



## RECORD OF MEETING

**Meeting No:** 002  
**Title:** JORDANHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL: RECORD OF MEETING **Status:** APPROVED  
**Location:** JORDANHILL SCHOOL, 45 CHAMBERLAIN ROAD, JORDANHILL, G131SP  
**Date & Time:** MONDAY 04 APRIL 2016. 19:00 – 21:00hrs  
**Purpose:** PROGRESS & WORKSHOP REPORT

**Present:**

Cllr.	Kenny McLEAN		Partick West (Ward 12) Councillor
Mrs.	Elizabeth BROWN		Whiteinch Community Council: Secretary
Mr.	David BEATON	(DB)	Community Councillor
Mrs.	Phyllis FISHER	(PF)	Licensing Librarian
Mr.	Douglas FOTHERINGHAM	(DF)	Planning Librarian
Mr.	John GRIERSON	(JG)	Secretary
Mrs.	Charlie KAUR,	(CK)	Treasurer
Mrs.	Beryl ROEBUCK	(BR)	Community Councillor
Mrs.	Kate STILL	(KS)	Community Councillor
Chairperson	Prof. John WINFIELD	(JW)	Vice-Chairperson
Ms.	Stephanie ADAMS	(SA)	Candidate Nominee

No Members of the Public were present.

**Apologies:**

Mrs.	Evelyn O'DONNELL	Glasgow City Council (On holiday)
Mr.	David CAMPBELL	Chairperson (On holiday)

**Agenda:**

- 1.0 PRESENT/APOLOGIES
- 2.0 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT
- 3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING
- 5.0 REGULATORY
- 6.0 FINANCE
- 7.0 SCOTSTOUN SPORTS CAMPUS
- 8.0 WORKSHOP
- 9.0 AOCB
- 10.0 LOCATION, DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

**Distribution:** GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, Corporate Services: Evelyn O'Donnell, Community Engagement Officer.  
(PDF) PARTICK WEST (Ward 12) Cllrs: Martin BARTOS (Mrs. Jane WONG); Aileen COLLERAN, Feargal DALTON & Kenny McLEAN. MSP for GLASGOW ANNIESLAND: Bill KIDD. MP for GLASGOW NORTH WEST: Carol MONAGHAN  
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4.0	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	CONTINUED
4.3	<b>Previous Item 3.0 Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (2013)</b>	
	The meeting was reminded that GCC will commence a series of 30 minute briefing sessions with effect from Monday 09 May 2016, starting promptly at 18:45hrs. Objectives are to benefit Membership understanding of 'The Scheme', RAG audit assessment along with standards and relationships associated with Community Planning Partnership Structure Information. Members were advised to familiarise themselves with the 'Scheme' along with relevant documents.	ALL
4.4	<b>Previous Item 3.1 Adoption of Constitution</b>	
	Adopted Constitution to be issued (PDF) to new member - Stephanie ADAMS.	SEC
4.5	<b>Previous Item 6.0 Exchange of Information</b>	
	Members wished to record that in the absence of master file records being available, JCC are restricted in terms of transparency of information and any outstanding required actions. Our legal and administrative position is, with no transference of files from the former secretary, the Membership cannot be held accountable for any matters related to decision making by the previous office bearers of Jordanhill Community Council.	ALL
5.0	<b>REGULATORY</b>	
5.1	<b>Report by Planning Librarian</b>	
	The Librarian reported that to date, no notifications of applications have been received from GCC.	ALL
5.2	<b>Report by Licensing Librarian</b>	
	The Librarian reported that to date, no notifications of applications have been received from GCC.	ALL
	<b>Citation to meeting of the City of Glasgow Licensing Board</b>	
	The Librarian asked Members to note that the Licensing Board Citation with respect to 'no action required' with regard the Applicant and Premises at Victoria Park Service Station, 507 Crow Road, Glasgow, G11 7D. The citation relates to an objection made by JCC (former organisation) that will be considered by the Licensing Board at their public meeting to be held in The Burgh Court Hall, 40 John Street, Glasgow, G1 1JL at 9.30am on 15 April 2016.	ALL
6.0	<b>FINANCE</b>	
6.1	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	
	Treasurer made reference to the email of 22 March 2016 (14:38) to Evelyn O'Donnell copied to Membership confirmed meeting of same date noting that: GCC are retaining all historic accounting records for archiving; Hand-over of the Cheque Book and last TWO (2) Bank Statements and that the previous two signatories to bank account were Stuart McLean and David Brown.	
	Bank of Scotland Mandate Forms completed by three signatures/witnessed and handed back by Treasurer to Byres Road Branch on 25 March 2016. Note that the Broomhill Branch is closed.	
	Treasurer email 01 April 2016 (10:07) with extract Bank Mandate sent advising that the Bank has requested TWO (2) original forms of ID from the following list: Passport Driving licence and/or Utility bill/ CT bill from Chairperson and Secretary. Priority action required by Office Bearers.	CHAIR & SEC

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6.0	FINANCE	CONTINUED												
6.2	<b>Jordanhill Parish Church Facility Hire Outstanding Balance £210:</b>													
	Motion approved with Invoice handed over to Treasurer for payment. JCC Secretary email 25 March 2016 (10:07) to Members recommending acceptance to settle in full outstanding balance. With no formal agreement in place it was agreed that the previous year's donation of £350 be divided by the six (6) meetings that have been held to date. £210 was accepted as the final settlement figure. Invoice received (undated) issued with complement slip of 25 March 2016.	TRES												
6.3	<b>Jordanhill School Facility Hire April to December 2016 - £175</b>													
	Motion agreed for payment to be made in advance. Invoice handed over to Treasurer.	TRES												
6.4	<b>Community Budgeting Pilot Study</b>													
	Meeting was advised that the closing date for Applications is 11 April 2016. Members to note that the total budget available is £10,000 and that the Area Partnership has stated a preference to receive target cost bids in the region of £1 to £3K. Applicants are to deliver a three (3) minute presentation at the Partick Burgh Halls at 18:30 on 26 April 2016. Membership and Community required voting their support for the Application at this event.	ALL												
6.5	<b>Asset Register</b>													
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	The meeting agreed that the Treasurer manage the Asset Register.	TRES												
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6.7	<b>Discretionary IT Grant from GCC up to £400</b>													
	Motion approved for reimbursement of £376.06 to Members David BEATON and Phyllis FISHER for IT Equipment & Consumables purchased on behalf of JCC. Invoices passed to Treasurer for grant submission to GCC.	TRES												

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7.0	<b>SCOTSTOUN SPORTS CAMPUS</b>	
7.1	<b>'Following the Public Pound'</b>	
	<p>The meeting was advised that Glasgow City Council's Annual audit report to Members and the Controller of Audit dated September 2015 sets out significant audit risks identified during the course of the audit that are specific to the lack of transparency and the importance of holding to account arm's length external organisations (ALEOs) in respect of compliance with the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies.</p> <p>In "following the public pound" across organisational boundaries there is increasing public interest and concern in the large amounts of money being spent on Scotstoun Sports Stadium on behalf of private enterprise that adversely impact on the stability of our neighbourhoods. Until such times as the Council's, ALEO, Glasgow Life can demonstrate the characteristics of openness and transparency with the communities of Jordanhill, Scotstoun, and Whiteinch all investment decisions invite intervention by suspension.</p>	
	Members agreed to consider raising a Petition with regard the aforementioned to GCC Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee.	ALL
7.2	<b>Unauthorised Breach in Planning Control</b>	
	<p>The Meeting was advised that JCC letter and enclosures dated 28 March 2016 were sent to GCC Development and Regeneration Services, Head of Planning &amp; Building Control with regard a complaint with regard an unauthorised Breach of Planning Control had been acknowledged by Email by GCC Planning Enforcement Team on 30 March 2016 (09:32). This letter and enclosures have been passed to Whiteinch and Scotstoun Community Councils inviting their support to be registered with GCC.</p>	
7.3	<b>Scotstoun Stadium: Material Change in Inbound Playing Surface</b>	
	<p>JCC letter of 29 March 2016 also seeks robust assurances from the planning authority that the needs and desires of the community be engaged pre-application prior to any planning submission in terms of a material consideration for a change in inbound playing surface. The Chief Executive of Glasgow Life confirmed by letter dated 29 February 2016 to Cllr. Dalton that: 'an agreement has been reached between Stakeholders that synthetic surface would be a positive way forward for the primary stadium user groups'.</p>	
8.0	<b>WORKSHOP</b>	
8.1	<b>Mission Statement and Key Performance Indicators</b>	
	The Meeting agreed to develop a mission statement to inform key performance indicators for the short, medium and long terms.	ALL
	The Meeting participated in identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the community that are listed in Appendix B: Mission Statement Responses.	ALL
8.2	<b>Digital Media – Document Control and Management</b>	
	The meeting agreed that a Digital Media Sub-Group be set-up to explore IT options with the objective of reporting back for early resolution. David CAMPBELL and Douglas FOTHERINGHAM were nominated to lead on this item.	DC DF

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8.0	<b>WORKSHOP</b>	CONTINUED
8.3	<b>Communication Plan</b>	
	A communication plan requires to be published in draft within EIGHT (8) weeks of this meeting and will be informed by the Digital Media Sub-Group.	SEC
	A Revised Interim Directory of Contacts along with a Schedule of Meetings will be issued to the Membership.	SEC
8.4	<b>Community Council Register</b>	
	The Meeting was advised that the Community Council Register did not contain updated JCC contact information. JCC Planning and License Librarians have, to date, not received directly any notifications of applications from GCC. Evelyn O'Donnell's email of 30 March 2016 (13:33) to Secretary confirmed that website had been updated to show new contacts for JCC. Planning and licensing contacts will be checked to ensure that the changes have been implemented.	GCC
8.5	<b>CPD Register</b>	
	The meeting noted attendance at events by David BEATON and agreed to manage a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Register.	SEC

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	ATTENDEE
Making the Most of your Right to Know under FOISA & EIRs	Albany Centre	10 March 2016	David BEATON
digiCC Event	City Chambers	22 March 2016	David BEATON

9.0	<b>AOCB</b>	
9.1	<b>Case for Residential Equality in PTRO Enforcement around Scotstoun Sports Campus.</b>	
	The Meeting was advised that GCC Public Petitions & General Purposes Policy Development Committee on 22 March 2016 received a petition from Victoria Park Residents' Association. The Committee noted that the development and consultation on a strategic project plan around parking in the south Jordanhill area would be considered by the next Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee and supported appropriate prioritisation of this scheme. The Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services was instructed to continue joint working with Glasgow Life, the petitioners and the local community in respect of this issue.	
	The Meeting was advised that the Petition contained a significant number of signatories from Whiteinch residents, namely from Westland Drive and Victoria Park Corner. GCC's Head of Governance and Solicitor to the Council rejected an appeal from the Principal Petitioner to include Whiteinch on the grounds that there was no evidence of support from Whiteinch Community Council.	
9.2	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>	
	The Meeting agreed to publish a register declaring membership interests. It was noted that JCC Area Partnership Representatives are compliant with this requirement.	ALL

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9.0	AOCB	CONTINUED
9.3	<b>Victoria Park Sustainable Glasgow Meeting (Date Unknown)</b>	
	<p>It was advised that at the Whiteinch Community Council Meeting of 29 March 2016 under Agenda item 4.0: Reports, Cllr. McLean made reference to a recent meeting chaired by Mr. A. Brown, Head of Sustainability and the Environment where it was decided that there was 'no merit' in pursuing any of the proposals reported in the Consultation Analysis Survey Report. Photovoltaic panels were the way forward for the blaes playing fields.</p> <p>Cllr. McLean clarified that the status of the aforementioned meeting was informal.</p> <p>JCC position is that we remain to be advised of a revised meeting date with the objective to debate the way forward post issue of the Victoria Park Red Blaes Consultation Analysis Survey Report. Members were advised that the GCC meeting arranged for 29th October 2015 was postponed in order that additional information can be gathered.</p> <p>JCC wishes to be associated with VPRA Email of 30 March 2016 (11:49) to Rachel Smith &amp; Stevie Scott LES states: In considering Stakeholders interests and to hopefully alleviate any unnecessary concern a record of this meeting requires to be issued, early by the Head of Sustainability and the Environment setting-out the meeting attendees, authority, objectives and outcomes. Furthermore an explanation is required of how this meeting appears to have taken precedence-over correct protocol community engagement approach as supported by the Chief Executive.</p>	
9.3	<b>Jordanhill School Meeting Note 31 March 2016</b>	
	<p>JCC represented by Chairperson and Secretary. Proposed motion to record the contents of the Meeting Note that includes a proposed Design &amp; Product Competition Brief to Schools as discussed with the Headmaster of Jordanhill School on 31 March 2016. Meeting Note issued by Email to Membership on 02 April 2016 (10:29). Refer to Appendix C.</p> <p>Initial Meetings to be arranged with the Headmasters of St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, and the High School of Glasgow.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SEC</p>
9.4	<b>Design &amp; Product Competition Brief to Schools</b>	
	<p>The meeting agreed to develop a JCC logo design and product competition brief for issue to all schools within the Jordanhill catchment. Secretary, Douglas FOTHERINGHAM and Kate STILL were nominated to progress this item.</p>	<p>SEC</p> <p>KS</p> <p>DF</p>
9.5	<b>Jordanhill Campus Masterplan</b>	
	<p>JCC to arrange initial meeting with University of Strathclyde (UoS) with the objective of programming a presentation to the Membership and relevant parties. UoS has advised that Missives had been signed with Cala Homes. The need for a Sports Management Plan was identified at the recent meeting with Jordanhill School</p>	<p>SEC</p>
9.6	<b>Fossil Grove Trust (FGT) Meeting on 19 April 2016 at the City Chambers (Not open to the Public).</b>	
	<p>The meeting was advised that the Trustees appear to be considering taking over the site under powers of the Empowerment (Scotland) Act. This raises significant legality in terms of common good and JCC would cite that: GCC in the Partick West Area Committee (PWAC) Papers dated 20 January 2011 under Agenda Item 3a: Common Good deemed that the title deed restrictions were legitimate to reject a development proposed by Broomhill Sports Club.</p>	<p>GCC</p>

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9.0	AOCB	CONTINUED
9.7	<b>Fossil Grove: Opening Hours for Summer 2016</b>	
	Reference was made to email dated 23 March 2016 (10:54), From: Fiona McKinnon, Subject: Fossil Grove opening, Message sent on behalf of Alastair Brown, Head of Sustainability and the Environment to Trustees advising of proposed opening hours for the Fossil Grove for Summer. Appendix D.	
9.8	<b>Fossil Grove Trust Nomination</b>	
	Motion agreed for JCC to seek nomination of a Trustee to the FGT.	V-Chair
9.9	<b>Surface Water Management Plans: Yoker Catchment – Clydebank to Partick</b>	
	Defined as a potentially vulnerable area by SEPA. Motion agreed for JCC to seek clarification from GCC as the delivery leads local authority along with an explanation of restricted community engagement.	
9.10	<b>Air Quality Working Group</b>	
	Membership confirmed their wish to be associated and participate in the air quality working group established as a result of the community response to the WH Malcom EfW planning application rejected by GCC.	ALL
9.11	<b>Community Council Meetings</b>	
	The meeting was advised that the Secretary and David BEATON had attended Whiteinch Community Council meeting on 22 March and the Scotstoun Community Council Meeting on 31 March 2016.	
	It was hoped that greater networking can be achieved between community council groups. This may be stimulated through information sharing and dialogue exchanged at casual meetings	SEC
9.12	<b>Community Planning under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Consultation on Guidance and Draft Regulations</b>	
	The meeting was advised on the closure date for consultations as 13 June 2016. Part 2 of the Act imposes duties community planning partnerships and community planning partners around the planning and delivery of improved local outcomes, and the involvement of community bodies at all stages of community planning. Tackling inequalities will be a specific focus, and CPPs will produce “locality plans” at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage.	ALL
9.13	<b>Scotstoun Community Council Husting Event</b>	
	The meeting was advised of the intention of Scotstoun Community Council to organise a Husting Event. Date and time confirmed as Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 19:00 to 21:00hrs at the Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, 64 Balmoral Street, Glasgow G14 0BL. Members were respectfully reminded to retain their political impartiality.	ALL
10.0	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	Monday 09 May 2016 at 19:15hrs Jordanhill School Refectory. Members Induction 18:45 – 19:15hrs.	
	Members to note that the Area Partnership Meeting will be held in the City Chambers on Thursday 07 April 2016. Pre-Meeting: 10:00 – 10:45hrs. Meeting: 11:00hrs.	



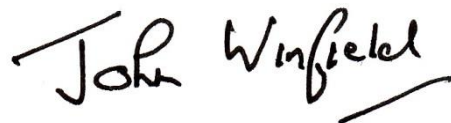
## VERIFICATION

I hereby agree that the Record of Meeting dated 04 APRIL 2016 represents an accurate account of proceedings and can be entered in the Quality Control Record Log and be published in the public domain.

Name: Professor. John WINFIELD

Position: Vice-Chairperson: Jordanhill Community Council

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Winfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Date: 09 MAY 2016

**COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT**

<b>PREVIOUS 4 WEEKS</b>	<b>INCIDENTS</b>	<b>CRIME REPORTS</b>
01/03 – 03/04/2016	79	15

**CRIME STATISTICS**

<b>CRIME CATEGORY</b>	<b>INCIDENTS</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
Common Assault	1	Detected – domestic related
Domestic Violence	See above	See above
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2	
Theft by Housebreaking	3	2 x domestic dwellings / 1 x commercial property
Theft	1	
Vandalism	5	
Other	2	1 x Road Traffic Offence / 1 Culpable & Reckless

## MISSION STATEMENT RESPONSES

### General phrases

- 01 To represent the issues of the people of Jordanhill and to leave a legacy they would be proud of.
- 02 To represent Community interests; a better quality of life for all.
- 03 Better communication with the Community we represent (by a quarterly newsletter?).
- 04 To raise awareness of the Council and the jobs that they do.
- 05 Open and transparent engagement with Council, ALEO's and their Agencies, etc.
- 06 Engender Community engagement.
- 07 Encourage residents to participate.
- 08 Under representative/deprived/silent majority, improve engagement.
- 09 Transparent record of Common Good.
- 10 Capitalise on Community Assets and keep in Community ownership.
- 11 Culture/wellbeing/nature of the area/preserve.
- 12 Improve area.

### More Specific phrases

- 13 Understanding and Protecting the Built and Landscape Heritage.
- 14 Safer Environment.
- 15 Clean and safe Environment.
- 16 Carbon-free Environment.
- 17 Reduce harm of air pollution and traffic congestion.
- 18 Reduce traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking.
- 19 Address issue of parking, a problem for many residents.
- 20 Parking.
- 21 Retain open greenspace networks.
- 22 Park, retain environment.
- 23 Improve quality of life; play and recreational areas.
- 24 Unifying Plan and Vision by Community Planning.
- 25 Rethink delivery of Parks and open spaces.
- 26 To keep as much open/green space as possible.
- 27 Promote appropriate standards in design of extensions; more planning control required.
- 28 Conservation of traditional building construction.
- 29 Conservation Area Status.
- 30 Blooming Jordanhill award for colourful.

## MISSION STATEMENT RESPONSES CONTINUED

### More Specific phrases

- 31 Greater powers by Community Trusts.
- 32 Crime, greater police presence.
- 33 Foxes.
- 34 Elderly.
- 35 Future.
- 36 Leisure facilities for Residents.
- 37 Sustainability by adoption of Smart Technologies.
- 38 Noise abatement procedures for Rotor Aircraft.
- 39 Urban Farming
- 40 District Heating
- 41 Surface Water Management.

Meeting: **Jordanhill School**  
Location: **45 Chamberlain Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow G13 1SP.**  
Date: **Thursday 31 March 2016**  
Time: **14:00 – 15:15hrs**

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### Meeting Note

Meeting with Dr. Paul Thomson (PT) Headmaster, Jordanhill School, attended by David Campbell (DC) and John Grierson (JG). DC stated that the objective of the meeting was to introduce Jordanhill Community Council (JCC), open dialogue to share intelligence on social and environmental matters facing the community along with planning closer engagement with the School.

PT agreed in principle to consider giving JCC access to publishing community notifications, including meetings dated via the School APP. The potential to become involved with school events and classroom activities was also discussed. The School would be happy to receive a Design and Product Brief to develop a corporate identity and community engagement campaign for JCC. Website design being a specialist resource was not one of the schools strengths and could not be offered. PT proposed that the Design and Product Brief could be actioned after the summer recess. It was agreed that both primary and secondary pupils would be invited to enter the competition. PT invited JCC to proceed to develop the Brief and issue to PT for comment.

JG provided a brief overview of the Victoria Park & Open Spaces Community Plan being progressed by VPRA with Page & Park Architects. PT confirmed the Schools interest to receive the Plan as this would provide a foundation for assessment of future engagement.

Jordanhill Campus Masterplan was discussed. PT advised that there is no current update available from Strathclyde University. The position remains with regard the sale of the land to a potential developer. The Masterplan's Design Statement provides for the retention of greenspace any new development shall be restricted to footprint boundaries associated with demolition of existing, non-listed buildings. Jordanhill School Trust has a 75 year lease on part of the greenspace namely the rugby and seven-aside playing fields. The lease is tied into a binding legal agreement related to construction costs of new changing facility built in the grounds of Jordanhill School. That is, should the lease be terminated liabilities exist for reimbursement of construction, professional services and on-costs. The Trust pays £40k annually for care and maintenance that is carried-out by the University. The School's policy is that shared use is advocated by pre-arrangement with any relevant party and includes St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. The need to develop a Sports Management Plan between relevant parties was identified

Glasgow Life has registered an interest the remaining part of the playing fields. The logistics of building new changing facilities were discussed and agreed not to be feasible in relation to City Plan Greenspace policies. The option does exist for the Masterplan to accommodate facilities within the development tolerances although this was considered not to be commercially viable. JCC considers that Scotstoun Sports Campus Changing Facilities could be utilised as they are within reasonable walking distance of the Campus via Victoria Park Nature Walk.

**Actions:** JCC to make contact and arrange initial meetings with: The University of Strathclyde, Headmasters of St.Thomas Aquinas Secondary School and the High School of Glasgow.

End of Meeting Note.

Dear Trustee,

I am writing to advise you of proposed opening hours for the Fossil Grove for Summer 2016.

I can advise that building checks have identified issues with moisture levels within the building which appear to have resulted in failure of the lighting system. It is noted that one possible source of this moisture could be groundwater associated with the exceptionally high rainfall levels this winter, given that the floor of the building is comprised of exposed bedrock and that fissures within this may allow for the movement of groundwater.

I can confirm that Land & Environmental Services are continuing to manage and maintain the Fossil Grove within the limitations of the original building, and note that sums in excess of £50,000 have been expended by Glasgow City Council and the Fossil Grove Trust on facilities management, maintenance and on specific works intended to address the issues raised by the Fossil Grove Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage in recent years.

It is our intention, subject to the availability of appropriate funding, to commission further investigative work early next financial year, and this will include investigation of the possible sources of this moisture. My officers will be in touch with the Fossil Grove Trust once further information is known in order to progress this matter.

Arrangements are being made for dehumidifiers to be installed, following advice sought from Scottish Natural Heritage, in order to sufficiently address this matter and allow lighting repairs to be carried out. An opening date for the Fossil Grove will be announced once this repairs are concluded, and I regret that I am unable to confirm a timescale for these works at this time.

The Fossil Grove has been pre-booked for an event on 10 April, and officers will make contact with the organisers to discuss arrangements.

Once the lighting repairs are concluded, it is intended to open the Fossil Grove between 12:00-16:00 on Saturdays and Sundays, up until and including Sunday 23 October 2016. Requests from Groups for visits outwith posted opening hours will continue to be considered on request, and facilitated where staffing can be arranged.

Whilst seven day opening has been in place since 2013, this had been facilitated by the hiring of seasonal staff. A decision has been taken not to hire seasonal staff for 2016, in light of wider commitments made by Glasgow City Council in relation the filling of the most essential statutory posts only, with opening hours amended on this basis.

Arrangements will now be made to advise the Fossil Grove Trust and Steering Group, the Friends of Victoria Park and Whiteinch/Scotstoun/Jordanhill/Broomhill Community Councils of these arrangements. Arrangements will also be made to update our website, to contact any third party websites we are aware of, and to put posters up within Victoria Park.

Land and Environmental Services recognises that the Fossil Grove, as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is a nationally important site for the study of Carboniferous fossil plants and that it therefore forms a major part of Glasgow's heritage.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Head of Sustainability and the Environment