

## **Cllr Graham Campbell Report November 2017**

I hold 2 monthly surgeries in Fernbank St and Springburn Parish Church, and do joint surgeries with Bob at NG Homes HQ. I attend 3 different community councils meetings, and sit on four GCC committees - Education, Skills & Early Years, Environment & Carbon Reduction, Licensing Regulation and General Purposes. I also actively support several local community groups. Here's what I've done in the Maryhill & Springburn part of Springburn/Robroyston:

**Springburn Park** - Last Friday night November 10th I spent 2 hours out in the park trying to talk with young people congregating there the last 11 weekends. From this I was able to find that all were aged 14 or 15, most being pupils at Springburn Academy who told me they were not 'neds' but still in school seeking a place to hang out at weekends out of essentially boredom. There literally is nothing for them to do in the area except get up to no good. Hence why they have caused so much disturbance, damage, fireraising, noise, anti-social behaviour and left behind Buckfast bottles and broken glass. There are also older youth present who are purchasing alcohol for those underage as well as regular groups of older drinkers in the park. Licensing and Police also joined forces to target the mis-selling of alcohol to young people by the two local off-licence premises. It just happens to be that the owner of one of them is also the owner of the Talisman who I also made contact in person during my night visit. I will aim to patrol monthly at night to monitor how these interventions work. .

I received weekly updates and complaints from **Friends of Springburn Park (FoSP)**. I have attended all but one FoSP since my election in May and have supported their efforts to green the park and plant trees, and take up the use of the Boathouse in Springburn Park Community Village site. I helped them to report things to the Council's Land & Environmental Services department and brought the Area managers to meet them along with Bob Doris back in September. In response, during the last month we've had street-lights repaired, defective bins and broken glass cleared and outdated play equipment removed, I argued at the **Community Safety Glasgow** Board meeting October 24th to put Springburn Park on the **MATAC (multi-agency taskforce)** hotspot list. This was done on November 8th which means Springburn Park now attracts extra CSG Environmental enforcement officers and **Hotspot Intervention Team (HIT)** squads of youth workers - as well as extra CCTV vehicle coverage.

**Springburn Safety Forum** - I attended SSF's 2nd meeting (next meeting scheduled for November 29th). Set up by Bob Doris MSP in March 2017 it works with partners like **Springburn Central Community Council (SCCC)**, FoSP, NG Homes and Police Scotland to discuss housing and regeneration needs. We also supported SCCC to lead the process of getting community involvement from below in redeveloping Springburn Shopping Centre -

**Springburn Shopping Centre** - is now under new owners Panther Securities Plc. Panther is a property developer firm HQ'd in Potters Bar, England. It's Chairman and major shareholder is Brexit supporter Andrew Perloff. However shareholders voted down his effort to donate £25,000 to UKIP this year at the AGM. His Interim financial report shows they are getting grants off Perth & Kinross Council for decoration costs for the site it bought in Perth. No such grants will be forthcoming from Glasgow for this company that earns £6.7m in profits in 2017!

**Housing** - I also await NG Homes decision on the future plans for **Lenzie Terrace, Galloway Street and Balgrayhill Road** deck access flats. These were due demolition in 2011 by GHA but were taken over by NG Homes. This will have a bearing on the **Talisman** issue which I have continually raised with GCC Building Control to get them to review the decision not to demolish it. SNP City Council Leader **Cllr Susan Aitken** attended the official opening of the new **Loretto Homes** units on the former site of Albert Primary School.

**Red Road Barmulloch Transforming Communities: Glasgow** - Met with David Fletcher of GHA regarding the future of Red Road Barmulloch TC:G which unlike Sighthill TC:G has had no community consultation meetings with locals for 18 months. Will be chairing RRB's Local Delivery Group once established in early December. However the big strategic decisions are already made by Scottish Govt, GHA and GCC - will aim to get more community involvement.

**Charities & Voluntary groups** - I've dealt with a number of housing and gardening issues arising from my **surgeries at NG Homes and Springburn Parish Church**. I supported and visited African Challenge Scotland, Musical Memories Springburn (dementia support group), St Mary Tron Church, Generations Working Together and attended the opening of the **Barmulloch Residents Centre**.

**Black History Month** - October was UK BHM's 30th Anniversary – 17th year in Glasgow. I helped the Lord Provost organise the first ever BHM event in City Chambers itself October 16th and arranged for the **'It Wisnae Us'** slavery and architecture exhibition to run in Chambers throughout October. I spoke at student union BHM events at Glasgow, Dundee, Strathclyde and Caledonian Universities as well as at **the Tramway**. I appeared on BBC 2 Timeline programme making a 3 minute film on Glasgow's slavery legacy. I am now on 3 committees – Glasgow City Council, Glasgow University & the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights – seeking to address this legacy with some kind of memorial museum.