

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016

Present:

Members: Jamie Thomas-Harley, Christine Alison, Peter Blackshaw, Elaine Doherty, Merle Read, Martin Venhern, Jane Morgan (associate member)

Attendees: Helen Stephen (Councillor), Andrew Currie, Alasdair Macdonald, Paddy Christie (residents), Lisa Harris and colleague (Police Scotland for police report)

1. Jamie Thomas-Harley (Chair) welcomed those present. The minutes were approved (proposed by ED) with any matters arising on the agenda.

Councillor's report

2. Helen Stephen (HS) gave her report. She noted:

- drain cleaning in Clouston Street and to be redone there and added to list of problem areas; Kelvinside Gardens by end month
- her planned meeting with Melrose Gardens residents
- introduction of affordable warmth grants by GCC for over 80s
- Council information on gritting to which CC website might helpfully refer
- consultation on new primary school – QMD pitches preferred site of 5- and HS commenting on catchment

In discussion the following points were raised:

- Grit bins needed for Kelvinside Gardens near steps and near Yarrow Gardens. HS will pursue.
- Leaves needed swept moved from streets but parked cars appeared to inhibit. HS will suggest who from GCC might be invited to a meeting to find a solution.
- Trees are growing from riverside out over Doune Gardens. HS will contact Parks dept.
- Street bins missing possibly due to metal theft or vandalism. HS will pursue replacement including free standing bins.
- Lighting on pathways near fire station are very dim, posing danger e.g. to students going from Murano Street to West End. HS will raise with GCC.

Police report

3. Lisa Harris (LH) introduced herself and colleague Nicky (?). LH explained new structure of local response team and problem solving team of which she is a member. She will be CC contact and provided her e-mail address.

4. LH reported a recent spike in thefts, of bikes, cars and housebreaking. This is occurring mainly in the dark and being addressed by increased patrols including plain clothes. A leaflet has been delivered on preventing house break-ins but members and attendees noted they had not received it. LH will pursue.

Doune Gardens Lane

5. JTH explained that affected residents were concerned about refuse, condition of road and security in Doune Gardens Lane. He introduced Andrew Currie (AC) who provided

further detail, action taken and action planned. Some residents do not have direct access to the lane or access only by chute. The lane, which is private, is in poor condition while narrowness and cul de sac form makes access by refuse vehicles difficult. This impacts on 200 units in Wilton Street, Kelvinside Terraces South and West, Doune Quadrant and Gardens. Following contact with GCC some improvements are in place (smaller lorries, end of lane cleared for turning. AC and Gill Long have set up a steering group which will meet on 17/11 and plan for a public meeting with cleansing to address future arrangements.

6. Members supported and welcomed these actions and agreed to provide financial support for the public meeting and related leafletting (proposed JHT, seconded ED).

7. Alasdair Macdonald asked whether the Environmental Taskforce announced by GCC in July had a locus. He had found it impossible to access its website. HS agreed to pursue the latter.

Communications

8. Merle Read (web officer) sought views in relation to a proposed application for area partnership funding for CC noticeboards. Following discussion, the preferred sites were QMD near the chemists and the triangle at Wilton Street/Belmont Street. MR then had to leave the meeting.

Clean-ups

9. Elaine Doherty and Christine Alison set out plans for a proposed clean-up on 26 November of Doune Gardens - which would extend to Doune Quadrant and Queen Margaret Road if time/number of people allowed. Time period is 10.30 to 12.30 and leaflets will be delivered to residents on 21 November seeking support. Members and attendees were asked for their involvement where possible. ED and CA also noted the successful clean up at Oban Gardens Lane and thanked volunteers.

Planning Officer's report

10. The Planning Officer, Christine Alison informed the meeting of 2 applications. It was agreed to put in an objection to a change of use from garage to accommodation in Yarrow Gardens lane as onsite parking is important in reducing parking problems and is required for new build. It was also agreed to object to a subdivision in Wilton Street. During discussion questions were asked about regulation of private landlords. HS noted a recent Scottish Government consultation but it appeared that this had not yet led to any proposals.

11. JTH thanked HS for her submission against a planning application for the corner of Doune Gardens where approval had been announced that day.

Treasurer's report

12. Martin Venhern (VH) reported that he needed to provide the bank with signed AGM minutes in order to be accepted as an account signatory. He will arrange for auditing. There were no other matters to report.

Other web matters

13. JTH reported sightings of an individual placing what appeared to be poisoned meat on streets. This might be a response to foxes but was dangerous to dogs. He proposed warnings via social media to which attendees agreed.

Correspondence

14. Peter Blackshaw as Secretary noted receipt of an e-mail from Scottish water about limiting access to the canal during work. This would be placed on the CC website. He also noted a communication from the CC Resource Centre about inviting new members and a Discussion Forum for CC members in the GCC area to be held on 19/11.

Any other business

15. JTH alerted attendees to NextDoor, a social media network for communities which had a North Kelvin group. One concern was parking about which he invited Paddy Christie to speak. She noted severe problems in Kelvinside Gardens and raised the possibility of residents parking. HS indicated that GCC planned to consult on a number of possible areas but North Kelvin (broadly QMD to Maryhill Road) would be in a second tranche such that the consultation would not occur for at least 2 years. There was discussion about how far residents parking pushed problems into other areas and the need for a solution that avoided such impacts.

16. There will be no formal meeting in December but attendees agreed a social meeting on 20/12 in the Strathmore bar on Maryhill Road. PB will reserve tables.

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