

Minutes of North Kelvin Community Council

20th September 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

St. Charles Church Hall

Welcome:

1. Present: Members present. Jamie Thomas-Harley (JT) Chairperson. Elaine Doherty (ED) Vice Chairperson. Peter Blackshaw (PB) Secretary. Douglas Peacock (DP) Treasurer. Christine Alison (CA) Planning Officer. Merle Read (MR) Webperson. Resident Jane Morgan (JM).

Councillor: Helen Stephen (HS). Police Officers Craig O'Brien (CO). Alexander Williams (AW).

Apology: Councillor Chris Kelly.

2. Minutes of the last meeting approved.

3. Police report: Crime disclosed over the last month. Road Traffic offences: 5 involving insurance and careless driving. 29 reported cases involving drinking and vandalism. 4 cases of theft. 15 cases of public order, 9 of which were during the Old Firm game. Drug cases as well as 12 assaults, mostly during the Old Firm game. A robbery with the possibility of a knife being used.

Questions were asked of the officers about the Wilton Street Centre. The officers were told of fighting and drinking in the street; they replied they had visited the centre on several occasions and will visit again. The officers were asked about bike riders on footpaths and bikes at night with no lights on; they replied that it was not illegal but the officer said that if he saw a person without lights he would ask them to walk. A new policing unit is coming into force in November to solve problems quicker and to help our Community Council better. The officers were thanked for their input.

4. Councillor report. HS spoke of an open meeting at the Burgh Hall on 27 September concerning primary school children in the area. We are invited to attend because although 5 sites are being looked at, one site will affect us, the Queen Margaret Drive site. Three of our members said they would go. HS then reported on the boundary changes that are coming. This means we will lose our main councillor. Budgets of the council are being tightened but a large amount of money has been allocated to the Queen Margaret Drive area for future improvements. JM asked about flooding that takes place on Kelvinside Gardens. The councillor promised to look into this and the Wilton Street Centre as well.

5. Report on visit to our MP's office. Members that were able to go reported that it was worthwhile as our MP, Patrick Grady, made it as informal as possible. Refreshments were provided. He made a point of talking to everyone and will help the community council in whatever he can do.

6. Future clean ups. We spoke a lot about different areas that we have cleaned up and those that need to be visited again. It was agreed that we should visit Oban Passage again and the surrounding area behind the Fire Station. A date of 8th October was fixed and the time of 10.30 am was agreed; tools and refreshments will be provided and we will leaflet the area. We discussed the purchase of a leaf blower to aid future clean ups. The council will provide bags, jackets and gloves.

7. Football pitches. This has now been put on hold as the Education Department has drawn up plans for 5 sites for the future of primary school education, one of which is Queen Margaret Drive. This would also involve moving the present nursery school to a new site within the area. We do not have all the details but are urged to attend the open meeting at the Maryhill Burgh Hall to see the plans and to talk to those present.

8. Treasurer's report. DP claimed that the finances are in a healthy position but he will have to stand down for the present as he has given up his job to go abroad to work voluntary with animals. This left us with a very important position to fill but in a surprise move MV has agreed to take on the position as long as necessary. DP was thanked for the worthwhile job he had been doing.

9. Planning Officer. HMOs. A leaflet had been prepared which was passed around. This is for closes that will find themselves with flats occupied by lots of people: this will show them what they can do and how we can help.

10. Webperson. MR said that if anyone had news to share then please to get in touch to put the news in the online newsletter.

11. Correspondence: nothing to report.

12. Any other business. It has been suggested that MR take on the position of the Area Partnership rep. in place of DP, who is standing down. This will be discussed at the AGM. DP raised the fact that The Meadow will be decided shortly by the reporter in Edinburgh. We were asked to have a stall for Freshers Week in Queen Margaret Drive but no one was available. Finally thanks were given to DP for his work as Treasurer as this will be his last meeting.

Date of next meeting is 18 October 2016 at 6.30pm

St Charles Church Hall. Kelvinside Gardens Glasgow G20.