

# CLAYTHORN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Newsletter

March 2007

### CONVENOR'S REPORT

This has been an exciting and eventful six months for the Community Council. In December two of us had a further meeting with Glasgow City Council's Land Services about the Pedestrian Crossing on Crow Road. You will remember that they carried out traffic surveys last summer and were then analysing the results before they could confirm their preferred course of action to improve pedestrian safety? In addition to the survey

analysis, Land Services also made a thorough check of all the vehicle accidents at the location and we were delighted to hear that traffic lights are to be erected at the junction of Whittingehame Drive and Crow Road. The phasing of these lights will be such that traffic on Crow Road will be stopped to allow traffic out of Whittingehame Drive and only after this phase will the pedestrian phase occur.

Thus traffic on Crow Road, the main source of accidents to pedestrians, will be stopped for some time before pedestrians are signalled to cross.

No changes are to be made to Woodend Drive, but the traffic lights and new pedestrian crossing location will be slightly to the north of the existing crossing, thus improving the chances of vehicles coming out of Woodend stopping in time for the lights; the failure of a car to stop at the crossing, when trying to get into the north-bound traffic flow, has been the cause of at least one accident at the crossing.

If the west gate of Gartnavel Hospital is closed to traffic then the timing of the lights will be adjusted to suit.

We have been told that the lights will be operational by the end of March and, with work currently ongoing, we expect that timescale to be met.

At the beginning of February two members of Community Council toured the western part of Claythorn with a member of staff from Glasgow City Council's Environmental Protection Services. The purpose of this was to progress the introduction of Recycling services; details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Planning Application for the rebuild of Anniesland College has now been issued for consultation to the Community Council and residents adjacent to the

college grounds. Although we welcome the decision that the College will remain on its current site, there are serious misgivings about the detail of the proposals for the rebuild. The Community Council has voiced these concerns in our response to the Director of Development and Regeneration Services at Glasgow City Council and details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Community Council has also been active to improve road traffic and pedestrian safety and amenities throughout Claythorn; we



**Whittingehame Drive looking**

have written to the Director of Land Services to voice concerns about the Great Western Road Bus Corridor. In particular we are concerned that the bus shelter that was outside Somerfield's has not been replaced at the new bus stop, the bus shelter outside Gillespies' is in such a position that people waiting for buses are blocking the footpath, when it would be better if the shelter were on the advance apron and we have requested that a bus shelter be provided at the bus stop near Bingham's Pond.

We have recently started to take action about the footpath parking of vehicles on Shelly Road; you may have noticed that car drivers are leaving their cars with all four wheels on the footpaths of Shelly Road, thus forcing pedestrians to walk in the road in the vicinity of Gartnavel Hospital and the hotel?

We were told that the hospital was to have a "green travel plan", but such blatant

disregard for road traffic legislation and pedestrian safety is not what we would call a green travel plan and we want to stop this irresponsible parking before it spreads throughout the area.

In all these issues we hope that we are acting in the interests of you, the residents of the area, but our voice will be much stronger if you take action too. You can do this by volunteering to fill one of the places currently vacant on the Community Council or by standing for election to the Community Council this coming autumn. Alternatively you can write to the City Council, your Councillor, MSP or MP to voice your concerns about issues that are affecting your daily life in Claythorn.

**Patricia Fort**

Convenor, CCC



**Cheese and Wine Social Evening**

Claythorn Community Council invites  
Claythorn residents and friends  
To the annual Cheese and Wine Social  
Evening  
On  
Friday 18 May 2007 at 7.00p.m.

**In Anniesland College**

Tickets, price £3.00 per person  
Tickets are available from any Council  
member or at the door.



Our evening is a time when old and new friends and neighbours can again meet to catch up on news and also to meet Community Councillors and appraise them of any issues they may wish to comment on about local matters in the CCC area.

Some useful numbers for your use:-

If you see something, **say something:**

Strathclyde Police

**0141 532 3000**

Crimestoppers

**0800 555 111**

Abandoned Cars

**0141 556 0371**

Bulk. Refuse Uplift and Needle Uplift

**0141 287 9700**

Graffiti, Fly Tipping and Fly Posting Removal

**0800 027 7027**

Water Mains Leakage or bursts

**0845 600 8855**

Roads and Lighting Faults

**0800 373 635**



A growing number of cyclists are continuing to disregard the highway code when cycling in the Claythorn area by going along Fifth Avenue and Ancaster Drive the wrong way and/or by cycling up the centre of the road causing an obstruction to other road users. Drivers often receive abusive language and gestures from the cyclists when challenging them about their conduct. If you encounter any of the above and have a digital camera, take a photograph of them and give it to one of the Claythorn Community Council members who will pass it on to the local Community Police Officer.

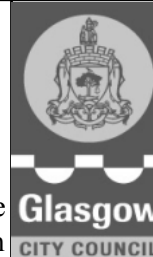
#### **Planning Application in respect of Proposed Redevelopment of Anniesland College**

In January 2007, Anniesland College submitted plans to Glasgow City Council for the above development. Copies of these plans were received by the Council and in their February meeting appointed a small group of Council Members to formalise our response.

The group carried out intensive consultation with residents and council members about the proposed development and have reviewed the application in depth. All agree that there is no objection in principle to the proposed development of the College and its grounds. However we have serious material concerns regarding the detailing of a number of aspects of the proposal and objections have been lodged with Glasgow City Council, Development and Regeneration Services.

Copies of objections have been forwarded to: Bailie Dr Christopher Mason, Mr Bill Butler MSP and Mr John Robertson MP.

**Director** Robert O'Neill MUM  
Environmental Protection Services 231 George Street



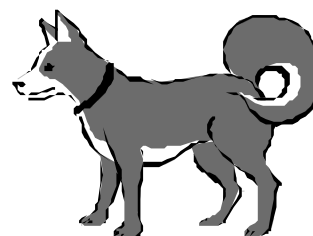
**THE DOG FOULING-(SCOTLAND) ACT 2003  
FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

In order to assist with the dog fouling problem in the City this Service is seeking the assistance of residents to ensure that they clean up after their dogs. Bagged dog waste can be placed in any domestic or Council litter bin. **For this purpose this Service has provided supplies of biodegradable "poop bags" in your local library.**

Where complaints of dog fouling are received our staff will erect "No Dog Fouling" signs and arrangements will be made to have the locations patrolled jointly by our staff accompanied by an Officer from Strathclyde Police.

Fixed Penalty Notices (£40) can be issued to offenders who fail to clean up after their dog.

I would be pleased if you would advise members of your community of our proposed action to deal with this problem. Should you or your members wish to contact this Service regarding this matter please contact 287 0354. Yours faithfully



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## graffiti

Once again graffiti has got out of hand. Glasgow City Council and the Police have joined together to help rid the area of the unsightly mess. We hope that the Royal Mail and NTL will also assist as they did previously.

As in the last campaign in 2004, the City Council will undertake to clean or re-paint private property free of charge providing disclaimer forms are signed. Forms will be delivered and uplifted by the Council.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Police are very keen to catch the culprits, so if you see any of the graffiti 'artists' in action please telephone and report it immediately to the Police on 0141 532 3500

If you have any information, or if new graffiti appears, our Community Police Officer Constable Stuart Ash would like to know. He can be contacted on  
0141 532 3507

**New (or missed) graffiti can be reported to the Council clean-up team on  
0800 027 7027**

**(Obscene or racist graffiti will be removed within 48 hours, others in 20 working days.)**

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP CLAYTHORN CLEAN !**

## Recycling

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February Patricia Fort and Robert McDonald toured the western part of Claythorn with a member of staff from the City Council's Environmental Protection Services to discuss the introduction of recycling services to the area. All recycling provision is funded by the Scottish Executive but managed by the City Council and the City Council has to submit grant applications to improve the service they can offer to us. This does seem to be a very involved process and it is easy to think that there is not the political will to bring recycling rates in Glasgow up to those of other cities in Europe. From our discussions on the 1<sup>st</sup> February and subsequently, the western part of Claythorn can be split into 3:

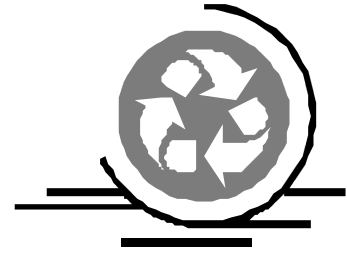
### The Tenements on Great Western Road, Ancaster Drive and Crow Road:

These properties will be included in the City Council's tenement recycling provision with an implementation date of May or June this year. Recycling bins will be put in the bin stores and householders will be provided with a bag in which to collect paper, plastic bottles and cans.

### The main door houses, cottages and 2-storey flats from Ancaster Drive southwards:

The City Council's preferred option appears to be the provision of individual recycling bins to each household, but this cannot be implemented in this area because of access; the City Council currently has an application in to acquire small collection vehicles. In the meantime they identified 2 on-street recycling point locations on Crow Road, near the cottages and Sackville Avenue; one of these was set up on 26<sup>th</sup> February, but on Ancaster Drive where a glass recycling point could be included. It was quickly moved from this original location further to adverse comments from the adjacent householders and the glass bin has now been removed because of annoyance caused by the noise of bottles

being dropped in. It is hoped that the paper, plastic bottle and can bin will continue to provide a useful service at its



current location. The City Council have now informed us (7<sup>th</sup> March) that the introduction of the second point and reintroduction of a bottle bin will depend on usage of the current bin and comments from residents. If you are using the current on-street site, and any facility that may be provided in the future then do please take care, do not drop any litter at the site and, should a glass bin be reintroduced, then out of consideration for people living nearby, do not use it after 9pm or before 7am.

***Please do not put carrier bags in the bins; carrier bags can currently be recycled at the local Somerfield and Morrison stores and at Sainsbury's on Crow Road.***

### The flats at the western end of Whittingehame Drive and at Ashwood Gardens

The City Council as yet have no date for implementing any recycling services for these properties but, when they do, the initial view of the employee who was with us, was that they would replace 2 of the bins in each bin store with recycling bins. However, this will not work if the individual bins are allocated to individual flats and thus there will need to be discussion with the residents before a service can be implemented.

It is hoped that a representative from Glasgow City Council's Environmental Protection Services will attend the **Public Meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 9pm** to answer any queries you may have about Recycling.

**P Fort**

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# Glasgow's Evening Visitor Service

*hospital visiting made easier*

## Free Evening Visitor Service

If you live within Glasgow City then you can access this free door to door service to the following

Hospitals:

**Glasgow Royal Infirmary**

**Stobhill Hospital**

**Gartnavel General**

**Western Infirmary**

**Victoria Infirmary**

**Southern General**

This service is free and operates between  
6pm–10pm Monday to Friday



In the event of the service being oversubscribed priority will be given to older people, individuals registered disabled and individuals on a low income.

# BOOKING HOTLINE

# 0845 128 4027

Line open 2-4pm (Mon-Thurs) 2-3.30pm (Friday)

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 2005/2006

### Elected Members

Patricia Fort (Convener)  
Ashok Sehgal (Vice Convener)  
David Nicholson (Secretary)  
Kier Downie  
Sandra Dunbar  
Gerry Garrett  
Seonaidgh Gibson  
Robin McGregor (Treasurer)  
Douglas Sommerville (Newsletter)  
Robert McDonald  
Louise Howie

### Delegated Members

Linda McTavish  
Kate Clark

Anniesland College  
Kelvin Court

### Ex Officio Members

John Robertson, MP	Glasgow Constituency Office	944 7298
Bailie Dr Christopher Mason	Glasgow City Council	287 4448
	Tall Ship "Glenlee"	222 2513
PC Stuart Ash (Community Police)	Partick Police Office	532 3507