

Six-weekly drop-in with new Gorbals Housing Association, (NGHA),
 Devon Street, Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Present: 4 tenants

Also attending: Julie Macfarlan, Housing Officer, Susan Burn, Tenant Participation Officer, Morag, Livingwell Advisor, Eddie Robertson, Maintenance Officer, Sean Ewart, Community Engagement Worker

1. Actions from last meeting in August

Issue from previous meeting	Update
Remaining bench to go in Cavendish back court	Waiting for missing components
Blue bins have not been emptied	Completed. Two Council workers called at tenant's home to check this had been done.

2. Today's discussions

2.1 Benches –3 now in place at Devon Street and one still to go into Cavendish. Already agreed site for Cavendish in back court. Just waiting for missing components for final bench. Community Co-ordinator has been chasing this up.

2.2 Tenant asked about Skatepark but there is no more news since last meeting. We will keep tenants updated when there is progress. *Update on progress by text later in meeting. Susan to inform tenants. Glasgow Urban Sports are still waiting on other funding coming through but have an in-principle agreement for some of the funding and would aim to start building next spring/summer all going well. They are now set up as a community interest company and NGHA would attend board meetings as formal observers and to ensure the project benefits the local community.*

2.3 Bins – thanks to numerous reports by Housing Officer the bins have been lifted. Tenant reported that 2 Glasgow City Council workers came to his door following his report on the MyGlasgow app to check the bin had been removed.

2.4 No other housing or maintenance issues.

3. Other business

3.1 Some chat about the Christmas party which would see all 3 Livingwell sites meeting together to celebrate.

3.2 Tenant reported that Glasgow City Council had come out to look at the cobbled area outside their house but deemed it safe and will take no further action. Susan advised that this had been raised at meeting with Councillor Hunter who had agreed to push back on this decision.

4. Community engagement

4.1 Sean had come to the meeting to ask tenants for their thoughts on improving the small area of land at the junction of Eglinton Street and Cavendish Street. There is seating available through Gorbals Ideas Fund for this area and the opportunity to work with local group Gorbals Grows to have planters there.

4.2 Tenants did not want seating at that area. They felt it would not be used as it looks onto a very busy road, however they would like to see planters and to consider wildflowers too.

4.3 Discussion about how this area would be maintained. Sean confirmed there are volunteers who could help residents, if they also wished to be involved. They thought this might be a project for next year but agreed it would be good to get planters ready sooner and a plan. Agreed it would be important to include other people who live there but are not at this meeting so they know what is happening. Sean will take this forward.

5. Other business

5.1 Tenant talked about the AGM. He had already given feedback which Susan had passed onto Head of Governance.

5.2 Agreed that the purpose of the AGM needs to be clearer for those attending, for example the presentation of the finances and an explanation of all the ways that people can give their feedback rather than waiting for the AGM. Susan will pass this on. Tenant had also hoped that the AGM might have addressed the recent racist protests in the Gorbals and what we were doing about it. He had been disgusted to see all the good community work that happens in the Gorbals forgotten by media focus on this issue.

5.3 Susan explained that Hutchesontown Community Council had the issue of community protests on their agenda, with a Hope not Hate organisation attending. She will send further details to tenants.

5.4 Chat about the work of The Barn and if they are affiliated with NGHFA. Sean explained they were an independent organisation but that we work closely with them.

5.5 Tenants chatted about the importance of community and attending events, but the genuine fear that lots of people have about going along to something on their own. For example, there were only 5 people at this meeting where there could be 20. We acknowledged that people may only come to meetings if they have an issue, but also that the majority of people do not want to get involved. Further chat about the huge positive impact of company and attending events and activities on mental health. We will continue to try to encourage more people to take part.

5.6 Community activities information was available. Sean confirmed the next G5 movie as What's up Doc? This is on Friday 2nd October at 5.15pm in Gorbals Parish Church. Everyone welcome.

6. Date of next meeting and summary of actions.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 4th November at 10.00am.

Issue	Action
Remaining bench to go in Cavendish back court	Maintenance/Communities
More work on planters/wildflowers with more tenants/residents	Communities/Estates/Gorbals Grows
Update on skatepark proposals	Susan to let tenants know
Feedback on AGM	Susan to pass on