

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 JUNE 2017,
6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall

Present:

Members: Jamie Thomas Harley (chair), Martin Venherm (treasurer), Christine Alison (planning officer), Elaine Doherty (vice chair), Douglas Peacock, Merle Read (web person)

Apology: Peter Blackshaw (secretary)

Attendees: Ken Andrew, Jane Morgan, Martha Wardrop (GCC councillors); Alasdair Macdonald, Ed Clack (residents)

1. JTH welcomed those present.
2. The minutes of the May meeting were approved.
3. Police report: none given as no police present.
4. Councillors' reports
 - 4.1 KA: planning permission has been granted for the house at 1 Doune Gardens. The subterranean part of the original plan has been lost. There is some confusion as to title to the land.

It was reported that 2 cyclists have been injured (broken collarbone, knocked unconscious) by falls caused by riding over the speed bumps at the top of Belmont St. One has received compensation because the bumps hadn't been painted and were thus not clearly visible. GCC had previously said to KA that the angle of the bumps was within acceptable norms, but cars have also been adversely affected by the bumps. GCC had also said the bumps would be painted; this hasn't been done. Land & Environmental Services had said there was no record of injuries, but as noted, one cyclist has received compensation, so there must be such a record. KA will raise it again with LES.

There was a discussion, broadly in favour, of whether there should be a 20mph limit in the area. Legislation may be introduced by Scottish Parliament to make it easier for local authorities, in consultation with local communities, to impose a reduction. KA will report to LES that there is an appetite for the 20mph limit. A formal consultation would take place before any changes are made. It was asked why there is no 20mph zone surrounding the nursery school.

It was suggested that the top part of Queen Margaret Drive would be a suitable location for "smiley" road signs or speed cameras.

Sustrans have given a grant for a feasibility study of possible changes to the layout of QMD.

Parents of children at the nursery school have requested a road crossing. KA is in favour. There is a precedent on Great Western Road for crossings to be near one another.

Concern had been expressed to members about the decommissioned ambulance on Raeberry Street which retains full ambulance markings. CA had tried to find out from the police whether this was legal. The ambulance is MOT'd and insured. KA will forward to our MP.

Rat-run Belmont St/Wilton St: could we have this blocked off as has been done in Clouston St? The issue is the volume of traffic. It is particularly bad at school dropping off/picking up time. KA said the community in Clouston St lobbied GCC for the blocking off, and GCC agreed to the request. So we could propose the idea to GCC. We could have a community consultation on this issue after the summer break.

4.2 JM: There is to be a parking consultation on the streets behind QMD on the Wilton street side. Inclusion of streets around Clouston St on the other side has been raised with the City Council by Councillors on behalf of residents [a site visit has since been announced]. JM is to ask GCC if they are going to look at knock-on effects of regulated zones on unregulated zones. Residents have reported that parking is especially congested around Clouston St since restrictions were introduced in Dowanhill. Cyclists are having to dismount. Double parking has been reported. JM will pursue.

4.3 MW has been following the Doune Gardens/Fergus Drive planning applications and NKCC PLACE-making event. There was a meeting re Doune Gardens Lane. MW is hoping for an update on this re getting resources from GCC and how residents can contribute.

Re the cleansing-related problems around Oban Dr/Fergus Dr/Kelvinside Dr, MW intends doing a walkabout to put together a photo record of the problem areas.

A community consultation event was to be held on 28 June at Firhill Stadium to discuss plans by Scottish Canals and partners to progress access, environmental and infrastructure improvements in the Claypits Local Nature Reserve.

MW has asked for a local traffic survey. There is a need to establish what actions schools are taking re traffic management (Dunard/St Charles/Glasgow Academy in particular).

MW suggested that the CC might consider applying for a grant to facilitate better walking and cycling in some part of NK, as Woodside CC has done, successfully, recently.

5. Treasurer: no update to report
6. Planning officer's report: A temporary market operator's licence has been applied for at the football pitches on QMD, every Saturday, 8am to 3pm. The GCC planning portal wasn't working when CA tried to find out more.

It was noted that members of the public can't object to temporary licence applications.

Comments on the Fergus Drive application can be made up to the end of June. Some changes have been made: the blank gable end now has some windows, but mainly the changes are of a technical nature.

The Coal Authority have objected because no risk assessment re mines has been carried out. Glasgow City Design have objected because of the impact on trees (only 1 of those affected is unhealthy, contrary to the applicant's report) and the scale of the building. The materials are inappropriate. No parking provision has been made. A professor of botany has objected because flowers of special interest are growing in the affected area.

7. Web person's report

There has been increased activity on the website because of the information provided about the Fergus Drive application. A template objection letter was available to download.

8. AOB

8.1 DP was elected as our representative on the licensing committee and as back-up if MR is unable to attend area partnership meetings.

8.2 Alasdair Macdonald, Ed Clack and Grant John Wilson were proposed as new members of NKCC. JTH will forward their names to Steven Dowling.

8.3 Hillhead Area Partnership has awarded us £2,000 for the supply and installation (by LES) of a noticeboard on QMD. This is conditional on our liaising with LES re the upgrade of the pavement. The necessary forms for receipt of the money were signed and MV will provide NKCC's bank account details. MV & MR to liaise re return of the forms to GCC within 30 days of 16 June to ensure prompt payment.

8.4 It was discussed whether we should move our meeting date to the 1st Tuesday of the month to give us more time to be able to respond to planning applications. KA offered to rearrange his surgeries to accommodate this. MW preferred the 1st Tuesday. JTH to check suitability of the date with the Church and PB. The date of the August meeting may therefore be moved to Tuesday 1st.

8.5 It was discussed whether we could have a paid minute-taker. JTH to find out whether Hillhead are doing this, in which case we could possibly use the same person.

8.6 We had been invited to attend the sod-cutting of the new health centre but no one reported they were free to attend.

8.7 MW surgery times in NK are 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7pm–8pm, St Charles' Primary School, 13 Kelvinside Gardens. Full details of how to contact MW are on the GCC website:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/member.asp?id=64&t=Councillor+Martha+Wardrop>

8.8 MW drew our attention to:

- the Go Grow Glasgow drop-in event on urban growing on 28 June (survey for those unable to attend available:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HM6RM8R>)
- the Woodside Mini Holland online community consultation – ideas/suggestions can be added here <https://woodsideminiholland.commonplace.is/>
- GCC cycling policies and annual cycling reviews:
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20804>

9. JTH closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting: 15 August 2017, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall