

## Minutes of the meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

16 February 2016 at 6.30pm

St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens

Present: Elaine Doherty (ED, NKCC member & acting chair), Peter Blackshaw (PB, NKCC secretary), Christine Alison (CA, NKCC planning officer), Martin Venherm (MV, NKCC member), Merle Read (MR, NKCC webmaster), Sandra Moody and Terry Moody (local residents), John McIntyre and Neil Campbell (both Glasgow University, GU)

Apologies: Jamie Thomas-Harley (NKCC chair), Douglas Peacock (NKCC treasurer), Daniel Wilson (DW, NKCC member), Helen Stephen (HS, GCC)

1. **Welcome.** ED opened the meeting. Apologies were noted.
2. **Review of student behaviour.** This issue arose because of residents' complaints of regular noise nuisance during the night caused by students returning to Murano Street student accommodation. Students appear to be unaware of the disturbance they are causing. We have discussed the issue previously with the police, who encouraged us to have a dialogue with GU.

We welcomed the input from GU from NC (director of campus services) and JM (traffic & security manager), who have a strong working relationship with the police. Students should not be causing this disturbance. Good conduct in the local area is covered in the students' induction into their accommodation. Mobile patrols look out for antisocial behaviour. Often a small minority are to blame for this: it can be very effective to identify and discipline the ringleaders. Disciplinary sanctions can be imposed, as the students sign contracts as to their conduct. The GU gatehouse is on call 24 hrs and will respond to reports about disorder. Residents noticing disturbance should call the main campus control room immediately on **0141 330 4282**. A description of those responsible may help in their identification when they reach Murano St. GU take the issue very seriously and will follow up on reports of antisocial behaviour. The patrols can take 3 to 10 minutes to reach the scene. However, the disorder is transient and GU staff have no power of arrest.

Disturbance should also be reported to the police on **101**. If disturbance is not reported, the police can't justify the expense of increasing foot patrols etc. They will target resources if they are alerted to problems.

Residents must report antisocial behaviour: if it isn't reported the problem won't go away.

We discussed leafleting the local area to advise residents on what to do to help us tackle the problem, and putting up posters at Murano St. GU will handle the latter. CA will contact the local printer and it was proposed for NKCC to do leafleting on the evening of Tues 1 March. It was suggested at a later date we could involve the Students' Representative Council. Efforts should be made to engage the students, perhaps at Freshers' Week. Last year the Queen Margaret Dr traders handed out welcome packs: perhaps we could get involved in this again if they are repeating it? MR to investigate.

3. **Approval of minutes.** January minutes were proposed and seconded.
4. **Police report.** No police present and no report. It was sadly noted that a student was injured in a stabbing earlier in the month on Oban Drive. An arrest had been made.
5. **Councillors' reports.** No councillors present and no reports.
6. **Report on recycling.** GCC is making improvements to its recycling services, including the introduction of a food waste recycling service and improving infrastructure in flats and tenements to help residents use the communal blue bin recycling service more easily. More details are on the [council website](#).
7. **Planning officer's report.** Three applications to renew existing HMO licences were reported, all for Wilton St (no. 198, 5 occupants; no. 170, 7 occupants; no. 170, 5 occupants). Objections had to be in by 19th Feb. It was observed that the City Plan has not been updated with regard to HMOs. Hillhead have overprovision of HMOs. There is conflict between HMO and planning law. It was felt planning law is not enforced. Further information on HMOs is available at the [council website](#).
8. **Treasurer's report.** No report due to absence of treasurer.
9. **Webmaster.** MR has been updating NKCC social media. She asked to be sent a copy of the AGM minutes and chair's report for last year so that these can be posted on the NKCC website. MV offered to take a photo of NKCC councillors to be used on the Facebook page.
10. **Correspondence.**
  1. The land at the end of Doune Gardens that previously failed a planning permission application has been sold at auction for £88,000. The new owners have paid a deposit of £8,000 but apparently were unaware of the refused planning application.
  2. May Simpson sent an update on the new Maryhill Health Centre. Building is well under way. May will speak to us at our May meeting.
  3. Invitation to LES has been put on hold.
11. **AOB.**
  1. Kelvinside Residents Association are looking for help in dealing with problems of refuse collection on Doune Gardens Lane. There are difficulties of access. The surface is covered by mud and debris. There is a drainage problem. Water accumulates and enters residents' gardens. Ownership is complicated (shared between GCC and residents) and needs to be clarified. There is a right of way. Planning applications for the gap site have so far been rejected. A meeting was held with Councillor Kieran Wild and the GCC Refuse Dept. Ownership is to be investigated. Blocked drains are exacerbating the problem. There is a spring in the lane. The Land Register should be checked. If the land is not owned by the council, it is down to the residents to collect funds. A compulsory order for repairs may be difficult to obtain. HS may know what funds might be available.

2. The Sixty Steps AGM took place earlier in February. The shoring at the Steps is due to be removed in the spring/summer. The Steps are on the Buildings At Risk register. GCC will need to remove some stones but they will be replaced with similar. If anything needs to be taken down it will be rebuilt. Drainage for the back of the wall and under the road is to be put in. Tree roots are a problem. Stabilising the site is important. An architect has drawn up plans and the proposed work will go out to tender.

3. Football Pitches. DW had circulated correspondence about this but as he was unable to attend the meeting and no councillors were present, this was held over to a future meeting.

12. **Date of next meeting.** The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting is set for Tuesday 15th March 2016, 6.30p.m., St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens.