

Minutes of monthly meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

4 September, 2018, at 6.30pm in St Charles' Church Hall, 1, Kelvinside Gardens.

Present

Members: Douglas Peacock (DP), Merle Read (MR), Alasdair Macdonald (AM), Christine Alison (CA), Elaine Doherty (ED), Inta Bakewell (IB), Andrew Smith (AS), Denis Robertson Sullivan (DRS)

Local residents: James Murphy (JM), Barbara Murphy (BM), Katherine Wade (KW)

Councillor Ken Andrew (KA)

Apologies: Cllr Martha Wardrop, Cllr Jane Morgan

1. Police Report period covered 1/8 - 1/9/18

There were 62 reports during the period in the Maryhill area and these fell into 16 categories of offence. Those relating to the NK were:

- 4 thefts of bicycles;
- 1 theft from a motor vehicle;
- 3 housebreakings;
- 2 thefts of motor vehicles;
- 1 robbery of a student in QMD (no physical injury);
- 1 serious assault (which was a 'domestic' and took place in the home);
- 1 bogus workman.

There was no breakdown of detected/undetected as the officer had been asked to attend at short notice by a colleague and did not have the usual degree of detail.

2. Councillor Report - Cllr Andrew:

- LES has approached a charity "FlowerForm" about planting the areas adjacent to the Melrose Garden steps;
- There is a plan by the Council to fund a refurbishment of the play area at Hotspur St;
- A contractor's skip which had been obstructing the footway and carriageway in Fergus Drive was unauthorised and the contractor was ordered to remove it;
- He and other councillors had a meeting with the Director of LES and the head of Cleansing about concerns that refuse and street cleaning services were unsatisfactory. A long-standing unsuitable working practice 'culture' had developed over a number of years, which had led to a poor service being provided. The department has been reorganised and two new managers - one for each side of the Clyde - have been appointed, with the specific task of changing the culture

and coordinating services better. There was discussion about items left in backcourts by some residents and by some HMO owners. All residents are urged to use the MyGlasgow reporting system, which several present commended. Cllr Andrew hoped that the 'culture change' would improve matters, but he also felt that the Council could be more strict with HMO owners, perhaps revoking licenses and/or charging for the removal of rubbish, if the responsible person could be identified.

CA asked about how HMO licenses could be revoked. Emailed council twice about property on Wilton St, no response. DRS again stated value of using MyGlasgow app, city council respond to this because it goes into their stats.

3. Proposed development of 127 Fergus Drive, the Curves building

DRS expressed concern that revised proposals still at top height of surrounding tenements, and that there was only one parking space per flat.

IB said her understanding from attending consultation was that high quality materials would be used, but that there were no guarantees.

AM said new proposals seemed to address issues of height, parking and trees from last plans which resulted in 'much too big' group.

BM said that whatever else it looks wrong, and would entirely change the skyline. Living next door it doesn't take account of the effect on nearby residents. Light would be blocked.

KW opinion was that proposals were better than before but that a number of practicalities needed to be addressed on the strangely shaped site.

CA told of her "concerns", pointing to the Hamilton Drive development of developers not sticking to plans.

DRS said was worried that height measurements didn't take account of the incline up the hill, and would look oversized at bottom.

Residents were encouraged to express any concerns by writing/emailing to consultants on projects. Address: Icen Projects Ltd, 177 West George Street, Glasgow, G22LB. Email: glasgow@iceniprojects.com

Update: Public meeting was organised for Tuesday, September 25, 2018

4. Licensing board consultation

Talk of issues with licensing.

5. Funding for defibrillator scheme

Follow up to talk given at previous meeting over possibility of NKCC becoming involved in acquiring defibrillators for local area. IB and CW spoke of the “fundamentally good idea to go to local businesses and traders” to see if they would provide funds for the machines.

Action: ED to go to GWR and speak to businesses there, IB and AS to speak to QMD businesses.

Update: Tesco and QMD have agreed to provide funds for a machine in their store. Awaiting further response from the store.

6. Oban Passage clean-up

Plans provided for clean-up on Sunday, September 16, between 10.30am and 12-30pm. ED to pick up equipment, MR to pick up fliers.

Action: Fliers on Monday, September 10, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Oban Dr and QMD.

Update: Great turn-out and much achieved on clean-up. Issue raised over dispensing with one use plastic cups for such events.

7. Planning officer's report

CA reported on extension to building on Maryhill Road. Also the up and coming school in Maryhill that has passed consultation phase.

Unanimous approval in meeting of redevelopment of the Happy Park.

Action: KA going to consultation on plans for Happy Park redevelopment.

8. Treasurer

Need for a new treasurer after Martin Venherm's resignation. AM said he would be willing to take on post. Proposed by DP, seconded by AS and approved unanimously by meeting.

9. Communication

MR discussed GDPR in relation to personal details placed online regarding NKCC attendees. Also discussed keeping website secure from hacking. Should we have its address upgraded to HTTPS, the encrypted version of HTTP? MR has contacted a website designer to see if this is possible and what it would cost. [Currently don't have all the passwords etc associated with the site because the person who set it up didn't pass them on].

DRS proposed having biogs of all NKCC committee members on website to allow local community to have a sense of those involved.

Action: DRS agreed to provided examples of 300 word, 150 word and 50 word potted histories for CC members to help them arrive at a judgement on whether they wanted to include the biogs.

Update: DRS did provide all sample examples. No firm decision taken by CC members on the course of action favoured.

10. Next meeting: AGM, October 2, 6.30pm