

**Official Minutes of Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

held on Tuesday 17 October 2023, from 6.00pm,
at G.E.S.H. Community Centre, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow G33 5EG

Present: S.Orr (SO) [*Chair*], A.McIntosh (AM) [*Vice Chair*], A.Gray (AG) [*Secretary*],
S.Baldwin (SB) [*Treasurer*], J.Clark (JC) [*Planning & Licensing*], A.McNab (AMc)
[*CCllr*], A.McBain (AMcB) [*CCllr*], M.Wilkinson (MW) [*CCllr*]

Others Present: S.Dowling (SD) [*Community Engagement Officer, Glasgow City Council*],
S.Greer [*Clr*]

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 The Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council (GCG CC) AGM started at 6pm and a Quorum of 4 was present. The chair explained that there were no fire alarms scheduled, any sound of an alarm meant we had to leave the building and assemble outside in the car park.
- 1.2 The Chair announced the receipt of apologies from M.Ferrie (MF) [*CCllr*], K.McNulty (KM) [*CCllr*], M.Burke (MB) [*Clr*], R.Kelly (RK) [*Clr*] and duly noted them for the record.
- 1.3 The meeting commenced with an overview of the AGM agenda, highlighting that following the AGM and the appointment of Officer Bearers and Members, an ordinary meeting would proceed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S AGM

- 2.1 The committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Meeting from the last AGM held on 29 November 2023 as a true and accurate record.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 SO highlighted that the Chairperson's report marked the first one conducted post COVID-19 and explained its purpose as an overview of the previous year's progress.
- 3.2 SO provided a high-level summary of the report for those who had not reviewed it, inviting questions (none were raised), and received unanimous commendation from Community Councillors for its comprehensive nature and effectiveness in showcasing the past year's progress.
- 3.3 SO presented the report for committee approval. See Appendix A.
>> **Decision: Unanimous approval from all Community Councillors was granted for the Chairperson's report covering the period 2022/2023.**
- 3.4 SD sought approval for GCG CC Chairperson's report to be distributed as a template for all other community councils due to the absence of an existing template.
>> **Decision: All Community Councillors permitted the distribution of the report.**

4. APPROVE TREASURER'S SUBMISSION OF INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- 4.1 SB presented a provisional statement of accounts for 2022/2023 and discussed last year's income and spend. See Appendix B.
- 4.2 The bank account balance as of 31 August 2023 is £328.96.
- 4.3 SB highlighted that the community council's bank account transitioned from Royal Bank of Scotland to Lloyds TSB this year due to the discovery that the wrong type of account had been in use for the past few years, as informed by the bank. All bank statements from the old account have been downloaded for record-keeping.
>> **Decision: Provisional approval granted for Treasurer's report covering the period 2022/2023.**
- 4.4 SD agreed to undertake the independent examination of the accounts on behalf of GCG CC.
>> **Post meeting: SD confirmed validation of accounts via email on 18/10/23 and accounts have been saved to Glasgow City Council records.**

5. DEMIT OF CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS

5.1 All existing office bearers and members vacated their posts.

5.2 SD assumed the role of Chair for nomination proceedings and were as follows:

5.2.1 Chairperson – S.Orr

Proposer: A.Gray

Seconder: J.Clark

5.2.2 Vice-Chair – A. McIntosh

Proposer: S.Orr

Seconder: A.McNab

5.2.3 Secretary/Minute Secretary – A.Gray

Proposer: J.Clark

Seconder: A.McIntosh

5.2.4 Treasurer – S.Baldwin

Proposer: A.Gray

Seconder: A.McIntosh

5.2.5 Planning/Licensing Contact – J.Clark

Proposer: S.Orr

Seconder: S.Baldwin

5.2.6 Area Partnership Lead – S.Orr

Proposer: S.Baldwin

Seconder: A.McBain

5.2.7 Area Partnership – Substitute – A.McIntosh

Proposer: S.Baldwin

Seconder: A.McBain

5.3 SD passed the meeting back to the newly elected chair after the conclusion of nominations.

6. NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

6.1 The Community Council has not yet identified an examiner independent from the group, however, this will be addressed in good time for next year's accounts submission.

7. NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

7.1 Associate members TBC.

7.2 Review and update deferred to November 2023 Ordinary meeting.

8. INVENTORY AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REVIEW

8.1 An overview of the assets owned by GCG CC was discussed, and a copy of the inventory will be issued to SD for records. See Appendix C for a record of assets as of 31 August 2023.

>> Post meeting: A copy of the Inventory of Assets was issued to SD on 21/10/23.

9. DATE OF NEXT AGM

9.1 Next Annual General Meeting provisionally planned for Tuesday, 29 October 2024 at 6 pm.

9.2 For full details of upcoming meetings, refer to www.GCGCC.co.uk/meeting-dates/

9.3 Any apologies to be submitted to the secretary via secretarygcg.cc@gmail.com

9.4 The 2023 AGM concluded at 6:45pm, followed immediately by the scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

Appendix A



GARTHAMLOCK, CRAIGEND & GARTLOCH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report 2023

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report as the Chairperson of the Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council, summarising our activities and progress since the re-establishment of the community council during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November 2022.

Over the past couple of years, the Covid-19 pandemic has presented challenges, causing a temporary suspension of our community council's activities. However, I am happy to report that we successfully reconvened during the aforementioned AGM, which acted as a fresh start for our community council.

The re-establishment brought together a dynamic mix of both familiar faces and new elected members to the community council. This combination of diverse perspectives and fresh energy has not only revitalised our efforts but also ensured a more comprehensive representation of our local community. The collaborative spirit and dedication of both returning and newly elected members have set the stage for a vibrant and inclusive community council.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Elected Local Councillors, Ruairi Kelly, Maureen Burke, and Sharon Greer, and to Tracey Boyle, our Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, for their continued support and active participation in our endeavours. Their valuable insights and commitment have been instrumental in shaping our discussions and driving positive change.

Equally important is the contribution of our residents from Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch. The active engagement of residents in our meetings has not only helped identify key community issues but has also provided crucial input for the implementation of meaningful improvements. It is through this collaborative effort that we continue to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Looking ahead, I am optimistic that by sustaining this momentum and fostering continued successful collaboration, we will witness substantial positive transformations within our community.

Achievements and Highlights

Grants

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, our community council took a proactive approach to use accumulated funds for the greater good of our local community. We recognised that the best use of these funds was to uplift and empower community groups dedicated to positive change. As a result, we proudly awarded grants to the North East Recovery Group, GESH Community Centre, Ceann Crieg Hurling and Comogie Club, and the Dominican Hall Pensioner Group, to allow them to continue providing much-needed activities within the local area, as there are very limited activities for our community members to get involved in.

Community Hub

The Community Council, with the support of Glasgow City Council, set up a community hub at GESH Community Centre in Garthamlock. This effort tackles local litter problems and encourages residents to volunteer. Our first litter pick got positive feedback from

locals and earned recognition from Keep Scotland Beautiful. Regrettably, due to the urgency of time-sensitive community council affairs, the momentum of this initiative has waned. It is acknowledged that a renewed focus on this effort is essential to sustain its progress and to provide a cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing community for everyone.

Defibrillator & First Aid Training

A portion of funding was allocated by the Community Council to procure a defibrillator for the Garthamlock area, a move aimed at providing a potential lifeline to local residents and vulnerable groups. This defibrillator compliments the device previously acquired by Sunnyside Primary School in Craigend, strengthening the community's emergency response resources. The defibrillator is now fully operational, located within GESH Community Centre, and registered with the 'National Defibrillator Network'. Furthermore, the Community Council organised a Defibrillator and First Aid training session for local community workers and residents, fostering confidence and competence when using these life-saving devices. While there was a vision to place a defibrillator in Gartloch, significant issues between the current housebuilder (New City Vision), the factoring organisation (Newton Property Management) and Gartloch residents have stalled progress, and until these are resolved we are unable to progress any further with the proposal.

Community Fair

In a collaborative effort with the GESH Community Centre, the Community Council planned a long-awaited Fair Day, catering specifically to local families in Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch. This event held significant importance as such community gatherings have been absent for several years, marking an opportunity to boost community spirit. Despite limited funding, the dedication of several community councillors, coupled with support from the Larkhall Gala Day Committee, resulted in a remarkably successful event. The event was met with an overwhelmingly positive response from local residents, with many eagerly requesting it to become an annual event. Notably, a key aspect of this fair day was the provision of mostly free activities, ensuring that attendees could enjoy the occasion without money worries, particularly during a cost-of-living crisis.

Health & Wellbeing

The Community Council has acknowledged the shortage of health and wellbeing-focused activities within the area. Identifying this essential gap, we have taken action by allocating funds for a 16-week series of free yoga sessions provided by YoGlasgow. These weekly evening sessions have been thoughtfully designed to accommodate all community members, including those with daytime commitments, with the intention of enhancing mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, with increasing attendance and sincere appreciation for these sessions.

Community Consultations

In an effort to understand community priorities, the Community Council has taken a proactive step in engaging residents through a comprehensive consultation process, providing them with a platform to voice their concerns about areas in need of improvement and share their visions for the future. As a result, a detailed report has been produced and shared with vital stakeholders, including Glasgow City Council, our Local

Elected Councillors, Seven Lochs Wetland Park, and Police Scotland. This report will play a pivotal role in shaping our future plans within the community council, ensuring that our efforts are aligned with the expressed needs and desires of the community.

North East Area Partnership

As the representative on the North East Area Partnership for Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch Community Council, concerns have been raised regarding the noticeable disparity in investment and resources allocated to our local areas in comparison to other communities within North East Glasgow. The discrepancy in funding and grants has been a focal point, with feedback presented to the North East Area Partnership highlighting the allocation of multiple funding awards to the same groups, inadequate monitoring of grants awarded, and inconsistencies in the criteria for funding distribution. Additionally, challenges have arisen due to the absence of a consistent point of contact from Police Scotland, attributed to role changes, resulting in difficulties in addressing local issues and creating confusion about whom to approach for policing matters in our area.

Engagement

The Community Council has not only met but exceeded the mandated requirement of seven meetings per financial year, demonstrating a commitment to sustaining robust community engagement. A proactive approach was taken to reach out to 367 Gartloch residents through a targeted letter drop within our designated boundary area, due to the limited avenues for information sharing within Gartloch, compared to Garthamlock and Craigend.

To enhance governance and transparency, the Community Council has embraced digital platforms, by creating a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. Our Facebook page has rapidly gathered 392 followers, and a fully operational website now serves as a central hub for crucial information, including meeting agendas, minutes, resource links, an active blog, and a subscription option for real-time updates on local news. These initiatives collectively reflect our commitment to fostering a well-informed and engaged community.

In addition, the Community Council has engaged with Glasgow Fort and Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership representatives to discuss securing additional resources for the local area.

Police Scotland

The Community Council has welcomed Police Scotland representatives to a couple of meetings this year. Notably, these representatives were not from our local division but provided valuable insights on graffiti deterrents and recommended CCTV installation in crime hotspots. They emphasised the necessity of residents reporting crime-related incidents promptly for accurate data metrics. While appreciative of the shared expertise, we continue to advocate for increased involvement of our local officers in future meetings, to further community safety.

Planning

The Community Council has been actively engaged with Icen Projects and the housing developer, Keepmoat Homes. Icen Projects attended a community council meeting earlier in the year and during this session, they provided a broad presentation to all

community councillors on the proposed housing development within Gartloch, This direct interaction not only facilitated a deeper understanding of the project but also allowed for immediate engagement and clarification on various aspects.

Following this, an open consultation at the GESH Community Centre with Icen Projects, provided an opportunity for the public to attend and gain more information about the development. This allowed residents to voice their opinions, ask questions and provide valuable feedback directly to the developer and their Agents. The Community Council participated in this along with residents to ensure concerns and priorities were accurately represented.

In parallel, the community council conducted a two-phase public consultation which included the proposed housing development and obtained feedback from residents. The insights gathered from these consultations were collated and an official letter was prepared and sent direct to Icen Projects as part of their Proposal of Application Notice submitted to Glasgow City Council, and before an official planning permission application is lodged. To maintain transparency and keep residents informed, the letter has been published on our community council website.

Challenges

Limited Engagement with Other Community Groups

Although we have made attempts to engage others in the projects we have undertaken, some local community groups have shown reluctance to participate. This reluctance has led to a sluggish pace of progress and the emergence of isolated working groups, diminishing our overall influence in positively impacting the community. To address this, the community council is dedicated to persistently pursuing collaborative opportunities and nurturing open lines of communication with neighbouring groups, with the expectation that these efforts will lead to improvements in the future.

Formation of Gartloch Action Group (GAG)

A notable development has been the expressed desire of Gartloch Village residents to break away from the current community council and establish their own entity, the Gartloch Action Group (GAG). While this proposal is in its early stages, it introduces a potential challenge of coordination and collaboration. The formation of GAG is respected, and efforts are underway to establish a seamless interface between the community council and GAG representatives. However, early instances of duplicated efforts have led to the postponement of several matters related to Gartloch until a more effective method of collaboration is established.

Rising Crime Rate and Police Presence

The community faces a growing concern with the rise in antisocial behaviour, house break-ins and car thefts. Despite consistent efforts by the community council to draw attention to the inadequate police presence in the area, no tangible steps have been taken to address this pressing issue. In response, the community council has created and distributed a letter to all Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and Elected Local Councillors, highlighting the urgent need for increased police support in our community. As of now, this matter remains unresolved, posing an ongoing challenge to the safety and wellbeing of local residents.

Closing Remarks

As we conclude this term, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every community councillor who has dedicated their time, energy, and passion to the revitalisation of our community council. Your commitment and support have been instrumental in the positive transformations we have witnessed over the past year.

Thank you for not only serving as a representative but for actively participating in the efforts that have breathed new life into our community council. The groundwork laid this year has been crucial in re-establishing our presence and visibility within the community.

This renewed energy allows us to shift our focus towards the local priorities that matter most to our residents. We have identified key areas that require our attention, and with the community council now up and running, we are well positioned to continue our action on these priorities.

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Accounts for Independent Examination

1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Treasurer Report for Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council

As treasurer for Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council I would like to present the accounts for the year from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023.

The community council had some challenges with banking, having inherited a treasurer's bank account through RBS and not having a function to allow a busy committee to make online payments. The Chairperson supported the treasurer and opened a new bank account with Lloyds Banking Group which also follows the strict more than one person signatories and online approvals too.

The bank balance at 1st September 2022 carried forward from the previous year was £2,720.69 and as you will see, due to COVID and as you will see in the accounts from the previous year, there was no expenditure.

The total income at 31st August was £5,119.57 and total expenditure was £4,790.61, leaving a surplus of £328.96 to be carried forward to 1st September 2023.

At 1st September the community council were still awaiting a deposit of £500.00 into the bank account which was a discretionary payment for funds towards the fun day in August which had already been spent as agreed in advance.

Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council Accounts for Independent Examination

1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Total Income	£	£
	2022-23	2021-22
Balance carried forward from previous year	2,720.69	2,017.45
Bank interest	24.03	1.39
Administration Allowance	701.85	701.85
Discretionary Grant	173.00	0
*Other external funding	1,500.00	0
Other self-generated income	0	0
Total	5,119.57	2,720.69

**Donation from Persimmons £1,000 and £500 holding in account to be spent on Yoga for specific purposes from Glasgow Credit Union*

Total Expenditure		
Insurance	0	0
Rent	300.00	0
Independent Examiners Fees	0	0
Stationery	0	0
Photocopying	60.98	0
Postage	0	0
Telephone	0	0
Circulation of Agendas and minutes	0	0
Travel expenses	0	0
**Microgrants	1,362.10	0
Holding Grant (yoga in Craigend)	0	0
**Other expenses – newsletters, equipment etc	3,067.53	0
Total	4,790.61	0

***Micro Grants donated to North East Recovery Group £400, Ceann Creig Hurling & Camogie Club £362.10, St Dominics Hall £200, GESH (Yoga) £400.*

****other expenses were printed flyers and distribution costs £349.24, Fun Day £2,032.76, St Andrew's Defrib & training £492.28, Website £43.20, Projector £150.05*

Balance Surplus		
Represented by:		
****Cash in bank at 31 st August 2023	328.96	
Cash in hand	0	
Other	0	
Total	328.96	

*****£500 still to be deposited in bank from GCC for Fun Day expenses but spent in advance as agreed.*

The above statement has been compiled from the available records, bank statements and receipts.

GARTHAMLOCK, CRAIGEND & GARTLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL INVENTORY OF ASSETS

#	Asset Name	Asset Model	Asset Description	Serial No.	Purchase Date	Purchase Value (£)	Receipt Stored (Y/N)	Storage Location	Disposal Date	Reason for Disposal	Years of Depreciation
1	XuanPad	M8-F	XuanPad Mini Portable Video-Projector, Remote, AV Cable & 1m HDMI Cable	M8-FB22120006	04/02/2023	£63.99	Y	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0
2	Luxja	UKLX05301	Luxtor Projector Bag	X000V819X9	04/02/2023	£22.99	Y	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0
3	Hoplaza	-	USB C to HDMI Adapter, Type c to HDMI 4K Adapter (Thunderbolt 3 Compatible)	X001NIGMNP	04/02/2023	£9.99	Y	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0
4	KabelDirekt	-	8K / 4K HDMI Cable - 3mtrs	609465715810	04/02/2023	£8.09	Y	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0
5	Osoeri	OS-PS03	Projector Screen with Stand 120 inch, 16:9 HD & Carrybag	A0000000000005254332	04/02/2023	£44.99	Y	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0
6	-	-	Projector Tripod (<i>given free w/projector</i>)	-	04/02/2023	£0.00	N	Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands, Garthamlock, G33 5EG	N/a	N/a	0