

North Kelvin Community Council reports 2023–24

Chairperson's report

I'd like to list a few of the topics we have helped with over the last year. The issue of course in doing this is one misses out many more that we worked on that aren't listed, so it's just meant to give a flavour of what we've been up to.

We've been dealing with the Council and keeping residents informed with the issues at Queen Margaret Road and nearby streets. Luckily we have members of the Community Council in that area which has helped to understand what's been happening there and how to take this forward.

Two of our members have regularly helped walk school children to the Children's Garden in the Botanics. Talking of walking, we also started a walking group to bring alive the history of North Kelvin. These walks have been very successful and are now going further afield.

The long-running restrictive parking zone topic is still number 1 in terms of views on our website. And what a fabulous website it is! The main issue with parking recently has been how to use the RingGo site to renew parking permits.

We are making progress in helping people and local organisations know where to get sharps boxes for discarded drug needles and where to take these boxes once full. A specialist drug community person employed by the Council came to give us a talk on this subject which was very informative.

The main planning application we got involved with was the X church site on Kelbourne Street, which is beside the Happy Kids Park. This was approved by the main Council for student accommodation in a 7 storey building. Last week initial site drilling began there.

Last but not least we have organised community volunteer litter pick-ups throughout the year. It shows we aren't just a talking shop but we get out there and physically make a difference to North Kelvin.

Looking ahead to our next year, I think the Council's plans to install on street bins and so stop the backcourt collections will be one we will need to watch and get involved with.

I'd like to thank each member of the North Kelvin Community Council for helping steer this group and the issues that affect this community through another year.

Warm regards
Douglas

Douglas A Peacock
Chair
1st Oct 2024

Statement of accounts, 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Transaction date	Transaction description	Debit amount	Credit amount	Balance
	Opening Balance			£518.99
05/09/2023	STALL STATIONERY	£14.40		£504.59
05/09/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH Church Hall hire	£24.00		£480.59
04/10/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH Church Hall hire	£24.00		£456.59
03/11/2023	ALASDAIR MACDONALD reimbursement for LOCO HOME RETROFIT fee	£10.00		£446.59
03/11/2023	Correction for error in previous row		£10.00	£456.59
03/11/2023	Alasdair Macdonald reimbursement for LOCO HOME RETROFIT fee	£10.00		£446.59
08/11/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH Church Hall hire	£24.00		£422.59
22/11/2023	GLASGOW CITY COUNC GCC 2306002275 K		£677.31	£1099.90
11/12/2023	WALK LEAFLETS	£8.50		£1091.40
05/03/2024	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH Church Hall hire	£48.00		£1043.40
27/03/2024	COMMUNITY CENTRAL Hall hire	£41.00		£1002.40
15/04/2024	ELAINE DOHERTY reimbursement for LIDL TILL RECEIPT	£12.30		£990.10
19/04/2024	ROOM HIRE North Kelvinside PS	£87.60		£902.50
20/05/2024	COMMUNITY CENTRAL Hall Hire	£41.00		£861.50
21/05/2024	MARKEL DIRECT	£131.04		£730.46
10/06/2024	CHRISTINE ALISON REIMBURSEMENT	£14.50		£715.96
17/06/2024	CHRISTINE ALISON REIMBURSEMENT	£10.03		£705.93
26/06/2024	CHRISTINE ALISON REIMBURSEMENT	£9.14		£696.79
26/06/2024	Elaine Doherty TESCO TILL REC'T	£4.20		£692.59
27/08/2024	ELAINE DOHERTY TESCO TILL REC'T	£8.60		£683.99
29/08/2024	COMMUNITY CENTRAL Hall hire	£41.00		£642.99
Total		£563.31	£687.31	
Surplus/Deficit			£124.00	

Accounts prepared by Alasdair Macdonald, treasurer, 19 September 2024

Audited by Mary Kay, local resident, 20 September 2024

Communications report, October 2023 to September 2024

The Community Council has now been online for at least 20 years. (This is the [first post](#) on the current website, from Sept 2004: some things never change!) Community interest in most aspects of our communications continues as before.

Members are encouraged to provide information of local interest which can be shared with the community via the website.

We are concerned about Council services that are difficult or impossible to access without a smartphone or similar device, and how this may unfairly affect some members of the community. We have raised this with councillors and Glasgow Life, and hope to make progress sharing information that can assist people to access digital services.

Website

The main addition to the website this year was a [What's On events calendar](#), which is used to advertise our meetings, clean-ups, health walks and other local community events of interest. Fewer individual posts are now needed to announce repeat events, which has saved time on updating the site.

The website had over 9,000 views (down slightly, probably reflecting the reduced number of posts, down from over 30 last year to 19, and excluding the anomalous 2,750 views from Germany one month). [Parking](#) remains far and away the most viewed topic. Other popular pages include our updates on planning applications and local roads.

We decided for cost reasons not to renew our (previously free) licence to provide detailed maps on the website. We have permission to use Ordnance Survey maps and so it would be good to make more use of them.

Future plans for the website include pages on digital inclusion, safe needle disposal and licensing applications.

Other communications

Figures below are for 2023/24 with 2022/23 figures in brackets. As noted previously, a livelier presence on social media would help increase community engagement, as our activity is fairly minimal at present. More member input would be welcome.

Facebook: 829 followers (796)

Newsletter: 14 issues & 246 subscribers (13 & 233 respectively)

Twitter/X: 470 followers (471)

Both noticeboards were regularly updated with notices of meetings, events and useful information.

Inventory

2 thermos flasks	2 lawn rakes	5 snow shovels
1 folding table	3 garden rakes	1 mobile phone
2 wheelbarrows	17 litter pickers	5 pairs secateurs
4 extending arm loppers	10 trowels	Several pairs gardening gloves
2 pruning saws	7 brushes	
18 hoops for bin bags	2 metal shovels	