

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
5th March 2024 AT 6.30 pm**

Attendees:

Community Councillors

David Conway

Christine Alison

Merle Read

Rowena Statt

Frank Shennan

Louise MacKenzie

Douglas Peacock (Chair)

Elaine Doherty

Andrea Fisher (associate)

Alasdair MacDonald

Stuart Wallace

City Councillors

Keiran O'Neill

Police Scotland

Scott Dornan

Residents

Patricia Grant

Katrina McQuarrie

Tony McCready

Apologies

Joyce Khatri

Martha Wardrop

Ken Andrew

1. **Election of minute secretary for this meeting** – Louise MacKenzie
2. **Approval of the minutes of last meeting** – Proposed by Merle Seconded by Christine
3. **Police report** – Thank you to Police Scotland for attending the meeting. update provided for the past month. Key points noted: general trend crime slightly on the increase. In particular crimes of deception appear to be an ongoing and worrying trend.
Traffic issues raised previously relating to St Charles School, Dunard Street School and Wilton Street are still being monitored. Problems with driver behaviour persist.
4. **Follow up on actions from previous meeting** –

QMD/Kelbourne Street flooding issue has been resolved

Rowena will write to the Council about Queen Margaret Road.

Christine attended the Glasgow debrief meeting organised by the Council, Comments received by NKCC were collated and there was coverage in the local press. General trend of comments for residents to want to stop event/improve it. However, businesses and schools were supportive. Itison indicated that they would try and improve on certain issues such as litter and the quality of the event. There are a number of specific issues that need further consideration and clarification

- The financial benefit to the Council seems low: a member of the community examined Glasgow City Council Accounts for 2022/2023 and shared a statement detailing costs and charges that she had identified in the

- Accounts as resulting from the event. From this rental cost charged to Itison seems very low.
- Community benefits: there is also an outstanding issue with funding offered to reinstate the Children's Garden as it appears that if it is offered to the Council that it cannot be ringfenced for a specific purpose. Agreed that it would be of benefit to seek clarification and confirmation of the costs
 - Impact on Botanic Gardens, the Environmental Impact report (EIA) has not been shared despite repeated requests. Generally it was felt that more needed to be done to protect the Botanic Gardens and there have been repeated requests for other venues to be considered.
 - Views of residents – given the extent of concerns raised by residents, it was disappointing that the debrief event did not address this

Keiran O'Neill suggested **that the Community Council could take a public petition to a Council Committee seeking a proper consideration of the issues surrounding Glasgow**

(post meeting note, the EIA has now been shared).

5. **Councillors' reports –**

Councillor O'Neill:

Garrioch residents looking at a bin hub project in their backcourt. Council Budget 2024/2025 has been set under very difficult financial circumstances.

Merle highlighted problems with potholes on Queen Margaret Drive. Keiran will contact a resident who has injured herself when falling there.

A resident raised the cost of parking charges in the area, she feels that is it overly restrictive and the charges are too high. Noted that there also appear to be some teething problems with the Ringo system for managing permits.

6. **Venue for future meetings and vacancies on NKCC**

Noted that the Church was no longer available for meetings so we need to agree a venue for the next meeting. North Kelvinside Primary School was chosen for the April meeting. Other options include Community Central Halls.

Interim Community Council Elections will also be held at the April meeting.

7. **Communications**

Merle has added a calendar to the website for future events. Suggested having fixed days in the month for walks and for community cleanups.

Comments on Kelbourne Street Planning application have been added to the website.

8. **Childrens Garden Project (Botanics)**

As discussed at the previous meeting, Christine and Andrea have been developing a proposal to involve the 3 local primary schools (Dunard, North Kelvinside, St Charles) in activities in the Childrens Garden. Both Botanic Gardens and the 3 schools are supportive of the plan. To progress we need a permission to use licence from the Council. Will need to clarify the public liability insurance cover required and whether the existing insurance held by NKCC and school would be sufficient. Can be arranged on an event by event basis, **Stuart will check the cost of single event insurance.** Next step will be to have a site visit.

9. Discarded Needles

Following on from previous meetings, Frank has had further discussions with Health and Social Care Partnership Recovery Services who has offered to attend a future meeting. No further guidance will be issued by the Council /HSCP at present due to concerns about liability and the advice remains as current to leave discarded needles and let Cleansing know. Main issue is about the disposal of sharps box

10. Local Place Plans

Rowena will contact people who have had prior involvement in Place Plans for advice. It might be possible to invite them to a future meeting. Local Place Plans are community led and area specific. Used to highlight issues that the local community think could be improved, for example environmental issues, traffic management.

11. Planning Officer's Report

The Kelbourne Street site application has not yet been scheduled for a meeting. The Community Council could ask for a hearing which would allow for a wider range of views to be held as part as the process. The request for a hearing would initially be held and decided by the Planning Committee. In light of the history of the site, a number of failed applications and the strength of feeling in the community about the use of the site, it was agreed to do this.

Rowena will send a request for a hearing to Councillor Andrew and the Planning Committee members for a hearing.

12. **House of Multiple Occupancy (hmo) Licensing Report** – Frank stated that there were 2 current requests for short term lets. Also a HMO licence request from the Glasgow Buddhist Centre.

13. **Community Clean up** – agreed Sunday 14th April. Murano Street and Firhill Road. Merle highlighted lack of bins on Kelvinside Avenue exacerbating litter problems.

14. **AOB** Alasdair mentioned the walk to Sighthill on Saturday. Also planning a future walk to Stockingfield Bridge
Andrea mentioned that there is an event in the Meadow on Saturday 23rd.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2nd April 2024