

Minutes of the meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

20th October 2015 at 6.30PM

Held in St Charles Church Hall 1 Kelvinside Gardens.

In attendance: Peter Blackshaw (PB), Douglas Peacock (DP), Christine Alison (CA), Elaine Doherty (ED), Jamie Thomas-Harley (JH), Daniel Wilson, (DW), Andrew Watson (AW)

1. Welcome and introductions. New members introduced, new chair led meeting.
2. Approval of minutes. Minutes from the last four CC meeting had to be approved as there has been insufficient numbers to do this in previous weeks. All minutes approved and seconded.
3. Report on the Meadow. DP provided feedback on today's demonstration at the City Chambers' Planning meeting. Around 130 people attended. The Chair of the Planning meeting felt that with this amount of resident involvement a site meeting and hearing would be required before progressing the application. Douglas felt this was positive but the drawback was the site meeting would take place without it being made public. Knowing when it was planned for would enable local residents to ensure the Meadow is busy at the time of the visit.
4. Future Clean Ups. As the Autumn season is well under way, it was thought area with a lot of trees/ leaves would be a good place to concentrate on. It was agreed that the area around Striven Gardens/ Doune Gardens should be the focus of the next Clean Up. It was agreed that this would take place at 10:30AM on Saturday 21/11/2015. Rakes and shovels will be purchased prior to this. CSG will be asked if they can supply equipment too. DW noted that the last clean up, while the clean up itself was good, GCC Cleansing did not uplift the bags as agreed. It was suggested that Community Payback could assist with clean ups/ local improvements etc. AW said he would contact CP to find out if there is a charge for this type of work.
5. Planning Officer. Nothing to report on Planning. An old application was newed at 125 Wilton Street. Elaine wanted to know if there was a maximum amount of HMO license which could be granted in a certain area. PB discussed a previously unsuccessful objection to HMOs which was unsuccessful. It was felt the objection system was weighted against local residents. PB will raise this with the local MSPs to seek change. They will be asked to clarify HMO maximum as well.
6. Treasurers Report. No additional information reported on.

7. Web Person. Nothing to report. Web person not present due to injury. Members asked to think about what content would be relevant for the Community Council website/ social media applications.

8. Correspondence. First Bus response letter to Peter was read out. First Bus response was as expected, they understood the change to services would have some impact on local people, especially the elderly, but due to financial viability, these service changes were necessary. The fact that changes to services were published only on their website was seen as quite restrictive.

9. Christmas Venue & How to Help Others!

Thoughts were that the newly reopened Strathmore Bar may be a suitable venue. Peter will approach the venue to see if we can be facilitated. Queen Cross Housing Association to be approached by PB to see if they have any sheltered Housing complexes which the CC could arrange a small Christmas Party for.

10. A.O.B.

Dan Wilson discussed the red blaze football pitches situated between Queen Margaret Drive and Maryhill Road. Group were happy that DW take the lead on this, approaching local businesses such as Tesco and McDonald, as well as Queen Cross Housing, to see if they would be willing to contribute financially for the needed improvement work. DW will also contact GCC to find out who the best person to meet with would be, and also to establish the Council's stand point on it's improvement/ development. Other Community Council member will assist when required.

Date for next meeting set for 17th November 2015