

# Minutes of Meeting (no.443) of Broomhill Community Council

11th September 2025, 19:00-20:30.  
Broomhill Primary School Library, 57 Edgehill Rd, G11 7HZ

## Minutes

1. Committee Members Present were: Barbara McTavish (BMcT,chair), Lorna McWilliams (LMcW, Vice Chair & Treasurer), Hector Rufrancos (HR, Secretary), Elaine Hindle (EH, VPAP Rep), Morag McKerrell(MMcK), Roy Hamdy (RH), Isobel Yates (IY), City Councillor Lana Reid McConnell (LRMcC), Community Councillor Abigail Harding (AH), and Residents Fiona McDonald and Alan Ramsay.

Apologies were received from: City Councillor Eunis Jassemi (EJ) and Patricia Ferguson MP (PFMP).

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings. Approved online via slack and on the website. Section 6F - Planters to be added to AOB. Minute taking investigation.

3. **Councillor reports: Cllr Lana Reid-McConnell (LRMcC)**

- **School Traffic Patrol:** The Traffic Patrol Officer has been absent for three days. NRS are struggling to cover the role, but emergency cover has been arranged from 11/09. An appeal has been made to the local community to apply for the role (10 hours per week). IY noted that the current advert suggests staff may be redeployed across the city; clearer wording that the role is locally based may attract more applicants. EH suggested that a job-share arrangement could be more successful. LRMcC will inquire if this is possible.
- **Parks and Play Equipment:**
  - New cycle storage has been installed at seven locations across Broomhill and Thornwood.
  - Naseby Park path resurfacing, scheduled for summer, remains outstanding.
  - A new basket swing has been ordered.
  - Cross Park and Thornwood Park are closed due to staff shortages in Parks design and maintenance.
  - Concerns raised regarding the four missing swings and the bouncy car removed previously.
- **Bins and Litter:** A bin at Churchill Drive/Woodcroft Avenue has been replaced. Some neighbour complaints have been received, but the siting is considered appropriate. Work continues with Wheatley to address local littering.
- **Caravans:** Abandoned caravans on Broomhill Drive have been ticketed and uplifted.
- **Roads:** The Monkscroft–Broomhill Cross resurfacing contract, which fell through earlier in the year, has been rescheduled for November 2025. HR requested tree cutting along Woodcroft (Randolph Rd to Edgehill Rd).

- **Community Park & Biodiversity:** Updates are awaited on the state of Broomhill Community Park. Wheatley has received LEZ funding for biodiversity upgrades in the area.
- **Dog Fouling:** Marlborough Oval will receive more enforcement and signage. Officers will engage with dog owners to address community tensions around the issue.
- **Transport:** Consultation on the Thornwood roundabout redesign is due in Q3 2025. The Glasgow Feminist Transport Network will be hosting events (dates TBC).
- **School Streets:** New signage on school car-free zones has been installed. Police Scotland, who have so far taken an educational approach, will move to enforcement later in 2025.

#### **Cllr Eunis Jassemi (EJ) – report submitted in absence**

- **Balshagray Avenue – Speeds & Traffic:** Council monitoring using the Agilysis Speed Compliance Tool (Jan–Dec 2024) shows average vehicle speeds well below the 40mph limit (20.8mph northbound, 23.4mph southbound). 85th percentile speeds were 33.1mph (NB) and 34.5mph (SB). Police Scotland is unlikely to support reducing the limit given compliance levels and the road’s role as an arterial route (15,000+ vehicles daily). Residents should continue to report incidents of speeding to Police Scotland via 101.
- **Broomhill Primary School – Road Safety:** Officers will meet with the Head Teacher to progress safety concerns. A package of support includes road safety lessons, Parking Pledge, Parking Buddies, School Travel Plan development, a “Day of Action” with Police Scotland and enforcement officers, and monthly social media reminders.
- **Parking Project:** The Parking Services workplan has been revised and will shortly move to community engagement. All affected residents will receive letters with details and opportunities to respond. Consultation expected by end September, subject to staff recruitment.
- **Potholes:** Randolph Road (near the church) was inspected 22 July 2025. Categorised as P3 priority; permanent patch ordered for completion by 30 October 2025.
- **Trees:** Low-hanging branches obstructing the path between Clarence Drive and Crow Road (approx. 10m) will be cut back when operationally feasible.

**Correspondence** A letter from Royal Mail (23 June 2025) confirmed that the missing postbox on Crow Road was removed following a road traffic accident. As it is a Victorian postbox, it is undergoing specialist restoration and will be reinstalled within 12–16 weeks once works are complete, subject to statutory approvals. In the interim, the nearest alternative is at Orleans Avenue (~400m). Postal staff can also collect stamped mail directly from residents on delivery rounds. *Broomhill Community Council expressed strong concern regarding the inadequate level of support provided by Royal Mail. A formal complaint will be submitted about the postbox on Crow Road, which has now been absent for over 12 months despite being a well-used facility in an area with a disproportionately high population of residents aged 65+. While recognising the historical value of a Victorian postbox, the Council suggested that the restored box be donated to the People’s Palace museum, and that a replacement postbox be installed locally to ensure continued community service. The Council emphasised that heritage considerations should not override the provision of essential postal services, particularly where the site was previously designated a priority box.*

#### **4. Office Bearers reports:**

- (a) **Chair** No News to report.
- (b) **Vice-Chair** No News to report.
- (c) **Treasurer** The bank balances on the BCC account is £2,135.

- (d) **Secretary & Correspondence Naseby Park works** The Secretary raised concerns with Cllr. Lana Reid-McConnell regarding swings and play equipment being removed for maintenance at the start of the school holidays for the second year in a row. The point was made that such scheduling undermines family use of parks in peak season and contradicts principles of feminist town planning. Cllr. Reid-McConnell confirmed she has requested a wider discussion with NRS Parks about Naseby, Thornwood and Cross parks to ensure better planning in future. **Bus Service 4/4A** Cllr. Reid-McConnell passed on a letter from First Bus' Managing Director about punctuality improvements to Services 4 and 4A and sought feedback on whether residents are noticing improvements. **Marlborough Avenue Gardens** A local resident wrote seeking clarification on whether the gardens are public or private. He reported being intimidated by a resident when using the area to walk his dog and requested the CC to clarify usage rights and consider a code of conduct to avoid conflict. **Street lighting, Churchill Drive** A resident flagged that lights had been on during day and night for over a week. Cllr. Jassemi has confirmed he will arrange for this to be resolved. **Broomhill Place Plan** The final draft has been accepted and validated by Glasgow City Council following statutory consultation. It is now published online and will feed into the new City Development Plan. It can also be cited as a material consideration in planning applications. The New Practice team thanked all involved and encouraged future engagement.
5. **Public Open Forum – Marlborough Oval** Local resident FMcD is currently organising the “Friends of Marlborough Gardens” to be registered with NRS as a formal group. This will provide a platform to press for the proper upkeep of the grounds. Residents interested in getting involved can contact fomgg11@outlook.com. The Community Council passed a vote of thanks for the efforts in organising and constituting such a group.
6. Updates
- (a) **Bank accounts** Bank of Scotland is now charging BCC £5 per month for account usage. Having reviewed alternatives, none were found that meet the Council's requirements, and it was agreed to continue paying the fee. Hector has the paperwork for online banking and will post it in.  
*Action: HR to submit online banking paperwork.*
- (b) **Victoria Park Area Partnership (VPAP) & Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF)**
- A VPAP meeting took place on 10/09. NRS have supplied very few costings of BCC proposals to date. There is a formal agreement that spending beyond AP overarching priorities will be funded, with a full and equitable split across all four VP constituent Community Councils with Broomhill's share ~ £200k.
- Some Broomhill items for NIIF have been classed as “business as usual” and consequently deemed inappropriate for NIIF. Handrails were not costed, and flooding was classed as not an issue. Speed reduction on Balshagray Avenue (A739 exit of the Clyde Tunnel) was deemed inappropriate. Questions were raised as to whether upgrades to Broomhill Community Park could be covered under NIIF funding.
- Work on new BCC priorities will continue between meetings, with a subgroup meeting to be arranged. Festive lighting near the triangle on Clarence Drive was ruled out, as it would require drilling into lighting columns and invalidate existing warranties on the posts.  
*Action: Subgroup to progress new BCC priorities between meetings.*
- (c) **VPCT**

### Victoria Park Community Trust (VPCT)

The Arboretum will receive a new gate funded by BAE Subsystems. Wildflower seeding (500–1000m<sup>2</sup>) will be undertaken, with native plug plants (woodland and pollinator species) donated by GCC. The north-east corner of the Blaes pitches will also be seeded with wildflowers.

Around 900 bulbs will be installed in the NE corner of the Blaes pitches with the support of local primary school children. In addition, 400 small transplants are scheduled for delivery in November; volunteers will be sought to complete planting within one week. Table tennis tables are currently undergoing procurement for installation near the tennis courts. Resurfacing and upgrading of the netball and basketball courts is ongoing, expected to take eight weeks but subject to weather delays. Free tennis sessions are also available; further details can be found on the Glasgow Life website.

*Action: Volunteers to be recruited for transplant planting in November.*

- (d) The recent picnic in the park was a success. A new Pumpkin Parade is planned for Friday 31 October, expected to be similar in scale and style to last year's event.

The felled tree in Marshalls Park may be relocated to Naseby Park to provide natural play equipment, replacing the existing tree logs which have now decomposed beyond a usable state.

*Action: FoNP to progress plans for the Pumpkin Parade and explore relocation of the felled tree.*

- (e) **Planning** 25/01707/LBA — Retrospective planning permission has been sought for a house on Balshagray Avenue.

HMO applications have been submitted for all five flats at 97 Broomhill Drive. The deadline for objections is 25 September 2025.

*Action: Members to review applications and submit objections by the deadline if appropriate.*

- (f) **Messaging** Facebook posts have resumed, attracting new followers and increased engagement. Posts are receiving significant interaction, and connections with other Community Councils are ongoing.

A posting plan has been developed alongside further work on the website, including building a bank of local images to illustrate news items. The local community is invited to contribute photographs of the area for use on the website.

FoNP have proposed a collaborative project, the *Broomhill Bugle*, in partnership with Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church, Broomhill Primary School, and the Community Council.

*Action: Community members to be invited to submit local photographs; CC to explore collaboration on the Broomhill Bugle.*

- (g) **Recruitment** Broomhill Community Council is actively seeking new members from the local community. Anyone aged 16 or over and registered on the electoral roll is eligible to join.

The commitment is modest, typically 10 two-hour meetings per year, with opportunities to contribute to improving the local area. Positions are currently available, and interested parties are encouraged to get in touch before the next meeting to enable joining at the AGM.

*Action: CC members to promote recruitment opportunities and encourage applications ahead of the AGM.*

Next Meeting 08th October, 2025. Meeting Closed at 20:59 with a vote of thanks to the chair.