


Minutes Glasgow Common Good 2013 02 06 – Elder Farm - 2pm

Present : Bob Hamilton (Chair) Jim Warren (V Chair) Moira Bori (Sec / Garden)
 Carol Henry (Events) Paul Brechard (Allotments) Gary Miller (Security / Garden)
Absent with apologies : Ian Sharp (Treasurer) Stewart Cunningham (Garden / Events)

Agenda An Agenda was drawn up but did not reach members in time - apologies

- 1) Meeting on 24 Feb
- 2) Potato Seed Day Event
- 3) Needs for Garden
- 4) Tasks

1) Meeting for Glasgow Common Good :

- I. The meeting is not public – we are still in the stages of setting up the group
- II. Member were asked to consider who might be invited to the meeting
 - Persons with an interest in the Elder Farm site
 - Persons with an interest in Common Good Issues
 - People who may have skills / resources to offer
 - People able to commit to a maximum of 3 years
- III. Members were asked to consider the Legup Constitution in advance of the meeting and bring proposals for any amendments to the meeting
- IV. It was suggested that proposals and issues could be added using a discuss list – a group email was suggested 
- V. We should explore GCC Stalled Spaces and other community grants / fundings opportunities <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4729>
- VI. Engaging Public / Community Support for the group and group projects - advertising
 - (a) Gardening around the perimeter – bright scented nectar rich plants serve two purposes – feed the bees and birds, and bring pleasure to the community who use Elder park – previously the parts of the site public could see were overgrown and not good advertisement for us
 - (b) Signs for the perimeter, posters, flyers and brochures – we need a name
 - (c) Advertising in local press – Robert Spencer had suggested getting a reporter down to discuss the problems with vandalism etc – it was decided to wait until we had adequate structure and focus
 - (d) City Strolls farm building website ^{^^}<http://www.citystrolls.com/farmhouse/>
 - i. This needs public engagement
 - ii. Bob would like people to look at the site and offer changes / solutions / ideas on how they think the building would serve the community considering the conditions of the deed of gift
 - iii. It was suggested that members would add the link to the site to the end of email signatures to help spread the word

2) Potato Day Event – Pearce Institute 24th Feb 11 – 4

- I. It was pointed out that the event clashed with the Glasgow Common Good Meeting
- II. It was pointed out that the event was a great opportunity to engage local public interest using a laptop and the new City Strolls Farm Building site : <http://www.citystrolls.com/farmhouse/>
- III. Carol is working on a stall / flyers / posters / information and is ready to use a laptop and the site for comments and suggestions
- IV. Bob may work with her but if we are unable to change the date time for the Glasgow Common Good meeting the latter will have priority
- V. Bob will discuss alternative time / date with MW and location and come back to us with results
- VI. Carol is willing to take on a stall at Potato Day if necessary ^{^^^^^^} Many thanks to Carol – we hope to be able to pitch in to help make the stall a success

3) Garden Needs

- I. MIG welder
- II. Gary has a licence to use a MIG welder

- III. We could hire one for around or buy one from Gumtree – prices range from £50 to £200 with perhaps £20 delivery charges on top
- IV. This could be used to fix the holes in the perimeter and make the site more secure
- V. More people to come – there is a mound of work to do
 - (a) Payback Team still not in touch but expecting word daily
 - (b) Allotments :
 - i. It was suggested that offering allotment spaces might attract more garden workers and support
 - ii. Conditions of getting an allotment might be to contribute to the / a community space instead of rent
 - iii. Members of the group would like to continue to support the original educational, community and organic principles on which the project was based
 - iv. Paul and Moira to look at the design and work out if allotments on the site would be feasible and which areas might work as allotments

Meeting ended – next meeting Elder Farm Wed 13th Feb 1pm

Suggested Agenda for meetings : 13 Feb 1pm Elder Farm / Common Good 24th Feb 1.30pm

1. Reports

- 1. Report from Chair - Bob Hamilton
- 2. 2 Report from Events - Carol Henry
- 3. 3 Report from Garden - Moira Bori / Stewart Cunningham / Gary Miller
- 4. 5 Report from Security - Gary Miller
- 5. Report from Treasurer - Ian Sharp

2. Name for Umbrella Group - (Currently Glasgow Common Good (CGG)

- 1. While it is important not to rush into any old name – settling on a name soon has advantages
 - 1. Several free web sites exist – good free advertising +important communications
 - 2. We can merge FB accounts / provide links
 - 3. **BUT** FB accounts can be lonely be changed **ONCE**
 - 4. We need the name asap for information flyers posters Facebook Websites
 - 5. Changing Legup Glasgow account to new name makes sense – more members
 - 6. If we delete Elder Farm Account we can ask members to move over if necessary to the newly named site (many members have friended both sites)
 - 7. Members will have the choice to exit membership
 - 8. We can change settings of new named account to only allow admin postings
 - 9. Members can post and discuss on group pages set up from that account
 - 10. We are looking for support from Govanites so does it make sense to use names they can identify with. Would it be more useful to use a name they are familiar comfortable / engages / have a sense of history and ownership with (ie Elder Farm) or find a totally new name
- 2. Name suggestions could be added here : Pit Elder / Elder Pit / Elder Part Time / Common Farm / Commonworks / Commonwerks / Govan Earthworks

3. Consitution - ammendments?

4. Engaging / Attracting / Advertising / Common Good Awareness

- 1. Gardening Perimeter and Encouraging Close Gardens - Working with the local community
- 2. Artwork signs on perimeter and posters / leaflets / cards - (back to c
- 3. hanging the name)
- 4. Advertising
- 5. City Stroll Website <http://citystrolls.com/farmhouse/index.html>
- 6. Pub Talks - grabbing the mike at karaoke night (with landlord's permission)
- 7. Local Schools and Institutions - appointed members of committee??

Original agenda for meeting Glasgow Common Good 2013 02 06 - Elder Farm with apologies

Agenda

1. Meeting with MW Sunday 24 Feb 2013
 1. Meeting MW - update potato sunday carol - pi / kp / portal 3.30 - 5.30 sunday 24 feb?
 1. told police to expect invite to meeting 24th
 2. also ask her for room for the meeting? or the che library sunday? 3-5pm?
 3. or portal 330 - 5.30 - is there an upstairs room in the black man??
 4. possible agenda points for the meeting
 5. Address / Number ?1199 ?Govan Road
 6. Name website/ fb change? glasgow common good? common trust?
 7. Agenda for MW meet suggestions :
 1. Group Name
 2. Ammendments to Constitution
 3. Committee
 1. Appointed members - local institutions and groups with interest
 4. Lease
 5. How to Raise Awareness and Empathy for Project
 1. Public Awareness of Common Good Issues
 2. Engaging with Community
 1. Visit to other groups
 - urban roots
 - Bridging the Gap
 - Lambshill to see how they do thing
 - Fairlie
 - Lesmahago? -
 - community weekly day event??
 2. ask religious communities come in and give us a hand - all communities?
 3. advertising using good gardening
 4. signs painted on burned wall sheets metal
 6. Security of Elder Site Building Vandalism etc
 1. Support from BAE and UNITE?
 2. Support from local schools?
 3. Symptathy of community
 7. Funding for Full Time Workers to Manage the Site
2. Bob's great website - see diagram also diagrams of the original ? Fairfield Trust Architect's drawings? - excellent discussion on the constitution
 1. how to blow them up further - printer in Pearce?? is A3 - asking Betty
 2. discussion about sustainable lighting heating etc
 3. the containers - the lighting? how much will take away from the garden light wise?
 4. will we be giving police a key to watch over park for rapists etc?
3. Potato Seed Day Event
4. Needs for Garden
 1. MIG welder for fixing the gates and security fencing Guntree prices from £50 - £150 plus maybe around ?£20? deliver - BUT will need 2000 watt at least generator - cost around £240
 2. Engaging public
 1. Shearers Bee Garden / Schools project - attention for Glasgow Common Good - contact Rosy Barnett
 2. Event to get locals growing seeds / planting / sowing seed
 3. can we get Galgael assistance to
 1. blast wash polycarb sheets / paint if need be and turn into a box (recycling)
 2. take away their generator and net
 3. give us a couple hours to help make the beds

5. Tasks

1. creating beds - using compost house waste in summer dry spots manure and leaves and hydro compost
2. turning beds and weeding
3. thinking about where everything to go - see diagrams and seed sheets
 1. seed beds to tyres? and some herbs to perimeters and away from plants?
 2. pyramid seed bed?
 3. extra corner guineapig corner - outside garden - artichokes and sunflowers for guineapigs etc
 4. help community members grow in their own closes barrows of topsoil
 5. check on george?
 6. check on victory?
4. planting seed including potato -
 1. double dig manure compost etc place seed on top will keep seed cosy
 2. finish beds and dig up brambles and sow seed that need cold stratification
 3. plant roses and brambles and other plants including fruit trees
 4. empty bath >> firehouse as a bed??
 5. sift and save compost to where to build new heap