

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCI

20TH MAY 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. Christine Alison (CA) Planning Officer. Cameron MacFarlane (CM). Martin Venherm (MV). Elaine Doherty (ED).

Jamie Thomas-Harley (JH) and David McCarthy both residents.

Councillor Helen Stephen (HS). PC Lisa Millar G2270 and PC Chris Maughan G2687 both from Police Scotland.

Apologies. Councillor Chris Kelly.

2. Police Report. The Officers gave a comprehensive report on what had been happening over the last month, with 23 drink related incidents, 6 drug offences, 10 thefts including house breaking and 5 from parked cars. There were thefts from bikes that were poorly chained in closes or on street railings, 3 assaults including breach of peace.

A number of questions were raised and the Police were very helpful including going to find out if we could set up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

3. Minutes of the last two months were approved as follows.

March Minutes were approved by PB and Seconded by MV.

April Minutes were approved by MP and Seconded by CM.

4. A report on the clean up at Yarrow Garden Lane was given by PB. The event was attended by members of the council, local neighbours and two of our own city councilors. The City Council provided us with walk-in skip, gloves, cutters, pickers and high visibility vests. We were able to clear the vegetation and a lot of fun was had by all of us. We had purchased for future events a table and water flasks-so we provided tea and coffee to everyone which was appreciated during the clean up. When we had finished, two of us went to look at Melrose Gardens Lane for a future clean up but it was in a terrible state and so decided to leave that until a possible full council viewing or council environmental involvement. We will discuss other sites as soon as possible.

5. MR reported on the fact that the shopkeepers were holding a Mini-West End Festival in Queen Margaret Drive on the 21st June, the Community Council were being offered a space along with a Gazebo if we could provide a table and a couple of chairs. This event would be in the form of a street party with hopefully the area between the shops closed off to traffic during the time of 10.00-6.00.. We could provide leaflets telling of what we have been doing since the 1970 s when Community Councils were first formed, what we are doing now to improve the area and that we would like more

volunteers. We need to find a Printer that can design and print some leaflets and a banner to display who we are along with a sign up sheet. MR, CA and ED will consult on this.

6. Councillor's report: Only one councillor present: HS gave a report on the parking concerning the present Woodside Health Centre, the new site at Queen's Cross and the surrounding streets; some of the restrictions had been lifted on the future plans but it was still up in the air at this stage. Doncaster Street has been closed in part and will remain closed until 2016; this is adjacent to the new Health Centre. HS brought to our attention an application for the use of the Football Pitches on Maryhill Road for a fairground, from 2nd July-9th July.
7. Planning Officer's report: CA had had no formal planning application from the Church of Scotland for the site in Kelbourne Street and no intention to clean up the site. DP reported on the latest renewal of planning for the Clouston Street/Kelbourne Street site. For the benefit of newer members on the Council, he outlined the plans and what had been happening over the last 7 years, with over 700 objections sent in to the Council for a change of use. The plan was originally for 112 homes but this had been cut down to 90, with the sale of the council owned land £1 million was to go towards the cost of developing the Maryhill Road football pitches into a first class pitch with running tracks and permanent changing facilities. Our previous chair had already sent in an objection from the council, which still stands but anyone can still object.
8. Treasurer's report: nothing outstanding to report. We have £2400 in the account with a number of cheques to be paid out.
9. Webperson: the number of hits is steady and there are other items to be added to the Web in the coming days.
10. Correspondence. PB reported on the application for the Funfair to be sited on Maryhill Road football pitches (see also Councillor's report). We had received an application for an HMO. But the timescale for objecting was too short. We talked this over and we will approach the Licensing Board to see how the timing can be altered to fit in with Community Councils meetings to appeal. If this fails we will take it up with the MSPs. A leaflet was handed out about the ongoing work at the new Maryhill Health Centre; a document was also handed out concerning a debate at the Resource Centre Forum - we are asked to reply!
11. AOCB. There being nothing else to discuss, the date of the next meeting will be the 16th June 2015 at 6.30pm in St. Charles Church Hall. 1 Kelvinside Gardens.