

Minutes of the meeting of
North Kelvin Community Council

7th Nov 2017 at 6.30pm
Held in St Charles Church Hall
1 Kelvinside Gardens.

1. Welcome and introductions.

In attendance: Members- Jamie Thomas-Harley (JH) Chair. Merle Read (MR) Web Person. Christine Alison (CA) Planning Officer. Douglas Peacock (DP). Elaine Doherty (ED). Martin Venherm (MV) Treasurer. Councillor Ken Andrews (KA)

Others: Two Policemen. Alastair Macdonald (AM)

Apologies: Councillor Martha Wardrop (MW)

2. Approval of the last minutes – proposed by MV and seconded by ED

3. Police report – Crime was up in the area which was put down to mostly seasonal influences by the police. Police had met with students and warned them on their behaviour. Due to some subsequent incidents by students they have now issued many on the spot ticket fines for anti-social behaviour.

Discussion followed their report on the job of our community and the police. The police have asked the public to call 101 on any anti-social, potential criminal behaviour. This is much more effective than the police walking around the neighbourhood hoping to be in the right spot at the right time. They offered A3 posters to members on asking the public to secure their properties and possessions. They listed what the public could do to help themselves such as fitting alarms, auto lighting switches on at random times and leaving the radio on. Discussion followed on each of those topics.

List of offences:

- 1 drug offence
- 3 street drinking offences
- 1 theft from vehicle
- 2 motor vehicles
- 1 home break-in
- 1 slashed car tyre
- 1 stair damage
- 2 cycle theft
- 1 attempted break-in. Lady was in the flat at time and burglar fled.
- 2 road traffic offenses
- 1 damaged vehicle

Police were thanked by chair JH for their attendance.

4. Councillor reports

Councillor Ken Andrews (KA) report:

KA reported that there had been a theft of a charity box from café on QMD. Also a few young people on BMX style cycles had caused problems in the area.

He was asking the council to reinstate the road markings on the box junction at the intersection of Great Western Road and Byres Road as the lines had now faded. This had added to the problems at the junction as a manhole cover had come away on Great Western Road leading to long tailbacks. He was keen that this line marking should be done in a way that would last longer than previous attempts.

He urged members to write to him should they wish for restrictive parking to be enforced in this area, as while the council was considering, it wasn't expected to be implemented for some time. Dispersal from new parking zones is always an issue for nearby ones.

MV started a discussion on cycle lanes and what appeared to be the non linked up strategy in Glasgow. MV stated it was very poor and in some cases the cycle lanes were in the middle of the road. KA stated that it was planned to have the cycle lanes all linked up in due course.

Lorraine Mhor should be contacted for council funding.

KA stated a North West rep was needed for the Hillhead area re planning issues.

ED raised with KW the issue of high pollution in Glasgow and that the council should enforce the laws on cars parked with their engines still on.

KA stated Hope Street was currently the most polluted street in Europe.

Discussion followed on the issue.

Councillor Martha Wardrop (MW) report by email & sent her apologies.

MW continuing to follow up concerns re the poorly maintained and waterlogged lane at Melrose/Lyndhurst Gardens. Meeting of cleansing staff and factors on 6th November. Ownership of the lane clarified and improvement being planned.

Offering ongoing support to the community group tackling problems in Doune Gardens Lane.

GCC contractor to repair the steps between Kelvinside Gardens East and Melrose Gardens confirmed.

Redesign of the fire break / bollard / fencing on Doune Gardens. Council staff will review these measures and if feasible have them added to our rolling cycle minor works programme.

Attended Homestart North Glasgow AGM on 23rd October. Very informative presentations. [Information available online.](#)

On 24th October, attended briefing about the Glasgow University Campus

Development Plan and pending planning applications.

5. Treasurer's report. MV has submitted annual accounts. He will remove Peter from being a cheque signatory in due course. NKCC leaflets and business cards cost £108. Some leaflets were given out by MR. Rent of room to be paid for next year, MV to contact church landlord.
6. Alasdair Macdonald was voted in by members to the NKCC – welcome Alasdair. His email to be added into the group email string by MR.

Discussion followed on needing more members and if they could now be voted in.

7. Clean Up: ED proposed a clean up on the Oban passageway. After discussion it was agreed a Saturday be best and ED to come back with a proposed date. DP stated there had been some clean ups of the streets around the North Kelvin Meadow and The Children's Wood of leaves and some litter. This is ongoing work but shouldn't need NKCC official involvement.
8. A O B. –

DP started a discussion on the merits of putting a Honey Bee Hive on North Kelvin Meadow and that a lady had proposed one. A vote of members was carried out and 100% agreed that this was a good idea for that land.

Discussion on feedback into the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

“Informing development of the new Licensing Policy Statement”

took place. DP to take comments and incorporate this into our feedback. General points were that noise from some late night drinking was still a problem. ED gave the example of the Viper nightclub.

Xmas drinks: as there isn't a formal meeting in Dec it was discussed where we should have the Xmas drinks / eats night out. After discussion it was agreed we would go to Kelbourne Saints on Tuesday 12th Dec at 7.30pm. Not clear on whether we would eat but some thought we could get nibbles for the table – to be agreed nearer the time.

Next Meeting is Tuesday 9th January 2018 6.30pm as it was felt the 2nd Jan wasn't suitable (normally being 1st Tuesday of the month) at St Charles Church Hall (side wooden door), 1 Kelvinside Gardens

All residents of the area are welcome to attend.