

North Kelvin Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held in Central Community Halls on 4, June, 2024.

In attendance: Douglas Peacock (Chair), Merle Read (member), Alasdair Macdonald (member), Joyce Khatri (member), Patricia Grant (member), Elaine Doherty, (member), Stuart Wallace (member), Frank Shannon (member), Andrea Fisher (associate member), Cllr Martha Wardrop, Councillor Ken Andrew, Keila McGinnis (resident), Sgt Peter Bell (Police Scotland), John Campbell (GCC Alcohol and Drug Recovery Unit)
Apologies: Christine Allison (unwell), Louise MacKenzie (family business)

1. Alasdair Macdonald was appointed Minutes Secretary for the Meeting. Patricia Grant was elected, formally, as a Council Member.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** proposed by Merle Read and seconded by Elaine Doherty were approved.
3. **Sgt Bell** reported on the period 08/05/2024 - 04/06/2024;
 - reported crime had decreased compared to the previous month;
 - no crimes of housebreaking were reported;
 - same as previous month: 1 theft of a motor vehicle on Queen Margaret Drive; vehicle had not been recovered by this date. It was probably the result of 'relay theft'. Car owners are advised to buy a Faraday pouch in which to store car key and to fit a steering lock;
 - No thefts of pedal cycles reported;
 - Misuse of Drugs Act crimes - increase on previous month, several persons charged with offences of possession and one male was charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs;
 - Road Traffic crimes - increase on previous month - dangerous driving, driving without a licence, driving without insurance, failing to stop after an accident;
 - Crimes of Violence: increase on previous month. There was one crime of note - Assault with intent to rob on Maryhill Road. A male was approached by two unknown males who demanded money. An assault followed, but no money was taken. The two males have been identified and one has been arrested and enquiries to trace the other are continuing;
 - Crimes of Dishonesty (theft, fraud, forgery) - decrease from previous month.
 - Amazon scam - a resident was contacted by someone alleging to be from Amazon and advised that a hacker had accessed the person's account to purchase a mobile phone. The victim was asked to download an app and to click on the 'share' button. Victim was asked to contact their bank account online and to transfer a sum of money to an unknown account.

Police Scotland advise not to download any app at the request of someone unknown, to allow access to personal devices or share personal information. If in doubt, contact the company concerned via telephone or email before proceeding;

- Vandalism - increase on previous month
- Breach of the Peace - increase on previous month
- Sexual Offences - one on-line crime. Identity and location of the victim cannot be disclosed.
- No crime trends were identified.

4. Follow-up Actions from Previous Meeting: Elaine had been unable to gain access to 125, Wilton St to make enquiries regarding HMO. She will try again.

5. Reports from City Councillors:

- **Cllr Andrew** reported that fly-tipping on Maryhill Road had been collected. The graffiti on QMR and a collapsed fence on Wilton St have been reported.
- **Cllr Wardrop** reported that she has been dealing with some concerns regarding bin collections. A briefing note regarding proposals for repairs to QMR is being prepared.

Resident Keila McGinnis asked about the review of RPZ. Cllr Andrew stated that the Council is seeking to standardise RPZ conditions across the city and, until that is done a review will not take place. However, because of climate action measures, it is unlikely that there will be a reduction in operational hours anywhere in the city. Concerns were expressed regarding the increase in prices for parking, especially for vouchers for visitors. Cllr Andrew replied that, as explained on previous occasions the Council was under severe budget pressures and parking charges are a source of revenue. He pointed out that the price for vouchers, though higher than before, is still cheaper compared to the new standard parking tariff .

6. Communications Report - The Newsletter has been issued via the NKCC website.

7. Alcohol and Drug Recovery - Guest Speaker, John Campbell from GCC Alcohol and Drug Recovery Unit. This invitation had resulted from concerns regarding discarded needles and other equipment being found in various locations in our area. Frank Shennan had drafted guidance for residents who find such paraphernalia and had discussed it with the Unit and, consequently had invited Mr Campbell to address the meeting. Mr Campbell provided data to indicate the extent of the issue within the city. Patterns of behaviour of those who inject changes due to differences in availability of drugs. Cocaine injection is now more common than heroin and this results in 4-5 injections per person per day compared to 1-2 for heroin.

The Unit also now supplies single injecting packs rather than multiple packs as previously. In addition, it is now encouraging the use of foil for inhalation rather than injection because discarded foil presents a far lower risk than discarded needles. However, needles continue to be used and discarded needles remain a hazard. ***It was agreed to participate in a pilot programme in the NK area with sharps boxes being available in this area and that these will be accepted by local pharmacies for safe disposal in keeping with legal procedures.*** This matter will be discussed by the Unit and the Police to formalise procedures. Frank Shennan will continue to liaise with the unit in developing advice for residents.

8. Bins on Melrose Gardens - Elaine Doherty expressed concerns about the overflowing of these bins, mainly due to passers-by dumping items in them. The issue is because the eastern end of Lyndhurst Gardens Lane and the bin stores in Lyndhurst Gardens present a hazard to Cleansing staff and residents. Cllr Andrew indicated that the 'bin hub' system which had been piloted in Pollokshields and Cranhill is to be rolled out across the city. There was discussion about where the hubs would be located relative to each block. It was proposed that: *There be consultation with local residents regarding locations of hubs.* **Patricia Grant will write to Cleansing on our behalf requesting this.**

Elaine Doherty and Joyce Khatri expressed concern at what they perceived as an increase in dog-fouling as a result of inconsiderate conduct by some dog-owners.

9. Activities with Primary Schools - Andrea Fisher reported that the first outing with P4 pupils from St Charles PS had taken place on 7, June. P3 from Dunard PS will take place on 14, June and P4 from North Kelvinside PS on 21, June. There will be further outings in autumn. These outings are in conjunction with The Children's Wood and North Kelvin Meadow. With regard to The Children's Wood, Frank Shennan said that the committee was applying to a green space fund run by GCC from contributions by property developers to install mains water and electricity in the shed on the Meadow. NKCC will write a letter of support for this application. **Alasdair Macdonald will draft this letter and send it to the Committee.**

The let period for the venue ended and items 10 - 15 were deferred.

Merle Read informed the meeting that the QMD Festival will take place on 30, June. Elaine Doherty informed the meeting that NKCC will join the Festival Committee on 23, June at 10.30am to collect litter and wipe graffiti in advance of the festival.

The next Meeting of NKCC is on 6, August, 2024.