

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 FEBRUARY 2017

Present:

Members: Jamie Thomas Harley (Chair), Christine Alison, Peter Blackshaw, Elaine Doherty, Merle Read, Martin Venhern, Jane Morgan (associate)

Attendees: Alasdair Macdonald, Margery Macleod (residents), PCs Peter Bell and Ben Green for police report

1. The Chair welcomed those present. There were no apologies.
2. Due to e-mail issues with the group address, minutes of the last meeting had not been received by all so approval was deferred to the March meeting. Under matters arising it was noted that double yellow lines were to be repainted at the Belmont Street triangle on 28 February.
3. There were no Councillors present to deliver a report.

60 steps

4. JHT had attended a recent meeting of the 60 Steps trust and provided an update. Restoration would take place in 2 phases for which funding was in place for Phase 1- from residents, the Council, Historic Scotland and the [?] Trust. Under Phase 1, commencing at end February, the curved wall will be rebuilt with drainage. There would be some road closures but access would be maintained. Parking will no longer be against the wall. Phase 1 will further include restoration of the pleasure garden encompassing terracing, removal of trees, repair of pillars, bench and viewing point. Volunteers will be sought for planting and maintenance. Phase 2, not yet funded, is to include restoration of the steps and ironwork. The project will be featured in a BBC programme on April 9th marking the anniversary of Greek Thomson's birth.

5. The project has been affected by slow responses from the Council. JHT reported that he had invited the trust to contact the NK CC if slow responses continued.

Community Empowerment Act

6. This item was deferred to the March meeting awaiting information from the CC resource Centre.

Parking

7. Members discussed potential solutions to current parking practices which were causing congestion. Parking at the Belmont street triangle was one problematic area but yellow lines are due to be repainted. Police (who joined the meeting during this item) informed members that residents should phone 0141 287 4040 about illegal parking. Police could be contacted if parking was causing an obstruction.

8. Members discussed the merits or otherwise of resident parking schemes, noting that the Council was likely to put forward further proposals during the next couple of years. Members agreed:

- it would be useful to follow and find out the impact of imminent restrictions in Dowanhill;
- to bring suggestions to the next meeting for where yellow lines on corners would improve matters;
- to consider the benefit of stopping through traffic at Braeside Street
- to consider at the next meeting the value and composition of a sub-committee on parking to take these and other suggestions forward.

Other environmental matters

9. Members noted that overgrown hedges were an obstruction and unattractive. A garden competition was suggested for further consideration.

10. Members noted a consultation on improvements to Byres Rd. A meeting was to be held on 23 February in Partick Burgh hall.

Police report

11. The police provided a note of the quantity of detected (34) and not detected (30) crimes under a range of categories. Main groupings under not detected were vandalism, theft by housebreaking and other theft. Police were putting considerable effort into housebreaking detection and were hoping to use DNA evidence to identify offenders. Residents were asked to be vigilant and to report any potentially useful information to the police- on 999 if happening at the time or 101 after the event. Residents were also urged to keep valuables out of sight (e.g. from ground floor windows). Serial numbers can be logged – at www.immobilise.com - so that police can return stolen property.

12. Residents noted substantial noise from students who return in large groups to Murano street in the early morning e.g. via Melrose Gardens. Yarrow Gardens lane appeared to be being used by drug users. On fly-tipping, residents were asked to contact the Council initially but if tipping persisted to contact the police.

Planning Officer's report

13. The Planning Officer noted a licensing application on which members decided not to comment.

Treasurer's report

14. MV noted that the balance of 1299 pounds, reported at the previous meeting, had not changed. Funding for the current year of 510 pounds had not yet been received.

Web report

15. There were no web matters but MR set out progress on a CC noticeboard. Permission had been given by the Council for a noticeboard on QMD towards Tesco. Planning permission was not needed but nearby owners should be informed as a courtesy. Funding would be pursued at the next meeting of the Hillhead Area Partnership and MR would also investigate insurance.

Correspondence

16. The Secretary had no correspondence to report.

AOB

17. Following a query about CC elections, JHT noted that where there are vacancies, new members could join the Council with GCC approval pending the next elections.

18. MR drew attendees attention to useful local statistics at www.understandingglasgow.com You can see how the Maryhill Road Corridor compares with the Glasgow average by looking at the [neighbourhood profile](#) ([printer-friendly version](#)).

19. Members agreed to discuss the next local clear up at the next meeting on 21 March.