

Minutes of the meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

15th Sept 2015 at 6.30pm

Held in St. Charles Church Hall 1 Kelvinside Gardens.

1. Welcome and introductions. Peter asked to be chair this month which was accepted.

In attendance: Members-Peter Blackshaw (PB) Secretary. Merle Read (MR) Web Person. Christine Alison (CA) Planning Officer. Jamie Thomas-Harley (JH) David McCarthy (DM). David Wilson (DW). Christine Sloan (CS). Douglas Peacock Treasurer (DP). Helen Stephen Councillor (HS), Kieran Wild Councillor (KW).

Apologies. Cameron MacFarlane- Member. Laura Wright-Aspire. Elaine Doherty (ED) Member, Martin – Member.

2. Police report - no Police in attendance.
3. Approval of the last minutes - these could not be approved as we did not have enough members at the meeting. This has been the case now for a few meetings and so getting to a Quorum is an issue for the Community Council. New members are urgently needed! The NKCC can take up to 13 members.
4. Report from Maryhill and Woodside Health Centres by May Simpson, their Community Engagement Development Officer (may.simpson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk for any additional questions). She updated the members on the Maryhill Health Care Centre which is expected to open Summer of 2016 and the Woodside Centre which is expected to open Autumn 2017. Kieran asked why each doctor needed their own reception and May said it was due to each doctor having a separate contract with the centre, as they are run as separate businesses. Leaflets on both centres were distributed.
5. Report on provision of Bike Racks. Lorna Findlay and her partner Mat asked the members to help and give advice on them getting an enclosed bike structure within the area. They had been informed by the Council the cost would be between £25-£50 per annum per bike. The Council would only go ahead if they could show there was demand in the area for it plus could recommend a suitable spot for the structure (probably the size of one car parking space). Kieran offered to write to 500 local residents asking if they wanted this. However no decision was made on whether to pursue this. Discussion had on how best to see if demand was there in the community. Suggestion on putting a survey monkey on the NKCC website. Putting posters in local shops and bike shops. Attaching a leaflet onto bikes within the area with the NKCC email address to collect views. Lorna thanked the members for the discussion and she would now follow up actions needed to progress this.

6. Future Clean Ups. Christine led a discussion on the next clean up being Saturday 19th Sept 10.30-12.30 on Oban Passage. Merle has created a poster. Christine said she and Elaine Doherty would go for a rekkie to see if there was other lanes in the area needing a clean up. Christine stated they have bought loppers from Lidl (approx. £30) to help cut back bushes. Ryan Noble of the Council has dropped off litter pickers. Spade and brushes to be bought as these are helpful on clean ups. David Wilson suggested we contact the Fire station to see if they would be interested in helping. Ryan of the Council was said to be keen that just litter was picked up however various members agreed that we should pick up what is felt to be rubbish on the lanes as that's what local people wanted. It's often these bigger items that cause the frustration on not being picked up.
7. Councillor reports by Helen Stephen and Kieran Wild. First Bus withdrawing one of their services, due in First Bus view to lack of use, was an issue raised by many. Helen mentioned that many older and non able bodied people relied on this service. Kieran was keen that each bus shelter have a map of the bus number and the route it takes. Helen updated us on the Traders on QMD and that the Council was keen to go ahead with repairs if traders couldn't raise the matching finance. However it was agreed that the Council would wait till Oct to see if funding was available. Kieran mentioned parking issues on Wilton Street and that it may be the case the Council would ask again if residents in that area wanted parking restrictions introduced. He also mentioned a wind turbine company were asking if somewhere suitable in the Ward could have a wind turbine put up.
8. Planning officers report. Christine mentioned a new HMO on Clouston street had been applied for. The NKCC hadn't heard from any residents about this, so as usual in these situations, wouldn't comment either way without this feedback.
9. Treasurers report. Douglas stated the Bank balance was £1,713.25 not including recent cheque to Peter or amounts due for the clean up equipment. Discussion had on us funding or part funding a notice board on the QMD lane. This should be vandal proof. Kieran mentioned it should be able to have its laminate window replaced if damaged. Helen stated we could apply to the area funding if needing funds for this. Merle is talking with Rhona of QMD on this topic and members would welcome more information / a proposal on this. Douglas will confirm with Council if we can fund this.
10. Webperson report. Merle said there was no material news to report. She had updated the front page on our website for the Community Council election deadline of Friday 18th Sept.
11. Correspondence. Peter relayed what had come in via our mail this past month. He stated he wasn't sure of the time for our AGM but felt we should go for 6.30pm as usual. The Council had said 7pm in one of their communications to Peter. It was agreed that Peter would write to the bus company about the removal of bus routes without any consultation given.

12. A O B. –

- a) Douglas stated there had been a Flasher on the North Kelvin Meadow and that it had been reported to the Police. Male, white, clean looking description and about 17 years old.
- b) Douglas stated his garden rubbish hadn't been collected for 3 months due to the number of his building not appearing on the Council website street map. Kieran said to email the Council.
- c) Douglas stated the two large raised beds on North Kelvin Meadow would have their fresh produce (vegetables and fruit) sent to the Maryhill Foodbank. This is due to the foodbank not having much in the way of fresh food as most is packaged or canned. Refugees would also be helping to tend the beds as this helps them get involved in the community and is a good healthy activity.
- d) Merle stated she represented the NKCC at the QMD student event put on by the traders. This helps new students get familiar with the area and any issue to look out for.
- e) Merle stated that Sustrain had put on a community feedback session on what suggestions people wanted in the design of the proposed and new QMD pavement and road section.
- f) Peter will provide a chairperson statement for the forthcoming AGM on 20th Oct 2015 at 6.30pm (all welcome as usual).

There being nothing more to discuss, the meeting closed and the date of the next meeting was set. Tea and coffee was then served along with an informal chat.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday 20th October 2015 6.30pm (being 3rd Tuesday of the month)
at St Charles Church Hall (side wooden door), 1 Kelvinside Gardens**

All residents of the area are welcome to attend.