

## Minutes of North Kelvin Community Council monthly meeting

3 April 2018, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens

Present: Alasdair Macdonald (AM); Elaine Doherty (ED); Merle Read (MR); Martin Venherm (MV); Cllr Martha Wardrop (MW); Cllr Jane Morgan (JM); Cllr Ken Andrews (KA); PC Peter Bell (PB); PC Grant MacIver (GM); Morven Ross; Brian Kaczynski; Adrienne Clarke; Jan Finlay (JF); Neil R. G. Paterson; Andy Ross

Apologies: Christine Alison; Jamie Thomas Harley; Douglas Peacock

1. AM opened the meeting and welcomed those present. The meeting was not quorate so no votes could be taken.

2. **Minutes** of the last 2 meetings: approval held over to next meeting.

3. **Election of new chair:** held over.

4. **Position of minutes secretary:** held over.

5. **Filming at Kelvinside Terrace South.** Concerns had been raised by residents on the Nextdoor website about the imminent filming for the drama *The Cry* being made for BBC. A resident unable to attend had emailed questions about the inconvenience the filming would cause the local community and whether proper procedures had been followed when permission to film was granted. Representatives of The Cry Productions gave their reasons for choosing the location and explained the procedures followed and how they aimed to keep disruption to a minimum. A letter drop wasn't required by GCC but would be a courtesy from the production company. Any road closure would be "stop & hold" & staffed at all times to enable essential/emergency/cleansing vehicle access. The company wanted to make a financial thank-you to the community by donating to the Sixty Steps and the Doune Lane association. The unit manager offered to accompany a representative of the Sixty Steps on a site visit to ensure proper care was taken. A full risk assessment would be undertaken.

The short notice was not appreciated.

The Sixty Steps won't be credited in the film but at a later stage the production company will talk about publicity for the Steps.

There would be a silenced generator which would operate until 10pm at latest.

There would be 7 filming days: Wed 11th, Thurs 12th, Fri 13th, Tue 17th, Wed 18th, Thurs 19th, Fri 20th April. The art dept would work on the property over 3 days beforehand and afterwards. The traffic restrictions would be in force from Friday 6th to Tues 24th April. A second letter would be sent to nearby residents following the meeting to give full details of the parking/traffic restrictions and other relevant information. It was suggested posters could be put on local noticeboards.

JM expressed concerns about restrictions on car parking and the knock-on effects, especially at school in/out times.

MW said she was very supportive of the film industry, but was concerned re the notification. She suggested the production company contact schools to let pupils see what they're doing. The production company agreed.

KA asked if there would be a dilapidation survey so that it could be shown if anything was damaged. The production company agreed and would take photos, and would speak to Roads re surface condition.

JF was happy to have the chance to show off the area but was nervous about it.

There would be 3 security guards, 2 dedicated at all times, including at the close where the cable would be laid.

KA: the GCC film unit (DRS) approved the filming and passed it to LES for the traffic restriction. No one at LES checked with the community. KA heard nothing from LES. KA was annoyed that notice came out only after it was agreed for filming to take place. The filming could only be stopped by court interdict, for which time was running out. Also, it would be very expensive. KA was concerned about the process & DRS riding roughshod. We need better procedures in case of future filming. KA would update Nextdoor when he had more info.

JM: there was a big push across Scotland to promote locations for filming.

What issues does DRS take into account? No consultation process.

MW: restrictions are temporary. Dowanhill was in the same boat. DRS should issue guidelines, eg at least 4 weeks' notice. MW would be happy to meet with the film office.

AM: the production company believe they have acted according to procedures. They have offered to make a financial donation to the community. There is no evidence of manipulation or sharp practice.

JM: we have coped before, eg when work was done on the Sixty Steps.

JF: we need yellow lines repainted.

## 6. Police report. Crime figures for the previous month:

Offence	Detected	Not detected
Misuse of drugs	1	1
Drinking in public	1	–
Vandalism	–	12
Theft from a vehicle	–	3
Theft by housebreaking	–	1 attempt (via patio doors)
Theft of bike	–	3
Theft of motor vehicle	–	–
Theft, other	1	9 (eg shoplifting)
Wilful fireraising	–	–
Football related	–	–
Dishonesty	1	2
Public order	5	2
Sexual crime	–	1 (social media)
Road traffic	2	2
Violence	4 (assaults, Hinshawe St)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>

PB: The vandalism (eg broken wing mirrors & windscreens) by young bikers continues. Alleged culprits estimated to be about 12 years old. They have rampaged through the area, going on to Partick and Downhill. There is some CCTV. Police are gathering intelligence and are patrolling, both uniform and plain clothes, and on bikes. If children are identified, police will visit parents to say what's going on. There are concerns that an angry car owner might take law into their own hands. The matter has been much discussed on Nextdoor.

ED: the bikers wear black and have no lights.

PB: we are trying to get to know faces. This is currently the biggest issue in this area.

Was photographing children in a public place an issue? If they are about to commit a crime or a crime is taking place, it is evidence for the police. Don't be confrontational. It is a good thing that people are reporting incidents because the police bosses look at the incident log.

MW: diversionary activities are important. There is the BMX stadium at Knightswood – make sure young people know about it. The stadium cost a lot of public money.

KA asked if trafficking was associated with nailbars, 2 of which have popped up on QMD.

GM: investigation would be intelligence-led. Police won't investigate unless tipped off. PB: They may pop in & if they notice anything amiss could contact immigration.

**7. Councillor's reports.** MW had meeting with Doune Gardens Lane folk. A JCB had been allocated to Melrose Gardens. MW had updated traders on bins at corner of QMD, and most had been removed. Part of QMD will be closed off on last weekend of June for an organised play event to encourage children to play outside. GCC will cover costs associated with the closure as long as proper insurance is in place.

JM reported the concerns of some QMD residents re a new HMO where planning permission had not been granted.

KA noted support for the work of Norman Armstrong and the Free Wheel North cycling development charity, which is trying to work with bikers locally in a positive way. Also noted: public consultation event on the proposed new primary school [since cancelled].

**8. Treasurer's report.** Bank signatory amendment form has been submitted. The money for the noticeboard has been withdrawn from our account but we have had no other communication about it. We owe 3 months' rent for use of the church hall but can't pay until the cheque signatories are updated. We couldn't sign a cheque tonight because only 1 signatory was present.

**9. Consultation on HMO licences** (deadline 18/5/18). There was some discussion on the overprovision issue and the lack of communication between licensing/planning. According to the City Plan no more than 5% of properties should be HMO in a given area. It was suggested there were not enough regular inspections. The Landlord Registration Unit can levy big fines. Issues can be reported to the HMO Unit or the LRU. It can be difficult to reverse a licence once granted. Would enforcement action on planning be done?

A briefing session for the consultation was being held for community councils. We have another meeting before the consultation deadline. [see consultation hub, under current consultations: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17317>]

**10. Planning.** Nothing to report. AM asked if consultation on the QMD plans was still expected to go ahead in late April. MW: this was still expected to be the case, likewise for the Byres Rd consultation.

**11. Consultation on the governance arrangements for community councils** (deadline 4/5/18).

Discussion held over. [Information is available on the consultation hub

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=22045>].

[Description of existing community council arrangements:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17326>]

**12. Area partnership funding application.** Held over.

**13. Clean-ups.** Held over.

**14. Communications report.** Held over.

**15. Correspondence:** none.

**16. AOB:** none.

**17.** AM thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting. **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 1 May 2018, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens