

North Kelvin Community Council monthly meeting: Minutes

Tuesday 21st April 2015, 6.30pm

St Charles' Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens, G20

Present: Peter Blackshaw (PB), NKCC secretary and acting chair; Christine Alison (CA), NKCC planning officer and acting chair; Merle Read (MR), NKCC webmaster; Elaine Doherty (ED), NKCC member; Jamie Thomas-Harley, resident; Robbie Hawthorne, resident; David McCarthy, resident; Councillor Helen Stephen (HS), GCC; PC Craig Parker (CP), Police Scotland

Apologies: Cameron MacFarlane, NKCC member; Douglas Peacock (DP), NKCC treasurer; Councillor Chris Kelly

1. Welcome. CA convened the meeting.

2. Police report. CP gave the report for area roughly Queen Margaret Dr (QMD) to Napiershall St. The theft of pedal cycles has increased, to 9 in the last month, both from the street & from inside tenements. Bolt cutters were used to remove a frame, leaving the wheels behind. Attempted housebreakings have also increased, but thefts of & from motor vehicles have gone down. Car users are advised to take the extra trouble to remove valuables such as laptops from a car rather than risk theft.

There were 13 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour, e.g. drinking on the canal walkways. Some students are not aware that drinking on the street is illegal (different bye-laws apply e.g. in Edinburgh).

Blue lighting & LED lighting in other areas have been effective in deterring crime.

The police are keen to hear suggestions about what could be done better and what else could be done to deter crime. Residents are advised to make sure close doors & ground-floor windows are kept shut to minimize opportunistic crimes. Lock your storm doors if you have them. Vandalism should be reported. Housing associations will respond to reports of antisocial behaviour.

3. Last month's minutes. The meeting was not quorate so approval was carried over to next month.

4. Clean-up of Yarrow Gardens Lane on Saturday 25th April. EH had liaised with Clean Glasgow for equipment & skip to be provided. Leafleting had been done. PB had acquired table & flasks for provision of refreshments.

The lane at the back of Doune Gardens also needs attention. There was a bin-shed fire at Doune Quadrant. The [My Glasgow App](#) can be used to report environmental problem such as litter & vandalism.

5. Councillor's report. Re insurance claims against the council for tripping on pavements etc., HS reported that an officer checks whether an insurance claim is acceptable & reports back to Land & Environmental Services.

The QMD pavement resurfacing had been discussed by Glasgow City Council (GCC). Three of the four local councillors are on the committee. The council wanted to use bitumen for resurfacing at a cost of £17,500; like-for-like would cost £40,000 and Caithness Stone, £95,000. Council policy on pavements was deemed necessary. Temporary repairs should be done in the meantime to make the pavement safe. The resurfacing will be done but not immediately.

The corner of Clouston St/QMD has been cleared. Any recurrence of flooding here should be reported.

HS had attended a drop-in meeting about the new health centre. The parking arrangements still haven't been finalised.

HS had led a debate at full GCC meeting on the private rented sector. There was support for Shelter Scotland's 'Make Renting Right' campaign. The Scottish Government is expected to bring in relevant legislation later in the year.

Concerns were raised about safety inspections of houses in multiple occupancy (HMOs). These are supposed to be carried out on a 3-year basis. It was suggested more rigorous inspection is needed. A new tenancy deposit scheme was mentioned. Tenants don't want to rock the boat for fear of eviction.

A neglected garage at the back of Yarrow Gardens Lane was mentioned as a possible hazard. HS will contact colleagues in Housing/Enforcement to see if there are health & safety issues. A broken streetlight in the lane was also reported. A "no fly tipping" plaque has been ordered but has not yet appeared.

6. Planning officer's report. CA had to leave the meeting early & there was no report.

New City Vision have updated their plans to build on North Kelvin Meadow & the Children's Wood. If the plans have been verified by the time of the next NKCC meeting, we will be able to consider whether to submit an objection.

7. Treasurer's report. None in DP's absence.

8. Webmaster's report. Our Facebook page, website and Twitter feed are all being updated regularly. MR had again tried to contact the previous webmaster about our email addresses but had had no response.

9. Secretary's correspondence. PB had written to Roads & Lighting re the lack of further improvements to lighting following the improvements to Clouston St & QMD, and re the resurfacing of the QMD pavement. There are no plans for replacement lighting but broken bulbs will be replaced. The reply on the pavements suggested the shopkeepers contribute 50% of the funding. Work is to be carried out in September. PB to pursue.

PB attended a meeting on the new health centre. The work has been delayed by the extra piling to be done at a cost of an extra £2m. The work should be started at the end of the year & is to be completed by 2017.

Some residents had been in touch asking to be informed about future events.

The Resource Centre supplied information on voting rights re the general election.

The Church of Scotland have said they have no immediate plans for their gap site at Kelbourne Street. PB will try to get information from them in writing.

Plans for an industrial waste disposal plant in Whiteinch have been submitted. Objections had to be in by 24 April. We were unable to make an objection as the meeting wasn't quorate.

10. AOB. St Charles's Primary School have a couple of sealed noticeboards on the railings outside the school that display community as well as school info. MR to find out if we can display our poster.

The meeting closed about 7.45pm. The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015, at St Charles' Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens, G20 6BG.