

North Kelvin Community Council

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

October 21st 2014 at 6.30pm

Held in St. Charles Church Hall.

The current Chair will officiate at the AGM.

Minutes

1. Members in attendance were as follows: Cameron MacFarlane, Chair (CM) (Vice-Chair vacant); Peter Blackshaw, Secretary (PB); Douglas Peacock, Treasurer (DP); Merle Read, Webmaster (MR); Christine Alison, Acting Planning Officer (CA).

Prospective Members: Elaine Doherty (ED), Bernadette Doyle (BD), Mary Mclure (MM), Martin Venherm (MV).

Councillor: Helen Stephen (HS).

Apologies: Chris Kelly (CK).

2. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved by DP and seconded by CM.

3. The chairman's annual report was presented and approved by PB and seconded by DP [see Appendix].

4. Approved Accounts. DP reported that the accounts couldn't be presented in full as the bank had been not been too cooperative, for the accounts to be presented for the AGM. These accounts would be presented by the next meeting. MR noted that £27.40 was to come off the present accounts, for printing.

5. All the present Office Bearers must now stand down.

Councillor Helen Stephens agreed to lead the following proceedings, that is, to ask for nominations for the following:

6. The position of Chair was to be Cameron MacFarlane (CM), proposed by PB, seconded by CA.

The position of vice chair remains open.

The position of Secretary was to be Peter Blackshaw (PB), proposed by CA, seconded by CM.

The Treasurer's position was to be Douglas Peacock (DP), proposed by CM, seconded by MR.

Planning Officer was to be Christine Alison (CA), proposed by PB, seconded by DP.

Web Person was to be Merle Read (MR), proposed by CA and seconded by DP.

7. Accountant: The Accountant to deal with all the final accounts for 2014/2015 will be Warren Barclay.

8. There are no Associate Members at present, so we pass on to the next item.

9. Review of inventory: none to cover for the 2013/2014 period.

10. The Chairman reported that the AGM was to close and the date of the next meeting for the AGM was to be 20 October 2015 at 6.30 pm. This will be held in St Charles Church Hall as it is our venue at present.

The second part of the meeting now began.

Correspondence. The Secretary reported that we had received 4 HMOs, 3 of which were to be in by the date of our October 2014 AGM. In fact there were only two weeks' notice for us to discuss these HMOs, so PB will write and complain about the time scale involved, as we had no time to discuss these items.

Another HMO from last November that we had objected to will be discussed at the City Council Court on 22 October 2014. The Secretary will represent the Community Council.

The meeting then went on to discuss the planning application from Firhill Development Co Ltd.

This is for Partick Thistle Football Club former South Stand, to be developed for new flats and office space. The plans were presented to us along with pictures. We expressed our concerns over the style and blandness of the architecture, the lack of trees and the lack of parking spaces for visitors and owners of the flats. The architect will take our concerns away with him for further discussion.

There being no other items to discuss, the meeting was closed by the chairman.

The date of the next meeting is 18th November 2014 at 6.30pm. Meeting to be held in St Charles Church Hall.

APPENDIX

NKCC Chairperson's Report for 2014 AGM

This has been a challenging year for North Kelvin Community Council involving an element of change.

After some issues in respect of our previous meeting venue which involved the disruption and cancellation of a couple of our meetings, we have now moved our meetings to an alternative venue that provides us with greater scope and flexibility in terms of availability.

There has also been some change in terms of membership of NKCC as some longstanding members have resigned due to other demands on their time. At the beginning of the year we therefore conducted a drive to attract new members by putting up posters in the local area and utilising our website and Facebook page. This did result in new members joining NKCC who have taken on responsibility for various roles within the community council.

Membership, however, remains a major issue and focus for NKCC as we attempt to increase our numbers further in order to enable us to effectively carry out core Community Council business, as well as to engage in additional activities within our community. At present, these goals are challenging as our low numbers mean that we are limited in respect of capacity and responsibilities, and actions are shared between a small number of members, many of who themselves have limited time and availability due to other commitments.

Despite the constraints mentioned above NKCC has continued to carry out core Community Council business during our monthly meetings. We have, for instance, engaged with the NHS in relation to the development of the proposed new Woodside Health Centre and contributed comments and concerns during our August meeting. On a similar note we are currently in the process of contributing to the consultation process around the planning application for the proposed development of the stand at Firhill Stadium, through discussion with the architects of this project.

In addition to these examples of core business we have also made attempts to increase our links to other groups, organisations, and individuals in our community. We have, for instance, set up a Twitter feed to sit alongside our website and Facebook page in order to increase our digital presence and engage with a wider audience. We have also agreed to support Maryhill Foodbank as a partner organisation, involving a member of NKCC attending Foodbank committee meetings as a delegate of the community council and feeding back on relevant issues.

Going forward, I believe it is vital that NKCC continues to make further attempts to engage with individuals living in the North Kelvin area. It is important that NKCC is as representative as possible of the views of all people within the North Kelvin area when we are contributing to any discussions or consultations about issues in our community: there is much work to be done before we would be truly able to make such a claim.

There are a number of potential options that may help to achieve this, including continued and increased use of IT and social media resources, leafletting, putting up posters, and holding community events. All of these things, however, require time and effort from NKCC members who also have various other demands on their time through their personal and professional lives.

If NKCC is to be able to successfully engage in such activities it is necessary that we increase our membership in order to increase our capacity and share this workload more widely. We are again currently in the process of encouraging more local residents to join NKCC and/or attend monthly meetings: this will remain our central focus in the next term.

Cameron MacFarlane

Chairperson - North Kelvin Community Council