 Any Other Business (AOB)

- 10.1 (SO): GCC NRS have been asked to attend the May 2024 meeting so that we can go through the GCG CC Consultation Report and pick out some items for action. This will be the key focus of the next meeting and the items discussed will be solely based on the previous report's findings.
- 10.2 (AG): Community Councillors have been asked to provide more notice if unable to attend future meetings and an update on actions as many apologies are sent at the last minute with no update.
- 10.3 (Resident): GAG has been disbanded due to lack of uptake with committee members. Residents are still communicating with New City Vision/Factors as individuals and will aim to attend future GCG CC meetings.
- 10.4 (AM): Noted that the community hall at St Dominics now has a dedicated email address which is: stdominicshall@hotmail.com.

11 Declare Date of Next Meeting & Meeting Close

- 11.1 The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 28 May 2024, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at GESH Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow, G33 5EG.
- 11.2 The agenda will be circulated at least 7 days prior to the next meeting.
- 11.3 Apologies to be submitted via email to secretaryGCG.CC@gmail.com
- 11.4 The meeting closed at 7:30 PM.

APPENDIX A

Draft New City Vision House Building Programme

- Building 6 - 12 flats – target completion and occupation 1st QTR 2025
- Hamlet H2- 8 new build houses – expected completion 2nd QTR 2025
- Building 5 – 12 flats – expected completion 1st-2nd QTR 2026
- Hamlet B – expected 49 new build units – target completion by 4th QTR 2027 – 1st QTR 2028
- Building 3 – 13 flats target completion by 4th QTR 2027 – 1st QTR 2028

Additional 2 garden projects at the area where the site compound is situated:

- “Kitchen” garden hoped to get into planning next month
- “Victorian” garden hoped to get into planning by 3rd QTR 2024

APPENDIX B

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council

Treasurers Report for Community Council Meeting 30th April 2024

These notes accompany the accounts for the period between 1st September 2023 – 26th April 2024.

The total income for Year to Date is **£7,584.80** and is made up of the following:

• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2023) *	£500.00
• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Wellbeing Programme) *	£1,117.76
• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2024) *	£4,800.00
• CJ Lang & Sons (Spar) Donation	£500.00
• Glasgow City Council - Annual Administration budget	£662.17
• Bank Interest	£4.87

The total expenditure for the Year to Date is **£2,170.99** and is made up of the following:

• Rent costs - CC Meetings	£250.00
• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2023)	£500.00 **
• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Wellbeing Programme)	£1,102.50
• Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2024)	£116.25
• Stationery	£28.10
• Photocopying/Printing – ink cartridge	£59.28
• Website	£99.60
• Other expenditure:	
- Return of unspent funds to GCC for NEAP Grant (Wellbeing Programme)	£15.26

This leaves a current cash position of **£5,742.77** reconciled with bank.

* The naming of the grants within the income section of the financial statement have been updated to reflect funding is from the North East Area Partnership and to ensure secured funding is monitored.

** This grant was awarded for the Community Fair 2023, but did not clear our bank account until 18/09/2023, due to the main authoriser retiring within Glasgow City Council (GCC). Funds were subsequently reimbursed to Community Councillors who substituted the funds in the interim which was agreed with GCC in advance.

GARTHAMLOCK, CRAIGEND & GARTLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 26 APRIL 2024

Bank balances as of 31st August 2023	£ 328.96		
	Year to Date (Sept-April)	Projected (May-August)	Total Projected for Year (Sept- Aug)
INCOME			
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2023)	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Wellbeing Programme)	£ 1,117.76	£ -	£ 1,117.76
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2024)	£ 4,800.00	£ -	£ 4,800.00
CJ Lang & Sons (Spar) Donation	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Glasgow City Council - Annual Administration budget	£ 662.17	£ -	£ 662.17
Bank Interest	£ 4.87	£ -	£ 4.87
TOTAL INCOME	£ 7,584.80	£ -	£ 7,584.80
EXPENDITURE			
Rent costs - CC Meetings	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£ 500.00
Insurance	£ -	£ -	£ -
Professional Fees (accountant)	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions	£ -	£ -	£ -
Travel Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2023)	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Wellbeing Programme)	£ 1,102.50	£ -	£ 1,102.50
Glasgow City Council - NEAP Grant (Community Fair, 2024)	£ 116.25	£ 4,683.75	£ 4,800.00
Stationery	£ 28.10	£ -	£ 28.10
Photocopying/Printing	£ 59.28	£ -	£ 59.28
Postage	£ -	£ -	£ -
Telephone costs	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -
Website	£ 99.60	£ -	£ 99.60
Other expenditure	£ 15.26	£ -	£ 15.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 2,170.99	£ 4,933.75	£ 7,104.74
CASHFLOW (INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE)	£ 5,413.81	-£ 4,933.75	£ 480.06
CASH POSITION	£ 5,742.77	£ 809.02	£ 809.02

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council
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22 April 2024

Planning & Building Standards
Glasgow City Council
231 George Street
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Objection – Planning Application: 24/00607/FUL

Dear Lorna,

At the ordinary meeting held on 26 March 2024, Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council (GCG CC) agreed to lodge the following objection against planning application 24/00607/FUL – installation of telecommunication monopole on Gartloch Road. In line with the committee's role, the decision was taken after consulting residents within the area and considering its wider impact upon the community.

We the Community Council wish to object to the planning application for the following reasons:

1. Lack of Consideration for Community Planning

GCG Community Council has been granted funding by Glasgow City Council to develop a Local Place Plan under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. This plan will allow our community to propose how remaining land and open spaces should be utilised, given the limited land available due to significant past housing development. It is imperative that this vital community feedback is considered in the planning process before any further developments are approved.

2. Excessive Telecommunication Infrastructure

With two existing telecommunication masts located 150m (55°52'23.1"N 4°08'30.8"W) and 250m (55°52'18.2"N 4°08'32.2"W) away from the proposed site, adding another installation in this area would be excessive. The cumulative effect of multiple towers could potentially have adverse impacts on the local environment and residents.

3. Alternative Location

It is evident that the proposed mast aims to accommodate the high footfall of people within Glasgow Fort Shopping Centre. However, it is feasible for this mast to be installed within Glasgow Fort itself, thereby eliminating disruption to local residents while still serving its intended purpose effectively.

4. Health Concerns

Extensive research has raised concerns about the potential health risks associated with prolonged exposure to radiation emitted from telecommunication devices. With the existing two nearby towers to the proposed site, and their proximity to densely populated areas, residents are rightfully worried about the potential health impacts.

5. Limiting Future Community Uses

Erecting the telecommunication mast adjacent to vacant open space will limit future uses of this land for community benefit. This contradicts efforts to maximise the utility of remaining open spaces within Garthamlock for the community's well-being.

6. Visual Impact and Unsightliness

The proposed site is in front of one of the only green spaces remaining in Garthamlock. Locating a tower in front of this area is not acceptable to the community, as it will have a negative visual impact, especially on nearby properties. Furthermore, the lack of vegetation to obscure the structure will exacerbate its unsightliness.

Given these concerns, we strongly urge Glasgow City Council Planning Services to reject the planning application and instead seek a more suitable location for this installation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we would welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

GLG Community Council

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council