

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

Present:

Members: Elaine Doherty (Vice chair) Christine Alison, Peter Blackshaw, Elaine Doherty, Merle Read, Martin Venhern, Jane Morgan (associate)

Attendees: Alasdair Macdonald, Lindsay Macadie, Patsi Mackenzie, Ed Clack (residents), Helen Stephen (Councillor) PCs Bruce Robertson and Craig Parker for police report

Welcome

1. Elaine Doherty (ED) welcomed those present and noted apologies from Jamie Thomas Harley. In his absence, she would chair the meeting. The minutes of the January and February meetings were accepted as a correct record, proposed by ED and seconded by Martin Venhern (MV).

Police report

2. PCs Parker and Robertson spoke to the previous month's crime statistics. There were 28 detected crimes and 33 undetected. Detected crimes were mainly drinking in public, drugs, violence and road traffic offences. Half of undetected crimes were theft – including housebreaking, bikes and motor vehicles. Housebreakings were now taking place in daytime, often through sash windows with car keys being stolen. It was hoped that DNA evidence would assist detection. Police urged putting items of value out of sight of windows and placing keys away from obvious locations.
3. Residents asked about the value of Neighbourhood Watch signs and the police said they would look at sourcing. They also recommended use of Smart Water to mark products and related stickers for windows noting its use. Police were able to organise marking of pedal bikes. Helen Stephen (HS) said she would locate a leaflet on how to keep property safe. (Action- Police and HS)
4. Residents brought up the continued problem of anti-social noise from students returning late at night to Murano Street via Belmont Street and Melrose Gardens. This was particularly bad about 2am and was interrupting sleep. The police noted that at the beginning of each year a presentation was made to students about security and behaviour. After some discussion, a number of actions were agreed:
 - Police to see if patrols were possible at key times e.g. Monday nights/early morning
 - Residents should phone 101 to report incidents
 - CC reps would join Police meetings with students- to be invited by Police
 - The CC would write to the university to express concern and need for the university to impress on students the need to act responsibly
 - CC to write to the Licensing Board noting that noise followed attendance at certain licensed premises and asking for action to be taken.
5. Residents also commented on obstruction caused by contractors parking in Doune Gardens Lane, noting that there was little evidence of police or warden action. The police will feed this in and HS will report to Ian Briggs in the Planning Dept.

6. The police noted a current “2026 project” seeking views on what people want from the police.

Councillor’s report

7. HS noted that the executive of Glasgow City Council had approved the site on the corner of QMD and Maryhill Road for a new primary school, to be operational by 2020. She will ask if priority can be given to the pitch for community use. Planning permission will be required and there will therefore be an opportunity for the CC to comment. HS also noted a Licensing application to change Munn’s Vaults to a convenience store. She further noted that the repainting of double yellow lines at the Belmont St triangle had been delayed by bad weather. In response to comments that signs requiring moving of cars were not big enough to be seen, HS said she would contact Land and Environmental Services.

Future Clean-ups

8. Following discussion it was agreed that the next clean up would focus on Yarrow Gardens Lane and take place on the morning of Saturday 22 April. (*See subsequent e-mail on time and leafletting.*) ED would contact the Council for equipment. Alasdair Macdonald suggested seeking student volunteer involvement via the SRC as this might help build a community spirit. HS said she would speak to the student President about this.

Treasurer’s report

9. MV noted that during a break in to his property the CC cheque book had been stolen. Cheques had been stopped and a new book was awaited. Receipts for small payments due were also stolen but MV would arrange payment. Grant for the current year had been received.

Planning officer’s report

10. Christine Alison (CA) noted that the date for any comment on renewal of a HMO at Kelvin drive had passed. This led to some discussion on the volume of HMOs. It was suggested that with the rise in purpose built accommodation there should not be so much need for HMOs and this could be included in planning/licensing comments.

Web officer’s report

11. Merle Read (MR) indicated that problems with the group e-mail had been sorted – but she would resend a request to Peter Blackshaw (PB) for his inclusion in the group.

Correspondence

12. PB noted correspondence informing the CC that work was starting on the Woodside Health centre. PB also recommended the Tenement Handbook (value endorsed by MV) of which peter had spare copies available.

AOB

13. Members considered inviting candidates for the forthcoming Council elections to the next meeting. It was noted that the CC boundary overlapped 3 Council wards i.e. Canal, Maryhill and Hillhead- thus involving a very large number of candidates. Given that most members and attendees lived within Hillhead ward it was agreed to ask candidates for that ward. The Chair would be asked to issue invitations. This led to discussion of advertising including use of the web forum Next Door. It was confirmed that Jamie Thomas Harley was a member.

14. It was noted that work on the 60 steps had been delayed (*since started*).

15. The meeting discussed a previous proposal for a sub-committee on parking. Alasdair Macdonald and Ed Clack (EC) expressed interest and EC thought a neighbor of his would wish to be involved too. JHT to advise on pursuing further.

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