

# CLAYTHORN

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Newsletter

October 2011

#### Convenor's report

Since the last newsletter in April 2011 the area has once again seen the arrival of new residents. On behalf of the Community Council I welcome you to the Claythorn Community. I hope that this newsletter provides you with some helpful information on the area.

Claythorn Community Council (CCC) meetings are held monthly from September to June and generally on the second Tuesday of each month. A Public Meeting and an AGM are held annually in June and October respectively. Residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

CCC web site continues to be updated and for those unaware of its existence it can be found at [www.communitycouncilsglasgow.org.uk/claythorn](http://www.communitycouncilsglasgow.org.uk/claythorn)

We held our annual cheese and wine evening on Friday 20 May 2011 which enabled residents and friends to meet for a social evening. This year the event was located in the Anniesland College restaurant area which allowed outside access to an enclosed garden area of the College. For the first time young children attended the event with their parents and this was most welcome. Next year's event is scheduled for Friday 18 May 2012 and I ask you to note this in your diary.

The annual Public meeting was held on Thursday 9 June 2011 which gave those attending an opportunity to meet and discuss local issues with the new MSP Brian Kidd.

CCC has also been busy continuing to represent the residents in the following areas:-

- **Claythorn Traffic Regulation Order.** - Due to the parking issues over the past few years Glasgow City Council proposed restricted parking in various parts of the area. The public consultation stage for this order was held between June to August 2011. Residents should have seen legal notices intimating the consultation displayed on lampposts in areas to be effected. It is believed that some objections have been submitted and are presently being considered by the Council officers. It is expected that the Regulation Order will be raised, approved and implemented sometime in the near future. No date of completion of the full process is known to date.
- **Gartnavel Hospital West Gate.** - CCC has been monitoring the closure of the West Gate and there appears to be a vast improvement in the movement of traffic in the Crow Road area. Very few vehicles travelling north now appear to attempt the right turn into Whittingehame Drive. This both frees up the movement of vehicles and reduces the pollution in that area. Unfortunately the barrier at the West Gate is not working as well as expected in that the sensors on occasions are not working correctly and the barrier on one occasion was

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### A.G.M. – Thursday 27th October 2011



The Annual General Meeting of Claythorn Community Council will be held in Anniesland College on Thursday 27 October 2011 between 7pm and 9pm.

All residents in Claythorn are entitled to attend and bring guests.

## **Anniesland College Training Restaurant.**

Anniesland College Training restaurant is open again for use of residents. This is a learning environment for students who will be operating the Front House and the Production kitchen. Resident's support is welcome and those wishing to attend for lunch should contact Valerie Anderson at extension 6038 or Joe at extension 6088. Bookings to be made one week in advance. Opening times Tuesday 6/9/11 to 22/11/11 (except 27/9/11); Thursday 6/10/11 to 14/1/12 and Friday 7/10/11 to May 2012



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## **Community Police**

Police officers attend most meetings of the Community Council. They have recently suggested that they would be delighted to speak to residents at such meetings to provide them an opportunity to meet and discuss issues of concern or seek advice. The proposal is that this could be at scheduled quarterly meetings which will be intimated on the CCC Web Site.

## **Refuse Collection.**

Parts of the CCC area have seen the introduction of a new bin collection schedule in respect of green, blue, brown and purple bins. This is partly to increase the City recycling percentage. The new scheme is at present restricted to premises with front and back doors throughout the City. It is the Council's intention to eventually extend this to tenement buildings.

## **Trees and bushes**

Some of our residents have brought to our attention a the number of gardens with bushes and trees overhanging the pavements. Please give some consideration for disabled, blind and those with young children. They have to leave the pavement and go onto the road to pass the obstructions putting them in danger. If your garden greenery falls into this category could you please cut it back and allow safe passage on our pavements.

### **Some useful numbers**

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**

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vandalised. CCC continues to monitor the barrier and liaise with Gartnavel and Council Staff over the issues.

• **Spare ground, Whittingehame Drive.** – There are two areas of land on the West Side of the railway bridge in Whittingehame Drive that are overgrown with trees and weeds. Enquiry to date has identified the possible owner of the land. Unfortunately the owners location cannot be traced. CCC continues to liaise with the Council on this issue.

• **Area Clean Up.** - In the April 2011 newsletter member Pippa Watson asked for volunteers to assist in a “clean up” project for our area. This was part of the “Keep Scotland Beautiful National Spring Clean” project. I was pleased that a number of residents supported Mrs Watson on Saturday 7 May 2011 that resulted in over 35 black refuse bags of litter being collected. The group were ably supported by Glasgow City Council staff. I congratulate Mrs Watson on her organisation of the event and also wish to thank all those including young children who took part.

• **General.** – CCC continues to monitor all Council services in the area and act when necessary.

The Scottish Executive and Glasgow City Council recently reviewed the structures and procedures of Scotland’s and Glasgow’s Community Councils. This has resulted in changes to some of Glasgow Community Council Areas, the introduction of a National Standardised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, Standardised Constitution, Standing Orders and a Community Councillor’s Code of Conduct.

The area of Claythorn is not affected by any area change, but as the population of the area is below a prescribed number, the Community Council is now required to have a membership of 10 instead of having 12 elected members.

This year our AGM to be held on 27 October 2011 (see details on front page) will be for the election of 10 members for a period of 2 years. The following elections commencing in 2013 require members to serve a period of 4 years. It is of note that Glasgow City Council has received 9 nominations for the October 2011 elections leaving one vacancy to be filled. The AGM on 27 October 2011 is required to adopt all the changes.

Finally I would like to thank the council members for their continuing support and encourage all residents to raise matters of concern with their local representative.

I look forward to meeting you at the Annual General Meeting

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After the success of the Spring Tidy in May we are hoping to recruit volunteers again for an Autumn clear up. Please contact Pippa on 01415813411 or see the website for more details.



Going to venture out at Halloween and meet your neighbours? Please contact Pippa on 581 3411



## **SOME PERSONAL MEMORIES OF CLAYTHORN**

*As recalled by a long-term local resident.*

Most residents may be unaware that Claythorn became known as such only in the 1970s, having resurrected the name of the original miners' hamlet which straddled Crow Road over a hundred years earlier.

Now approaching his 90th birthday, Mr B M Boyd has probably lived in our local community longer than anyone else and knows more about it than most. He was born in December 1921 and, with his wife Sheila, he still lives in the same house in Crow Road where he was born and grew up. In his schooldays he attended the local Jordanhill College School and then Hyndland Secondary School.

After five years' war service in the Royal Artillery, much of it abroad, he returned to a civilian life and career and was well known as a leading member of Woodend Tennis Club. Mr Boyd has been a member of Jordanhill Church all his life and an elder for over fifty years, and he is still in his place in the pew almost every Sunday. He is also a regular attender at the Wednesday Church Café and Kelvin Probus Club meetings, both of which meet in the Church Hall, and he has always taken a keen interest in local activities and people.

In a recent interview with Ben Boyd, I was impressed by his clear memory of what life in the area was like before the Second World War. He has seen many changes in the area during his lifetime, and the following gives just a brief glimpse of the past.

"In the 1920's and 30's", he told me, "it was still a common sight to see herds of bullocks being driven up the cobbled Crow Road from the

animal lairage at Merklands Quay, heading for "Stott's Field" as Flemington Farm was then called".

This field lay between Whittingehame Drive and Great Western Road, and is the land now occupied by Anniesland College, Kelvin Court and the houses in George Reith Avenue and Fifth Avenue. It was a large pasture where cattle were fattened for market, horses grazed, and children played, in winter sledging from the crest of the hill down towards the railway line or to Great Western Road, where the boundary wall was then just a stone dyke and hawthorn bushes.

Perhaps Whittingehame Drive has seen the most dramatic changes. At the west end where there are now blocks of flats, there was once a blacksmith's smiddy and a coal merchant's yard and stables. These then became a garage and car repairs workshop, and later a car salesroom and filling station. At the eastern elbow of this wide but peaceful residential avenue, now thankfully no longer a rat-run for through traffic, another block of modern flats stands on the site of the former Whittingehame Tennis Club and clubhouse. Bingham's Pond still remains, although much reduced in size and no longer the popular local venue for summer boating and winter skating.

Mr Boyd has prepared a complete record of every shop from Anniesland down Crow Road to the railway bridge, recording their many owners and changes of use over the past 70 years or so. There is no space to include these details in this article, but I can provide a copy for anyone interested in the changing history of our local Claythorn community.

IAIN MANN

*(Claythorn resident for only 40 years)*

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 2010/2011**

#### **Elected Members**

Ashok Sehgal (Convener)

David Nicholson (Secretary)

Gerry Garrett

Seonaidgh Gibson

Douglas Sommerville (Vice Convener)

Pippa Watson

George Blackie

Linda Tait

Marjorie Sawers

#### **Delegated Members**

Robert McDonald

Linda McTavish

Lewis Howitt

Moira Ferguson