

# GAR – T NEWS

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## *Here we are again!*

Here we are with our second addition of the Gar – T news. Our clubs for young people continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Community Shop at Barholm Square.

The shop is also open for housing surgeries with both GHA/ Tower Homes and Home Scotland. Money Advice is also available delivered by GEMAP – Greater Easterhouse Money Advice Project.

We have applied for funding to Glasgow's Regeneration Agency, Home Scotland Internal Investment Fund and The Big Lottery Awards for All. These funds will help our organisation offer more services to the people of Garthamlock. They will help us adapt and equip our community shop with appropriate furniture to make it more accessible to all the people of Garthamlock. The funding will also give us the opportunity to support some sessional staff so that we can keep the shop open for longer periods of time.

With funding accessed from the BIG Lottery last year we contracted a company called Ryden to carry out a feasibility study about building a community facility in Garthamlock. We are now happy to announce that Ryden has delivered a report about a range of possibilities for a new community facility. The report also lists eventual sites where it could be built. Inside this edition you will find more information about our new centre proposal and we would like to hear more about what you think of it.

To this end we are organising a public meeting to give feedback to the whole community about the report from Ryden. So check out the invitation on the last page and make a note in your calendar!

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# NEW HOPE FOR A NEW BUILD

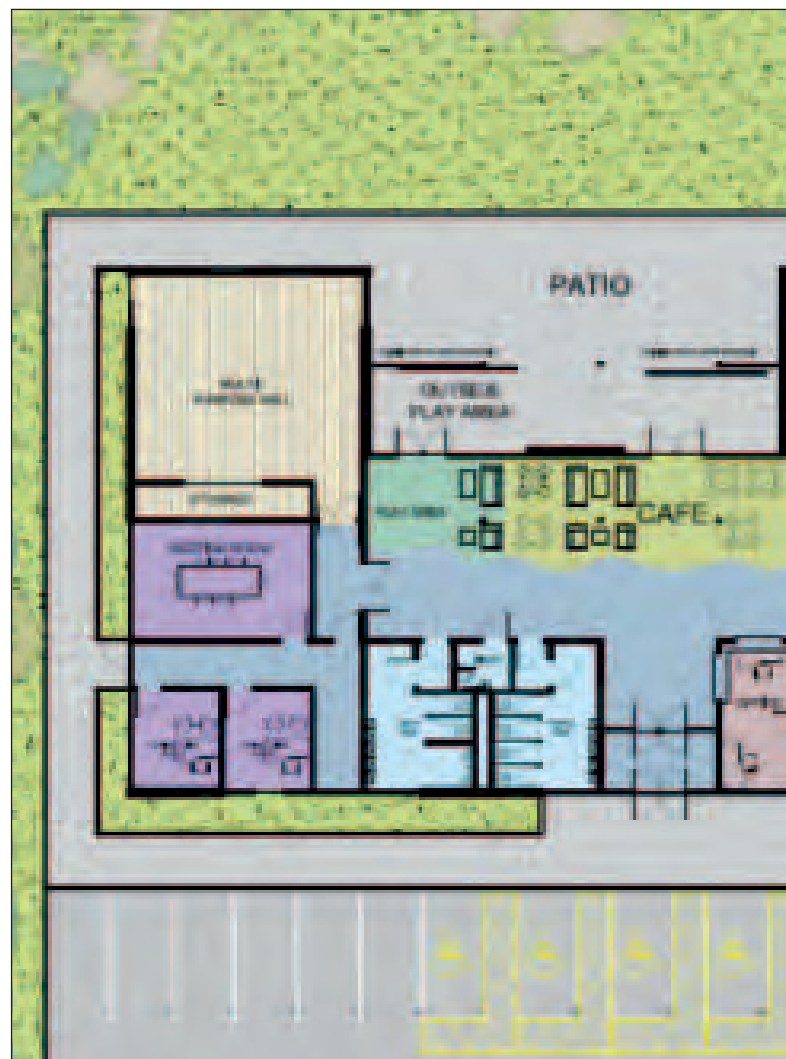
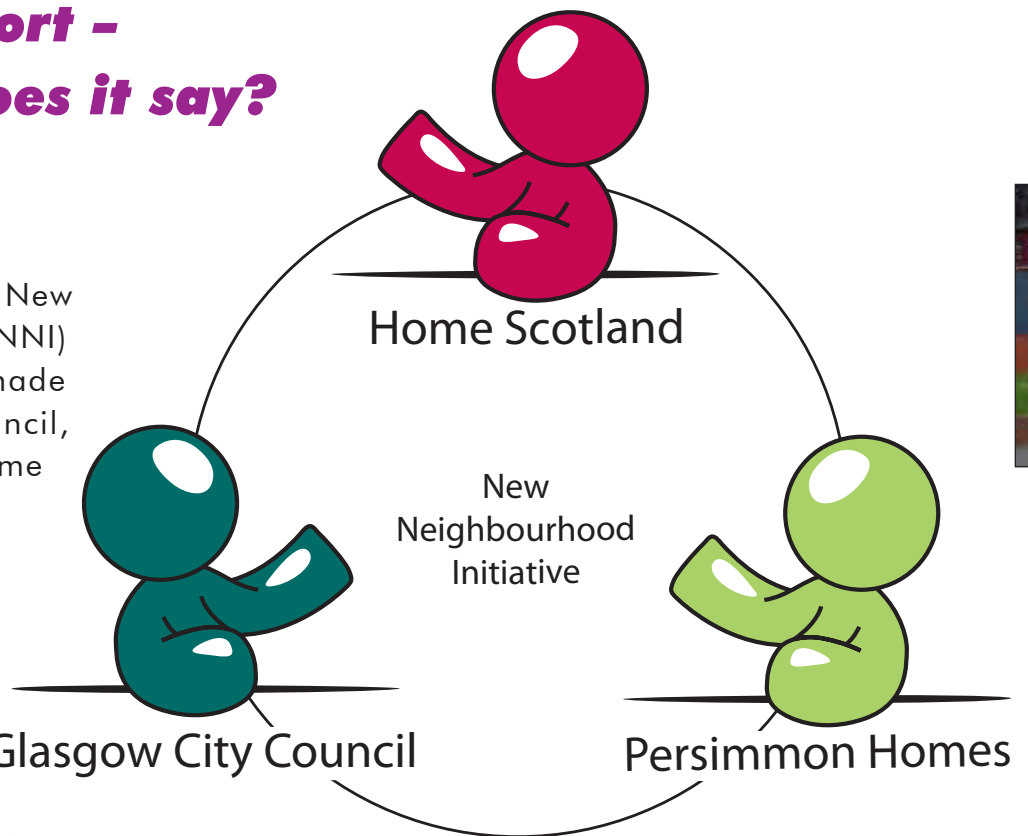
## **The Ryden Report - What does it say?**

### *A wee bit of history....*

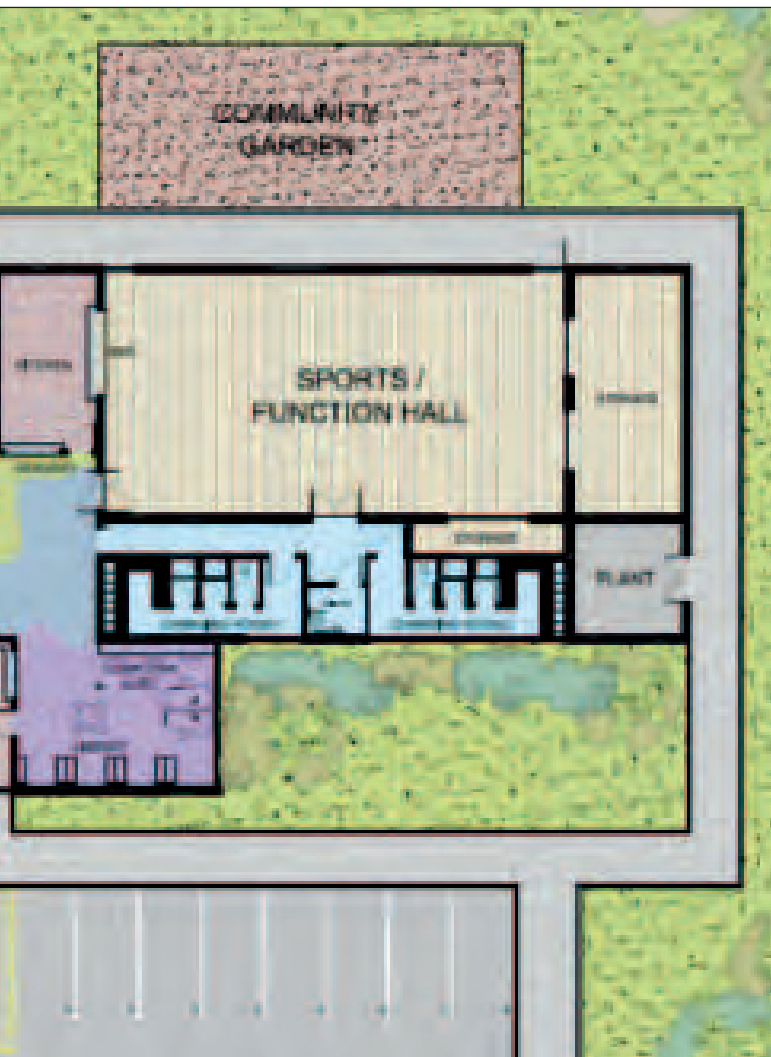
The report talks about The New Neighbourhood Initiative (NNI) which was an agreement made between Glasgow City Council, Persimmon Homes and Home Scotland. The agreement stated that in Garthamlock there would be new social and private housing, a new amenity space and a new commercial space. A development agreement was made which according to Ryden resulted in a master plan between Persimmon and Glasgow City Council. The report also says that according to this agreement there would be a doctor's surgery, a community enterprise centre, a sports barn and childcare installed in Garthamlock. So we want to find out where these community spaces are?

### *What the report says...*

The report presents a drawing of a possible community facility which responds to the findings that the Group gathered in our survey with the Garthamlock community in 2010. It also presents a cost for the building. The Newbuild occupies an area of 890m<sup>2</sup>. Based on the information from the masterplan in February 2004 if we total the proposed area for amenities it comes to 1325m<sup>2</sup> which would easily fit the proposed building.



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## Where would it be?

The report presents four possible sites which are:

1. Land behind Barholm Square Shops, they call commercial area
2. Former Roadhouse Pub
3. Land beside Garthamlock Church
4. Playbarn

## Where would the money come from?

The Ryden report suggests:

- Glasgow City Council
- Persimmon Homes
- Home Scotland
- GHA
- Big Lottery
- Environment 2

## So what next?

We want to know what the people of Garthamlock think about the report. The public meeting is to discuss it with everyone. It will be a real challenge for Garthamlock to take this idea forward and we of the Garthamlock Community Group cannot do this by ourselves. We need to have the people of Garthamlock actively involved in this challenge since the end result will be for the benefit of the whole community.

Our group meets at the Community Shop in Barholm Square. We are all volunteers so we need more people on board. The new community facility will only be possible with the involvement of the whole community so come along and get involved!

## MUGA - Multi Use Games Area:

The Group was invited by the community council to take part in the fun day which took place at GESH on Sunday 26th June and was a great success! The day was enjoyed by all. On the day we were informed that the MUGA will be completed by 22nd July and perhaps on the day we will have the opportunity to take part in some sports activities! See you there!



## USE IT OR LOSE IT!!!

Margaret Hensman from GHA/Tower homes is available for housing surgeries on Wednesday mornings between 10am -12pm in the Community Shop.

Tom McDermott from Home Scotland is also available on a Thursday between 2pm – 4pm.

We feel that the Home Scotland surgeries on a Thursday afternoon are not being used enough by tenants, should you want this to continue then start using it!



## Dog fouling

### Glasgow Dog Fouling Charter

Home Scotland has been invited to join the above Charter in conjunction with Glasgow City Safety Services.

The scheme, briefly, will allow staff and residents to give statements regarding dog fouling, identifying irresponsible owners which will enable Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices and will incur £50 fines.

Home Scotland will be signing up to this Charter, when all the details have been finalised.

Home Scotland staff are available to talk through this initiative with the community whenever we want!



## Let's Get to Know More About the Ryden Report!

We are organising a **PUBLIC MEETING** to let the whole community know about the report. We need to know what your thoughts are and what our next steps would be so come along and have your say. Tea and coffee will be available.

Thursday 14th July  
7pm @ Garthamlock & Craigend  
East Parish Church



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Parish Church