

Keep Your Building Safe!

We have enclosed a leaflet from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which tells you what to do in the event of a fire. Have a **Fire Escape Plan**. It also tells you not to leave refuse bags or other things in the common areas. Common areas are not for storage. Imagine a smoke filled close. You can't see in front of you. You don't want to be tripping over bags or bikes or scooters or prams. And fire fighters need to get into the building quickly, without having to clear things out of their way. Please keep your own belongings in your own house. Keep common areas clear of clutter. Keep your building safe!

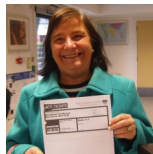


LifeLink (www.lifelink.org.uk) (Tel: 552 4434)

Self harming and thoughts of suicide are more common than you think.
You are not alone.
Contact LifeLink. Phone 552 4434



Competition - Menopause the Musical



Congratulations to Sandra MacFadyen and Betty Collins who each won a pair of tickets to see the hilarious 'Menopause the Musical' at the King's Theatre.

Useful Phone Numbers

Heating/Hot Water Emergencies (James Frew Ltd)	01294 468 113 / 0870 242 5037
All Other Emergencies (City Building)	0800 595 595
Blochairn Housing Association (Staff on Call)	07976 569 939
Housing Benefit & Council Tax Revenue Centre	287 5050
Scottish Power	0800 027 0072
Scottish Power Emergencies	0800 092 92 90
Scottish Gas (Escapes)	0800 111 999
Clean Glasgow	0300 343 7027
City Council - Pest Control and Cleansing	287 9700
Police SCOTLAND	101 (in an Emergency, dial 999)
CCTV Cameras - Street Watch	287 9999
Social Work Services Emergencies	0800 811 505
Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)	945 6350 or 0800 80 70 60
THISTLE Tenants Risks Contents Insurance	0845 601 7007

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Blochairn Housing Association Newsletter

Annual General Meeting

The Association's AGM will be held on Tuesday 25 June. If you are a Member and are interested in joining the Management Committee please return your nomination form before 17 June or contact the Association's Director, Michael Carberry, for more information or an informal chat. There will be prize draws and the Community Citizenship Awards will be announced for Royston Primary and Saint Roch's Primary. There will be guest speakers and your elected officials have been invited. If you are not a Member of the association why not join now? It only costs £1. Pick up an application form at the Association's office.



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Major Repairs & Planned Maintenance

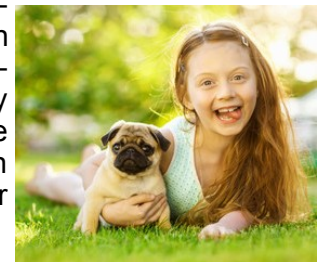


Major Repairs have been completed at our earliest improvement contracts (1: 324/330 Roystonhill; 2: 20/30 Dunolly St & 227/231 Millburn Street and 3: 14/18 Blochairn Road & 2/6 Cloverbank Street). Closes and railings are being decorated and cleaning of Veitchi flooring will finish things off. Feedback from residents has been good so far but we'll carry out a satisfaction survey over the next few months. Surveys have begun at Contract 4: 19/27 Dunolly Street & 3/7 Sandmill Street to arrange fitting new bathrooms and



Toxocariasis

Our policy is that dogs must not be allowed to foul gardens or back courts. They are not dog toilets. It detracts from the general amenity of your area and there is a genuine health risk. 'Toxocariasis' is a rare infection caused by roundworm parasites. Humans can catch it from touching soil contaminated with infected dog faeces. The parasites can affect young children because they are more likely to touch contaminated soil when they play and put their hands in their mouths. When dog faeces are picked up there will still be traces on the grass. Toxocariasis can cause illness and blindness. Don't let your dog foul the garden or backcourt. Thank you for your co-operation.



Facebook



Check out the Association's Facebook page. It has 722 "Followers". There's a mix of serious stuff but humour as well. Enjoy!



Resident Parking Permits - £85 per car per year?!?!



Dennistoun and Royston are at the top of the list of priorities as new parking zones could be introduced across Glasgow to combat drivers causing congestion. Requests have been submitted to Glasgow City Council for measures to tackle problems caused by commuter or event day parking in 15 areas. This could include making parking permits available to residents and businesses in the communities.

Three schemes are used to combat issues: controlled parking zones, restricted parking zones or event day parking zones. Controlled parking zones see shared use parking bays, where residents and local businesses can buy permits (which can cost £85 per car per year) and visitors can purchase a ticket or buy parking time via a mobile phone system. The zone uses traditional signs and yellow lines to highlight the restrictions.

Restricted parking zones operate in a similar way to controlled parking but yellow lines are not required and entry signs are used. Event day parking zones mean residents and businesses are provided with permits and they park as they would on a non-event day.

“To ensure the city’s road network is optimised there is an increasing need to actively manage it to ensure it can meet the wide ranging needs of all road users to operate safely and efficiently,” said George Gillespie, the city council’s executive director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability. “This includes the management and regulation of parking to deliver the council’s transport strategy in terms of reducing congestion and emissions and encouraging the use of more sustainable modes.”

Since 2005, 17 zones have been introduced in the city centre and West End. Two event day parking zones are at Scotstoun and Hampden Park. Zones at Hyndland, Hughenden and Dowanhill are being launched under the current work programme, while event day parking zones at Celtic Park and Ibrox have been referred to a public hearing. Schemes for North Kelvin, North Woodside and Garnethill are yet to get under way.

Work is scheduled to be completed in September 2020. Priority areas for the new programme have been calculated on the scale and regularity of the problem and council policy. A work plan, including a timeline, will be developed and detailed surveys carried out at a later date. Work will be dependent on Council resources and priorities at that time.

Well? What do you think? The scheme for Royston is up for public consultation. Contact your local Councillors for more information.

Kaye McFall

It’s a fond farewell to Housing Services Assistant, Kaye McFall, who has left Blochairn to return to former employer, the Simon Community. We wish her well. We will continue to operate with four staff members for now. Your contacts for housing management and maintenance issues are Housing Services Assistant, Danielle Murphy, or Housing Services Officer, Angela MacDonald.

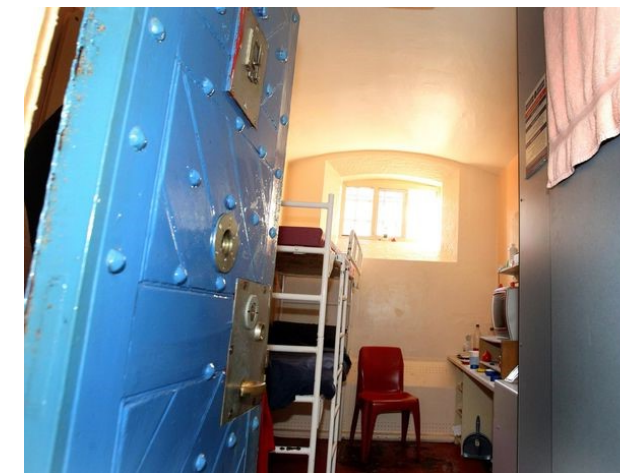


HMP Glasgow

A replacement for Scotland’s largest jail is to be built at the historic Provan gas works.

The new jail could cost up to £250million and will replace Glasgow’s overcrowded Barlinnie Prison, which dates back to the 19th century.

In 2014, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) recruited property consultants, Colliers International, to find a suitable site and they spent five years examining around 40 options.



Cramped cell at Barlinnie Prison

The land is owned by National Grid Partnerships. Last year, the twin gasometers – famous for displaying slogans such as ‘Glasgow’s miles better’ – were granted listed status as “important reminders of Scotland’s industrial past”. Scottish Gas Networks unsuccessfully challenged the “illogical” decision, warning it would jeopardise any future development of the site. The row didn’t change SPS’s determination to buy the land, which is seen as ideal because of its size, transport links, proximity to Barlinnie and its brownfield status.

An SPS spokesman said: “Since instructions were issued to our property/land consultants in May 2014, five reports have

been produced covering sites within the City of Glasgow, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire local authority areas. A site at Provanmill in Glasgow, owned by National Grid Partnerships, is the only site being considered for the replacement of HMP Barlinnie.” The SPS added that “no price has been agreed to purchase the proposed site” and said a “timescale can only be set once a site is secured and the necessary capital funding is available”. A source said the project to replace Barlinnie was the “next priority” after the women’s community custody units in Glasgow and Dundee are finished.

Well? What do you think? A good thing for the area or are you worried? Plans are out to Public Consultation. The first session was at St Roch’s football ground on 5 June and the next is on 3 July (venue to be decided). Go along and have your say.

If transport links are important then SPS bosses will need to make sure that your public transport will improve. There were plans years ago to open a train platform on Blochairn Rd just behind Blochairn Place. We will ask for that option to be back on the table. Make sure you mention it!

