

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 3 OCTOBER 2017

Members present: Jamie Thomas-Harley (Chair); Elaine Doherty; Christine Alison (Secretary & Planning Officer); Martin Venherm (Treasurer, MV); Merle Read (Communications, MR)

Non-members: Alasdair Macdonald; John Boyle; Ed Clack; Neil Paterson; Councillor Jane Morgan (JM); Councillor Martha Wardrop (MW); PC Alexander Williams (from police problem-solving team)

Apologies: Peter Blackshaw (PB); Douglas Peacock; Councillor Ken Andrews

1. For convenience the **Police report** was given first. There were 70 crimes reported in September 2017, 33 of which were detected. They include:
 - 4 misuse of drugs (minor possession; all detected)
 - 1 culpable/reckless conduct (being investigated)
 - 2 consumption of alcohol in a public place
 - 9 breaches of the peace (7 detected)
 - 14 vandalism, car damage etc (2 detected)
 - 16 thefts (such as housebreaking, whether items stolen or not, or shoplifting; only 1 detected); 5 of these were bikes, 2 of which were stolen during housebreaking
 - 6 assaults (2 detected, 1 of which serious)
 - 3 road traffic incidents (1 detected, driver under the influence)
 - 7 miscellaneous incl. sexual/domestic crime, 4 taxi frauds, communications offences

The number of undetected thefts (15 out of 16) was of particular concern.

There was discussion of the continuing noise disturbance caused by students on the way home from clubs. It was suggested that we feed back to the Licensing Board our concerns about late licences even for premises that are not within our boundaries. Lack of CCTV was noted, as were difficulties police face in identifying culprits among a rowdy crowd if they do not witness the event. Poor street lighting was again noted. An increased police presence was requested.

[JM left before the rest of the meeting]

2. The Chair welcomed those present and noted the apologies. The minutes of the September meeting were approved, subject to MV being added to the list of attendees.
3. **Councillor's report.** MW has been following up concerns re the poorly maintained and waterlogged lane at Melrose/Lyndhurst Gardens. It is not known who the owners are. MW is trying to organise meetings with the factors.

GoBike has raised concerns about difficulties posed to cyclists by bollards on Doune Gardens.

MW attended a 40th anniversary event at the Central Halls.

MW supported Gartnavel as a minor injuries unit.

MW has been offering ongoing support to the community group tackling problems in Doune Gardens Lane.

MW will assess obstruction caused to pedestrians by overhanging greenery on lower north side of Wilton Street.

CA reported that tree maintenance on Doune Gardens had not taken place as planned because insufficient notice was given to car parkers and it was not possible to uplift cars causing obstruction because the pick-up vehicle could not obtain access. This is an unnecessary expense to council tax payers. At least 2 residents had called Glasgow City Council (GCC) in advance to warn that the notice was not sufficient. Arboreal Services have said they will deal with it better next time. MW would forward our concerns.

GCC has agreed for a contractor to repair the steps between Kelvinside Gardens East and Melrose Gardens.

4. **Parking.** The subcommittee have been discussing issues to bring up at a meeting due to be held with Jamie Rodden at GCC on 6 October, and will report back. The possibility of closing Belmont St to through traffic was again aired. Concerns continue to be raised re obstructive/inconsiderate parking, rat runs, and commuter parking.

It was noted the [Woodside Mini-Holland project](#) is to go ahead. It is hoped this will increase usage by pedestrians and cyclists.

The recently published [Glasgow Community Plan](#) has information about transport policy.

5. **Future clean-ups.** Choice of date was postponed to next meeting, by which time most of the leaves will be down.

Incidentally it was suggested a rising bollard could be used in e.g. Doune Gardens Lane to try to stop dumping of large objects such as white goods.

6. **Planning officer's report.** No news. Satisfaction was expressed at the refusal of planning permission for the proposed Fergus Drive development.
7. **Treasurer's report.** No update to information given at AGM.
8. **Communications.** The printer who previously produced our leaflets has quoted £69 for 500 x A5 double-sided colour leaflets and £39 for 500 x single-sided business cards. It was agreed to go ahead with these (MR to pursue).

Land & Environmental Services have been contacted re timing of the noticeboard installation and we are waiting for a response (MR to pursue).

Members agreed for MR to continue circulating newsletter without copy approval.

The website could be enlivened by some photos of members: MV to bring camera to next meeting.

9. **Correspondence.** None noted.

10. The Chair closed the meeting and was given a vote of thanks.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th November, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall.