

# North Kelvin Community Council Notes

Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 6.30pm  
St. Charles School Library

**Present:** Dave Beavan (DB) Dorothy Gow (DG) Councillor James McKechnie (JM)

**Apologies:** Mark Adams (Chair) Eddie Devlin (ED) Susie Hallas (SH)  
Kevin Edgar (KE) Liz Edgar (LE) Kirsty Davidson (KD)  
Peter Blackshaw (PB)

## 1. Welcome

Meeting not quorate, but DB had anticipated Rep. from Aspire coming to give a presentation of their work with the Homeless. This was cancelled which was just as well owing to the small attendance at this meeting.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising** N/A

**3. Police Report** N/A

## 4. Councillor's Report

North Kelvinside Greenspace are actively seeking publicity (Evening Times and ITV). D.B. produced copy from Evening Times Online which claimed that GCC agreed to sell the site on Clouston Street to developers New City Vision last year. North Kelvin Greenspace have appropriated the site of Clouston Street playing fields and are calling it a "Meadow" despite the football pitches and rusty pylons. They have a website funded by O2 and Shell and are making a tool shed and equipment store out of an old brick shelter in the south west corner. They claim the "Director of the Botanic Gardens" is advising them on gardening matters. They have encouraged pupils from Kelburne School to grow plants on the site, though their own school grounds have plenty of space for these activities. They have also ignored the danger to these children of injuries from the rusty metal lurking in the grass - and the liability ensuing. They have had backing from Glasgow writers Alasdair Gray and Louise Welsh who have signed a 230 name petition, also politicians Patrick Harvie and Kieran Wild, none of whom have bothered to seek out the history of the site. Mark Eden Bushel has, amongst others, sent an e mail of support.

Jim McChesney former Chair of NKCC with 15 years of community service had started up the Compendium trust with plans to change the derelict site to a sport Ground with some housing nearby, there would be a running track, pitches and leafy areas for quieter pursuits such as Tai Chi, Meditation, etc. He faced so many problems over the years - tenders enormously over budget, architects who did not engage with the Planning Department, building that were unacceptable in density and height, grants that were promised from Sport Scotland but were always deferred. The best prospect out of this are plans from New City Vision which has housing sympathetic to the area with a small park included. The money raised, £1.1 million should have gone towards building a new sports facility on the former North Kelvinside School football pitches, which were kept open by Councillor McKechnie after the school was demolished. The present Chair of NKCC Mark Adams has put an enormous amount of effort into organising football activities for North Kelvinside youngsters. Now unfortunately owing to the recession, New City Vision will only be able to build a little at a time, so the funding for the Sports Ground will be delayed.

However Councillor McKechnie has arranged a meeting with the Leader of the Council to see if Council could put up money meantime, so that work on the pitches can go ahead.

#### OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Planning application for Shell Filling Station approved.

REVIEW OF SINGLE PERSONS COUNCIL TAX to ensure entitlement.  
Development and Regeneration Services will do a survey, if they

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

#### **6. Information – website**

#### **7. Communications and correspondence**

#### **8. AOCB**

**Next meeting – TBA**