

Minutes of the meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

19 January 2016 at 6.30p.m.

St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens

In attendance: Peter Blackshaw (PB, NKCC secretary), Christine Alison (CA, NKCC planning officer), Elaine Doherty (ED, NKCC member), Jamie Thomas-Harley (JTH, NKCC chair), Merle Read (MR, NKCC webmaster), Kirstanne Land (local resident), Helen Stephen (HS, GCC), Kieran Wild (KW, GCC), Martin Venherm (MV, NKCC member), Lisa Harris and Chris (both Maryhill police)

Apologies: Douglas Peacock (NKCC treasurer), Daniel Wilson, Andrew Watson (NKCC members), Chris Kelly (GCC)

1. **Welcome**

JTH opened the meeting.

2. **Planning officer's report**

There were two multiple-occupancy licence applications for flats on Queen Margaret Drive. We had no knowledge of any objections and the closing date was December in any case.

Land at the corner of Doune Gardens where planning permission was recently refused is up for sale at auction.

3. **Approval of minutes**

November minutes were proposed and seconded.

4. **Police report**

Crime for the month 19 Dec to 19 Jan: 8 drug-related offences; 6 on-street drinking; 4 breach of the peace; 3 common assault; 2 road traffic; 5 thefts, incl. 2 pedal cycles, 1 house-breaking & 1 theft from a motor vehicle. Most of this was detected.

An abandoned vehicle had been noticed nearby: the police were going to check it out after the meeting. The number to report an abandoned vehicle is 0141 276 0859.

5. **Antisocial behaviour**

Local residents have reported antisocial behaviour (generally noisy and drunken/disorderly conduct) of large groups of students returning home during the night along various streets between Great Western Road and Maryhill Road. The police have looked into this before and say extra attention is being given to it. They will raise the issue again. They encourage anyone disturbed by the noise to report it by calling 101, and to note the incident number. The phone call can be made the next day. The more evidence they have of the problem, the more they can justify spending resources on it. The police speak to the students at the beginning of every academic year, as this is a recurrent issue. It has been raised with the university also, but they say they can't take action without knowing who the culprits are. There are also concerns for students' personal safety and the reputation of the university.

It was suggested we could leaflet the area and Murano St to draw students' attention to the

problems they are causing. PB/MV to contact the university/SRC/student village and invite their representative(s) to our next meeting to discuss the problem. MR to post on social media.

6. **Councillors' reports**

HS reported flooding on Kelbourne St has been raised with GCC. It is to be given the highest level of cyclical gulley and channel clearance to check drainage is operating at full capacity.

HS also reported GCC is set to lose £133m of Scottish Government funding from its budget over 2 years, with £80m being cut from April this year. The average local authority budget cut is 4% but Glasgow is being cut by 4.4%. Some 3,000 jobs are to be lost, hopefully without compulsory redundancies. Non-statutory areas will be the focus of the cuts. There will be consultation (online project) to consider how to minimise the effect of the cuts. Area partnerships, residents and community councils should look out for this. If GCC were to raise council tax it would be fined. GCC has extra responsibilities, e.g. food waste recycling, that have to be carried out in the face of budget cuts. City Property has targets for selling land and assets to mitigate cuts.

KW reported the results of a small survey (part of Wilton St/Kelvinside Terr E/Doune Gdns/Belmont St) re bike storage. A tenth of respondents would be willing to pay £25–50 per year for this.

The councillors were asked how we can report abandoned bikes. KW will ask GCC whose responsibility it is to deal with them.

KW had attended a residents' meeting re lanes at back of Wilton St which have problems with mud and bin collections. The land is not council owned but it may be possible to apply for an Area Partnership Grant to pay a contractor to dig out the mud.

It was suggested we make contact with residents on Yarrow Gardens Lane and factors to undertake work to install cupboard doors to minimise rubbish spillage onto the bin lane. JTH/ED to follow up.

The non-attendance at our meetings of a GCC councillor was noted.

7. **Treasurer's report**

No report due to absence of treasurer.

8. **Web person**

A couple of issues discussed at the meeting were also raised via social media. A resident wanted to know if GCC checked up on illegal HMOs. Such concerns should be raised with city councillors. The NKCC website is up to date with all minutes from 2015.

9. **Correspondence**

May Simpson wrote that the outline business case for the new Woodside Health Centre has been approved and the full case is to be considered. Expected completion date is autumn

2017. She will update us at our May meeting.

Comments on the Strategic Development Plan are required by the next meeting (see <http://www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/sdp/proposedplan2016>).

The next Community Council Discussion Forum is on Sat 13 February, 9.30a.m.–12, at 40 John Street.

10. **AOB**

JTH suggested we could investigate how to have commemorative plaques erected to mark the connection with the area of the influential art dealer Alexander Reid and the former prime minister Henry Campbell-Bannerman. JTH and ED will follow this up.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting is set for Tuesday 16th February 2016, 6.30p.m., St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens.