

## **WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.**

Hybrid meeting, 13th November 2025.

### **Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.**

Present: Linda Pike (Chair), Holly Bruce, Annette Christie, Stephen Dornan, Sharon Greer, Fiona Higgins, Seonad Hoy, Mhairi Hunter, Angus Millar, Malcolm Mitchell (substitute for Roza Salih), Robert Mooney and Eva Murray.

Also present: Christie Mearns.

Apologies: Roza Salih and Davena Rankin.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Booth, Head of Corporate Policy and Governance; C Burrows (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); K Dyball, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and A Milner (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

### **Govan-Partick “The Mary Barbour” Bridge – Motion as adjusted, approved.**

1 In terms of Standing Order No 34, Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Bailie Hoy, submitted the undernoted motion for consideration by this committee:-

“Renaming the Govan-Partick Bridge in honour of Mary Barbour

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This petition reads: “Govan Community Council wishes to petition the Council to rename the new Govan-Partick bridge as “The Mary Barbour Bridge”.

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Govan Community Council feels the renaming of the bridge would be a fitting and significant tribute to a key figure in our city's history.

We also hope it might provide educational and practical benefits. Mrs Barbour is already commemorated with a statue at Govan Cross. With the new bridge, Govan is now the closest subway station for visitors to the Riverside Museum. Thousands of people will pass the Mary Barbour Statue. Linking the bridge with the statue might encourage them to learn more Mary Barbour and the other heritage attractions in Govan, such as The Govan Stones and the Fairfield Heritage Centre. We would like people to spend time in Govan and not just pass through it on their way to the museum.

Committee agrees:-

A hearing will be called within 6 weeks, of this motion to hear the petition which includes Govan Community Councillors and the expert witnesses that they have arranged for such a hearing."

## **Adjournment**

**2** In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1425 hours until 1445 hours.

## **Resumption of meeting.**

**3** The meeting resumed at 1445 hours, being open to public viewing and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

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After consideration, and having heard a deputation by Ms D Gaughan, Govan East Community Council on the matter, Councillor Hutchison with the approval of his seconder Bailie Hoy, agreed to accept revised wording proposed by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Millar, resulting in the undernoted motion being approved, as follows:

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Committee, agrees

- (1) that a public consultation and engagement process would be started within 12 weeks of this motion which includes specific consultation for Community Councillors and any expert witnesses that they have arranged for such a hearing; and
- (2) to a review into the implementation of the petitions process with specific regards to the Renaming the Govan-Partick Bridge in honour of the Mary Barbour petition.”