MEETING OF LAURIESTON ESTATE ACTION GROUP
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th October 2026

In Attendance:	5 tenants/owners

Also present:

Gregor Colville	New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA)
Susan Burn	NGHA
Eddie Robertson	NGHA
Stewart Fury	NGHA
Lauren Buchanan	NGHA
Charlie Ballantyne	NGHA
Lisa Thomson	Glasgow City Council (GCC)
PC Bronski	Community Police
PC McArthur	Community Police

Apologies:

4 apologies

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Update from Police

2.1 There were no immediate concerns for the police. Agreed that it was quiet in Laurieston at the moment, however the same issue around electric scooters was raised. Police reiterated that they have no powers to stop ebikes/scooters. Noted that delivery ebikes are using the footpath to cut through at Cavendish/Abbotsford. This is where the kids run out to get to park. Police agreed to look into this. Lisa agreed to look at signage to see if they could get something in place.

2.2 For bonfire night, the control zone will not include the Gorbals, however there will be patrols on the night.

2.3 There are 2 big lorries parked up at 11 Cavendish Place. One of the lorries is reversed into a parking space but is up on the pavement causing an obstruction. Police will take a drive up there to have a look. Lisa will also notify GCC parking attendants.

2.4 Discussion about the dispersal zone in the city centre which is having a knock-on effect of people coming to Bridge Street and Carlton Place. Police were in attendance there on Saturday night. Looking at bringing in a violence reduction team. Plain clothes officers are also on patrol.

3. Close Cleaning /Landscaping

3.1 Some complaints that close cleaning is still not very good. Charlie gave an update on recent inspections where he had failed the cleans. He is meeting with the contractors this afternoon. Not sure closes are being brushed either. Disappointed after the success of the deep cleans in the area which had left a blank canvas. Charlie will also check back and front paths are included.

3.2 Stewart will put a road brush into the programme for next week.

3.3 The Council did the scraping along the paths as discussed.

3.4 Group said the estate team had done a grand job externally and the place was spotless. However, they felt that the bushes and the orchard let the area down. Stewart agreed. Discussion about the cost to get rid of bushes and orchard. Stewart is in discussion with Glasgow City Council over this. He will speak to Head of Maintenance again about the cost. It is too big a project for Stewart and team, would need to look at bringing in contractors. The cost may be prohibitive. Stewart agreed to bring the cost to the next meeting.

3.5 Trees at Eglinton Court make the area very dark. Discussion that these are council trees. Stewart is organising a tree survey and will include Eglinton Court. Tree at 8 Wellcroft needs trimmed. Lights are also out. These had been reported to GCC on the app in August, but nothing has been done. Lisa will follow up. Eddie will check the light at 8 Wellcroft to see if it belongs to NGHA or GCC.

3.6 Stewart said they had reported several issues on the MyGlasgow app but nothing is happening. Lisa asked if this was about bulk uplift. Discussion about bulk outside 201 Eglinton Court. There are contaminated grey bins which need removed.

3.7 There had been no further action on the swales at Abbotsford Place which are looking unkempt and untidy, Stewart advised he would contact Scottish Water.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Eddie had visited property as noted at last meeting and checked door frame. He reported that there is no structural damage and the door frame is secure. It would be up to owner to arrange for a builder if she wants work done. We are happy to make a note of what work is needed if this would help. However, historically the group thought NGHA had made repairs on the door before. Eddie will look into the history of this for the next meeting.

5. Factoring

5.1 Ongoing disagreement about the common roof space and loft and request for clarity on what this means, in particular in relation to recent charges for squirrel damage. Action for Factoring Manager to check the title deeds for definitive explanation.

5.2 There was an article in the Evening Times about charges for bulk uplift. Discussion about the charges for this. Stewart explained the costs.

5.3 Road signs have been left. Stewart will have them removed.

5.4 Report of persistent dog fouling. Lisa asked for details of the owner. She can then ask the Enforcement Officer to investigate which could result in a fine. Housing Officer knows who this is and will pass on the details. Additional request for no dog fouling signs, including for the football pitch and a "don't feed the birds" sign.

6. Tenant Participation and Gorbals Ideas Fund

6.1 Susan handed out information on behalf of Gorbals Ideas Fund with timeline update for next round of ideas. Also, an invite to a thank you event at the Pantry on 15th October and news of a community bus coming soon.

6.2 Susan also handed out contact details for local Councillors, MP and MSP and the quarterly key highlights report covering the main issues from other group meetings, including the last Groups Collective meeting with Councillor Hunter.

7. AOCB

7.1 Question and dismay about the news of a change of use at St Luke's Terrace from student accommodation to homeless accommodation for around 200 people.

Gregor explained that the owner of the building had applied for change of use permission to Glasgow City Council. This has nothing to do with NGHA; however, the Association has lodged its own objections. Disbelief by group that the community would not be consulted or informed, however Gregor explained that because it was just for a change of use, the owners only need to inform neighbours within 50 meters. This did include Gorbals Parish Church who subsequently objected but did not reach as far as NGHA. We have also received similar concerns from other residents, and we advise them to contact their elected representatives to lodge concerns which are around the vast numbers and where the resources will come from to support the people who move in.

7.2 Discussion about Laurieston Community Council (LCC) and the role it could play in this matter. Susan will send out details of LCC's next meeting.

7.3 NGHA have engaged a planning consultant and have done everything possible to object. The change of use permission is not likely to be passed quickly, due to the number of objections. Residents strongly advised and encouraged to raise their concerns with their elected representatives.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 25th November 2026 in the Housing Office.**

Action Notes over the page

Actions

1.	Use of pathway by electric scooters	Police will have a look at pathway Lisa will consider signage
2.	Lorry parked up at 11 Cavendish Place	Police/GCC will follow up
3.	Cost of removal of bushes and orchard	Stewart to bring to next meeting
4.	Light at 8 Wellcroft Place – whose responsibility	Eddie
5.	Dog fouling – details to Lisa to follow up	Collette Signs – Lisa • No dog fouling • Don't feed the birds
6.	Swales at Abbotsford Place	Stewart to investigate and report back to Group
7.	Cracks around front door	Eddie to look into past repairs history
8.	Owner recharges for work	Factoring Manager to confirm
9.	Details of Laurieston Community Council	Susan to send