

Minutes of the meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

17th March 2015

Held in St. Charles Church Hall 1 Kelvinside Gardens

1. Welcome.

Members- Peter Blackshaw (PB) Secretary :Douglas Peacock (DP) Treasurer: Merle Read (MR)
Webperson: Cameron Macfarlane (CM) Member: Elaine Doherty (ED) Member:
Laura Wright (LW) and Colin Cook (CC) both from Aspire:
Maggie MacDonald (MM) Resident:
Councillors - Kieran Wild (KW) Helen Stephen (HS)
PC Adam Hookway (AH) and PC Caroline McGrath(CM).Police Scotland
Apologies: Chris Kelly Councillor, Martin Vernon and Christine Alison.

2. Police report: there have been 314 calls since January 2015. It was noted that with Police Scotland re-organization it is becoming more difficult to get a comprehensive breakdown of what is happening in our area. There is still a sneaky thief trying close doors and looking for open windows, including bogus callers-asking, can I cut your hedge! Just to get in. Reports of cars unlocked or persons just trying car doors, bikes are still a big problem with 5 being stolen in the last few weeks, people are still chaining them to close railings and being visible from the street. People complain if their bike is stolen but make it easy to get their bike stolen. The Police were thanked for their report, perhaps we can help by putting some warnings on our website.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved by MR and seconded by CM.

4. Aspire-a full report was given as to who they are. They are a private company. Questions were asked about who stayed at their premises and for how long, an average of 18 people stay for a few weeks or as long as a year. Residents are referred to them but they are encouraged to move onto a permanent place sooner rather than later, the residents come from various backgrounds but all need some help for the future also we were told that they were willing to help with any clean ups.

5. Community Clean up. MR. gave a report on what was discussed by the members who met up at Crosslands. Those of us that were at that meeting discussed what places were to be cleaned up but at the top of the list is Yarrow Gardens, this will now be passed to the full meeting. Leaflets will be distributed around the area, stating the time and date to be arranged . It was proposed to contact the Council to provide a skip along with gloves, litter pickers and bags. A Council official will attend with equipment for any dangerous objects, the length of time will be about 3 hours. Refreshments will be supplied.
6. Councillors report-HS gave a report on the Belmont Street planning application and the Open Meeting that she attended .The meeting was attended by some of our own members, the Application was later refused.KW spoke of contacting Queens Cross Housing on the state of Oban Passage, he will contact them again. A question was asked of him regarding a clean-up of land outside of Crosslands, he will look into the ownership and report back.
7. Planning Officer- no report.
8. Treasurers report- still awaiting a bank statement but small amounts to come off and there may be further costs incurred from the clean up.
9. Webperson- MR is updating the Website, the hits continue to grow, we will investigate the cost of advertising more.
10. Correspondence-we received an E-Mail regarding an open meeting at the Central Halls about the new Woodside Health Centre-tonight. I replied that this was our Community Council meeting ,the reply was another meeting has been arranged for the 31st March at 6.30pm- we should attend. Ann McKechin wrote about a meeting in Hillhead Library 20th March on Affordable Housing. PB is preparing a letter to be sent to Roads/Lighting regarding the state of QMD footpath, also the poor lighting in the surrounding streets. Hopefully we will have a reply from them by the next meeting.

Date of next meeting 21st April 2015 at 6.30pm

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