

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
6TH AUGUST 2024 AT 6.30 pm**

In attendance Alasdair MacDonald, Elaine Doherty, Stuart Wallace, Rowena Statt, Patricia Grant, Louise MacKenzie, Frank Shennan, Merle Read
Councillors O Neill and Hoy, Police Scotland (PC Toland and PC Robertson)

Apologies – Douglas Peacock, Christine Alison, David Conway, Joyce Khatri
Councillors Andrew and Wardrop

Residents – 6 residents attended

Café Ibiza – David Innes, Jack Quirk

1. ELECTION OF MINUTE SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING

Louise MacKenzie was elected minute secretary

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed Stuart, seconded Merle

3. POLICE REPORT

Officers attended who were covering the Maryhill area. Report will be forwarded this week from Maryhill Police Station. No issues raised at the meeting.

4. FOLLOW UP ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Patricia and Stuart have looked into the on street hub pilot areas and a number of concerns have been raised with regards to rubbish lying around and also the pressure on parking. NKCC is going to write to the Council raising concerns. Could there be an option to retain back court collection where the back court bin shelters are in good condition.

Patricia has also raised with other community councils.

Current position of bins on Wilton Street is unsatisfactory with rubbish overflowing. These are in place due to the poor condition of the back lane bin shelters in this area.

Noted that residents in Garrioch Quadrant are engaging with the Council about a bin shelter redesign in the back court. Councillor O Neill will share details of the relevant Council Officer.

Action – email to be sent to Council, Councillor O Neill to share Council Officer contact details

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – QUEEN MARGARET RD CLOSURE

Councillor O Neill advised that there were some problems with renewing permits via Ringo. He has raised this with NRS. Some views expressed about the risk of digital exclusion where people didn't have the technical skills and equipment to use Ringo. Could consideration be made of an option to apply by phone or in a Council office. Noted that there continue to be concerns raised with him about the Kelbourne Street development.

Councillor Hoy has also been dealing with complaints about the bin service

A paper has been circulated by the Council outlining a solution to allow a partial reopening of Queen Margaret Road. A number of reservations were raised about the proposed solution presented which appears to not yet have had any resident input. Councillor Wardrop is hoping to arrange an on site meeting early September and has asked for comments to be directed to her. Details of the meeting will be confirmed.

In relation to RPZ noted that there were still outstanding issues, for example parking bays still to be painted in Doune Quadrant. Councillor Hoy will follow this up.

Actions – details of QM Road meeting to be confirmed, possibly on 4th September; residents to pass on comments to Community Council/Councillor Wardrop prior to that.

6. CAFÉ IBIZA

3 emails of complaint have been raised about the premises. There was a discussion between affected residents, Café Ibiza owners/management and a representative (planning consultant). Council noise enforcement team have already visited and the level of noise has reduced.

The particular concern was the building of the terrace without planning consent. The work was started prior to the application being considered. NKCC was unaware of the previous application (24/00695/FUL) which was recently refused. The planning consent previously given for the Botany included decking so the current owners assumed that it could go ahead. Noted that the decking has not yet been completed due to the planning position. Some further site clearance is also underway. A planning application is going to be resubmitted to the Council to try and address the issues raised in the refusal. If approval is then given, the owner advised that the appearance of the decking will be improved with a cedar finish and landscaping.

NKCC and residents will have an opportunity to comment on a future planning application.

Licensing are also meeting the owners this week. The licence currently allows people to be on the deck until 10pm. Premises are open Thursday till Sunday at present.

There were some discussions at the meeting about the marketing of the premises and maintaining a balance between family friendly and a heavier drinking culture.

7. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Merle updated the meeting on communications issues. Parking is still the most visited area of the website.

8. MEETING WITH KAUKAB STEWART, MSP (see below)

Summary of points attached to the agenda will be used as the basis for the discussion. Alasdair and Patricia will attend.

Rowena noted concerns about the Council's interpretation of the national planning guidance. Will provide Alasdair with a note.

9. GlasGLOW COMMUNITY REPS. ONLINE SESSION, 22/8/24, 7 – 8pm

Discussion about attendance, as a number of Community Councillors weren't at the meeting. Christine attended the last time and may be able to attend. Councillor Hoy will ask about the Environmental Impact Report which was promised but hasn't yet been shared.

Action - Councillor Hoy to follow up on EI Report

10. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

A number of licenses for short term lets have been refused.

No major applications.

Noted that planning permission for solar panels in the conservation area had been refused – Councillor Hoy will follow this up.

11. HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY (HMO) LICENSING REPORT

A number of existing HMOs have been resubmitted.

Frank following up on whether HMO applications can be added to our website to make them more accessible to residents.

12. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP – DATE AND LOCATION

Sunday 25TH August at 10.30, Melrose Gardens steps and Wilton Street.

13. AOB

Frank will attend Augusts Community Council Development session.

Noted that there is a current consultation on Public Toilet provision.

Discarded needle issue is progressing with the support of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Loco Home Refit have a meeting on 24TH August in Garnethill MultiCultural Centre.

Next Health Walk is on the 17th August route tbc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024

Possible issues to raise with Kaukab Stewart:

Scottish Government issues:

1. Lack of community voice in the planning process. Kelbourne Street is a good illustration of this.
2. Concern that traders have raised over business rates and the forthcoming increases.
3. The underfunding of Council services is a concern and is still the case that poverty and deprivation aren't fairly reflected in the funding formula.

Streets:

1. a recurring issue is lighting and the repair of lights which have failed.
2. There are matters relating to footways/pavements - unevenness, clutter, lack of width, overgrown hedges, weeds and moss, parking on pavements (especially near the Fire Station and on Maryhill Road)
3. Gullies and gutters - a regular cleaning programme. Some gullies need re-fixing because they sit 'proud' and cause puddling against raised edges or are too far from kerbs.
4. Road surfaces in a number of places are potholed and manhole covers are not flush with the surface.
5. Specifics - Queen Margaret Road, the Firepath on Wilton St, the Bus Gate on Hotspur St, the zebra crossing on Garrioch Road, speeds on the northernmost section of QMD.
6. Traffic calming/policing on Queen Margaret Drive.

Rubbish:

1. Bins on some streets,
2. Flytipping in some lanes
3. Inadequate or unsuitable bin stores in some places.

Participation in Local Community and Community Council:

1. No participation by residents north of Maryhill Road and the Canal
2. Mandatory residents' associations?
3. Ruchill Park and other green spaces.
4. Place Planning