

North Kelvin Community Council Minutes

6th May 2024 AT 6.30 pm

Apologies – Stuart Wallace, Douglas Peacock, Alasdair MacDonald

Present – Elaine Doherty, Merle Read, Frank Shennan, David Conway, Louise MacKenzie
Rowena Statt, Christine Alison, Joyce Khatri, Andrea Fisher (associate)

Councillors – Martha Wardrop, Ken Andrew, Seonad Hoy, Keiran O’Neill

Residents, Jean Shepheard, Arthur Fairfull, Patricia Grant, Thomas Rae, Tony McCready

1. Minute Secretary: Louise MacKenzie
2. Approval of the minutes – Elaine, Christine

3. Police Report.

PC Bell and PC Morris attended. Generally crime trend is upwards. Some break-ins reported locally, increase in theft of motor vehicles, slight increase in theft of motor cycles, crime of violence and dishonesty. Also mentioned that an XL Bully dog has been sighted on North Kelvin Meadow, Andrea confirmed this. Dog needs muzzled and Police keen to speak to owner.

Christine asked about parking around St Charles, this continue to be a potential safety issue for children being dropped at the school. Police are monitoring and tickets are issued. An option might be to consider a one way system or a school crossing patrol. Car free zones in principle would be a solution but the police advised that they are not sufficient police to manage current car free zones

4. **Follow-up Actions from Previous Meeting:** all items on agenda

5. Councillors’ Reports:

Councillor Hoy was elected at the Hillhead by election and was welcomed to her first Community Council meeting.

Councillor Wardrop continue to seek updates on the work required for Queen Margaret Road and the timescale for progressing this. Rowena highlighted continuing concerns about the condition of the road and the impact on the immediate surrounding streets such as Kelvinside Terrace and asked if it was possible to get an update on the likely timescale for work to be progressed and understand what the plan is to resolve the issue. Safety is a particular concern and residents need clarity on the issue. Cllr Wardrop will arrange a further meeting with the political lead Councillor Ruari Kelly.

Councillor Wardrop also updated on Wilton Court environmental improvements and recent agreement between the Council and Queens Cross Housing Association about respective responsibilities. The green space has been added to the Councils green space plan grass cut and shrubs pruned. She also noted that there are still some issues with bin shelters on Lyndhurst Gardens Lane and bins remain on street for part of the lane.

Councillor Andrew mentioned a spike in flytipping on Garriochmill Road, Council officers are investigating. He is also meeting to discuss parking issues on Fergus Drive/Wilton Street. The Botanic Crescent Lane improvements on going using Council funding and there has been a high level of community involvement, Merle reported a blocked drain on Queen Margaret Drive.

A walkabout is to be arranged to assess the discarded needle issue following request sent to Councillor Wardrop by the HSCP. Sense is that the issue is not significant. It is however is still a risk given the lack of clear advice.

(Post meeting note walkabout to be held Tuesday 28th May 2.30pm to 3.30pm starting from Maryhill Fire Station : Councillor Wardrop and HSCP staff will attend along with Community Council representatives)

6. Communications Report

Merle provided an update. The website and calendar have been updated including information on walks

Queen Margaret Drive festival is at the end of June. Merle would be keen that the festival be used to promote community council activity. Possibly leaflets could be provided to festival organiser. Merle, Joyce and Elaine might be available to attend. Rowena is considering options for the 60 steps trust to have a presence so possibly NKCC and 60 steps could share a stall.

7. SPT Consultation

This relates to the bus service improvement plan and proposal to move to a franchise system. The Consultation closes on Monday. Get Glasgow Moving has a Better Buses Campaign which is a good source of information. Alasdair may be able to submit a response for the community council.

(post meeting note : Alasdair has submitted a response on behalf of the Community Council.)

8. Possible Project on land near Maryhill Fire Station

Alasdair had flagged possible options to improve this area. Councillor Wardrop advised that the area would be tidied by the Council. Agreed to consider further ideas at a future meeting as Alasdair unable to attend tonights meeting.

9. Crimestoppers

Frank went to a recent event held with Crimestoppers, they would be willing to attend a future meeting to discuss neighbourhood watch schemes. Agreed it would be useful to invite along to a future meeting. Could include information on the website.

10. Local Place Plans

This is still to be progressed, agreed to carry forward to a meeting after the summer. A resident who had previously attended a meeting has experience of developing Place Plans in another area and so hopefully can provide some advice.

11. Planning still no progress on Kelbourne Street decision and no update yet on the NKCC request for a hearing.

12. HMO Licences

Frank highlighted the current applications, has suggested that the community council highlight HMO applications on the website to make the information more accessible to residents. Discussion about the new application at 125 Wilton Street, this flat appears to be above ground level and therefore in principle is against planning requirements. Majority of community councillors agreed that an objection should be submitted. Elaine will also contact neighbours in the block.

13. Community Clean Up

60 steps clean up arranged for Sunday 19th May, also Oban Lane (23rd June).
Traders may be involved in the clean up of 23rd June.

14. AOB next meeting agreed on 4th June, Community Central Hall.