

Minutes of North Kelvin Community Council monthly meeting

6 March 2018, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens

Present: Christine Alison (CA); Alasdair Macdonald (AM); Merle Read (MR); Peter Bell (PB, Police); Rod Sharp (Police); Cllr Ken Andrews (KA); Ed Clack; Inta Bakewell

Apologies: Jamie Thomas Harley; Douglas Peacock (DP); Elaine Doherty (ED); Martin Venherm (MV); Cllr Martha Wardrop; Cllr Jane Morgan

1. CA opened the meeting and welcomed those present, and congratulated the police on being first to arrive. The meeting was not quorate so no votes could be taken.

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

3. Police report.

Offence	Detected	Not detected
Misuse of drugs	4	–
Drinking in public	2	–
Vandalism	–	6
Theft from a vehicle	–	1
Theft by housebreaking	–	–
Theft of bike	–	3
Theft of motor vehicle	–	–
Theft, other	–	3
Wilful fireraising	–	–
Football related	–	–
Dishonesty	–	–
Public order	5	1
Sexual crime	–	2
Road traffic	3	2
Violence	–	2
Total	14	20

PB welcomed the reduction in the number of crimes from 55 last month to 34 this month and that there were **no housebreakings** reported (9+1 attempt last month).

Vandalism has been a problem again. Perpetrators are thought to include the 6 or 7 young bikers aged about 13 to 15, mostly boys but including at least 1 girl, who have been seen causing trouble in streets such as Queen Margaret Drive, Doune Gardens, Striven Gardens, Belmont Street. Car windows and wing mirrors have been damaged. Enquiries are ongoing. There is insufficient evidence as yet for charges.

CA suggested that PB join the Nextdoor North Kelvin website as there is a lot of discussion about crimes witnessed/experienced. PB agreed and CA will send an invitation.

PB said incidents must be reported to the police: it is not enough to discuss these matters online. He advised residents to call 101 if they have information about a crime or call 999 if a crime is being committed.

Catching those responsible must be an intelligence-led operation, rather than hoping to catch perpetrators in the act. Descriptions are helpful.

Unfortunately CCTV vans are committed elsewhere at present and are much in demand.

CA asked if the Doune Gardens Lane local residents' association could put up CCTV. This could be problematic if it was in a public place, but in this case the lane is privately owned. CCTV could be trained on the entrance to the lane.

Last month it had been noted that an abandoned car that went on fire had not been recorded as a police matter. PB had undertaken to ask the fire service why. Their rationale was that the seat of the fire was in the engine compartment and there was no trace of an accelerant. It was noted that the paintwork of neighbouring cars was damaged, 1 at least to the tune of £500.

Several other apparently abandoned vehicles have been reported by us to the police in recent weeks.

Of the 2 sexual crimes recorded, 1 was Facebook related and the other did not relate to local residents. The 2 violent crimes recorded were assaults on staff members at a care establishment.

4. Position of minutes secretary. It has been suggested that we pay for a secretarial person to minute our meetings. CA had researched secretarial agencies but had no luck. Could we advertise on Gumtree or Nextdoor North Kelvin? We could offer to pay expenses and cover the minimum wage. CA would ask if the school know of anyone who would be suitable. Other community councils are known to have had eg a student or a former councillor act as minute-taker. We should decide at the next meeting how much we can pay and then go ahead with an advert.

5. Councillor's report. KA reported his frustration at the slow time scale re getting the **parking** issue dealt with. Hughenden, Ibrox and Celtic Park are ahead of us in the queue. Already we have evidence of a fire engine not being able to attend a burning vehicle. It may be the end of next year or even as late as the end of 2020 before controlled parking can be brought in. It is feared the new Woodside Health Centre will mean added pressure on parking (comparison was made with Langlands on a bigger scale near the new hospital). Displacement from elsewhere is a problem, because our area is the only uncontrolled space in the West End. Phased introduction in Dowanhiill didn't work well. We want to learn from such mistakes.

We are a statutory consultee so can make a **participation request**. Information on how we could do this is available on the Glasgow City Council website

[<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21071>]. KA is convenor of the Wellbeing Committee which will probably handle participation requests. Members were unsure what "participation" meant in this context and were advised to visit the website ["Under the Community Empowerment Act, communities in Glasgow and across Scotland can now ask to participate in certain decisions and processes made and carried out by public bodies, including councils.

Participation Requests are intended to create the opportunity for people and groups to play a greater and more direct role in improving outcomes in their community”].

KA noted there was expected to be a catchment review of secondary schools for the first time in many years. It is likely we will be involved. This will probably be in the autumn. There are a lot of placing requests from this area to Hillhead Secondary. At Notre Dame School there is a group of parents who want it to be co-ed; another group want it to stay as it is. At present there is no automatic right of girls attending St Charles going on to Notre Dame except by placing requests. More weight needs to be given to what residents want.

6. Consultation on HMO licences (deadline 18/5/18). The Licensing and Regulatory Committee has instructed a full public consultation on the licensing and regulation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) with a view to considering whether to develop a policy on overprovision and whether to link licensing policy with planning policy by requiring applicants for HMO licences to provide evidence regarding the planning status of their premises. An HMO at present is an attractive investment to some. We are unable to control the number of such properties. Should licensing be able to control the no. of licenses? Should an HMO licence be contingent on having planning permission?

We should participate in this consultation. We should familiarise ourselves with the relevant documents available on the consultation hub

[<https://www.glasgowconsult.co.uk/KMS/dmart.aspx?strTab=PublicDMartCurrent&NoIP=1>]. CA will invite Mairi Millar from the Licensing Board to come to our next meeting.

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

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>]

8. Clean-ups. ED and CA had organised these previously. It was suggested that rather than a lane we tackle a more obvious place such as Wilton Street. This would help us raise our profile. We will finalise a date for April at the next meeting. We should have our leaflets available to give to passers-by.

9. Planning Officer’s report. Two planning applications had been made for 609 Maryhill Road (hot food licence) and 585 Maryhill Road (installation of cash machine in shop frontage). The date for objections had passed.

10. Treasurer’s report: held over due to absence of treasurer.

11. Communications report: MR reported that after protracted negotiations with various council officers going back many months, MV has now received and paid from our account an invoice for the proposed **community noticeboard** on Belmont Street, so it *will* be erected. It was noted that we had requested a noticeboard of a height suitable for eg wheelchair users.

With the help of the parking subgroup, MR has added a new page to our website to promote discussion of **parking** and the possible introduction of a controlled parking zone [<http://www.northkelvincc.org.uk/parking/>].

12. Correspondence: CA circulated leaflets on the new Woodside Health Centre.

13. Licensing: held over. CA has alerted Steven Dowling that licence applications are still being sent to DP and not to her.

14. AOB: none.

15. CA thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3 April 2018, 6.30pm, St Charles Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens [unless date has to be changed to enable Marie Millar to attend]. CA gave her apologies in advance for missing the meeting.