

Minutes of AGM & monthly meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

2 October, 2018, at 6.30pm in St Charles' Church Hall, 1, Kelvinside Gardens.

AGM

1. *Present:*

Members: Douglas Peacock (DP), Merle Read (MR), Alasdair Macdonald (AM), Christine Alison (CA), Elaine Docherty (ED), Inta Bakewell (IB), Andrew Smith (AS), David Conway (DC)

Local residents: Paul McNally (PM), James Murphy (JM), Barbara Murphy (BM), John Hancox (JH), Rowena Statt (RS), Nick Higgins (NH), Anna Rutherford (AR), Teresa Lowe (TL), Jude Watson (JW), Neil Wigley (NW), Peter Watson (PW)

Councillors: Cllr Martha Wardrop, Cllr Jane Morgan

Police Scotland: Peter Bell (PB), Laura Searil (LS)

Glasgow CC rep: Laura Moran (LM)

Apologies: Cllr Ken Andrews

2. Approve minutes from last year's AGM: proposed - CA; seconded - ED

3. Approve Chairman's written annual report: proposed - AS; seconded - MR

4. Approve Treasurer submission of Independent Examined Statement of Accounts: proposed - IB; seconded - DP

5. Demit of current office bearers

6. Call for nominations for the election of office bearers:

Chair: DP agreed to restand. Nominated - AM; Seconded - MR. Elected unanimously.

Vice-chair: IB standing. Nominated - AS; Seconded - ED. Elected unanimously.

Secretary: CA agreed to restand. Nominated - AM; Seconded - DP. Elected unanimously.

Minute Secretary: AS agreed to stand. Nominated - AM; Seconded - IB. Elected unanimously.

Treasurer: AM agreed to stand. Nominated - CA; Seconded - IB. Elected unanimously.

Planning Contact: DC agreed to stand. Nominated - CA; Seconded - IB. Elected unanimously.

Licensing Contact: Post remained unfulfilled. Carried over.

7. Call for nominations and the election of a Land and Substitute Community Council Representative on the Hillhead Area Partnership:

RS agreed to represent NKCC. Nominated - AS; Seconded - DP.

8. Note the appointment of an Independent Examiner of accounts for next year:

ED detailed the role taken by Mary Kay. Nominated – IB; Seconded - DP.

9. Note the appointment of associate members:

PM, RS and TL put themselves forward. For all three: Nominated - DP; Seconded - IB.

10. Inventory reviewed.

11. Chair confirmed date of next year's AGM as October 1, 2019.

MEETING

1. Sept minutes approved subject to minor revisions. P - MR; S - ED.

2. Laura Moran gave presentation detailing bin replacement scheme.

Provided information regarding move away from plastic pole bins, and small upright bins, to larger stand-alone bins in Hillhead/Woodlands neighbourhood. Overall capacity would increase while number of actual bins would reduce.

LM explained that smart technology would allow council to know when bins were nearing full capacity. IB asked how placement of bins would be decided. LM said would take feedback and use smart technology to collect intel as to which bins were filling quickest. LM said "plenty of scope" for moving the bins around.

PM, RM and JM expressed concerns for visually impaired if these sharp, metal ground bins were placed on narrow roads. LM said assessment would be given to this potential issue.

AM said that fast-food vendors had to take greater responsibility for rubbish accrued near/and because of their outlets.

TL said bins would not encourage recycling. LM replied that there has been consultation to look at what areas were suited to having blue bins on street.

3. Police report.

Misuse Drug Acts offences: 6 detected

Drinking in public: 1 d

Vandalism: 1 d; 3 undetected

Theft OLP: 1 und

Theft of bike: 2 und

Theft, other: 1 d; 6 und

Attempted HB with intent: 1 d

Communications act: 1 und

Dishonesty: 2 und

Public order: 6 d; 1 und

Offence against a child: 1 d

Road traffic: 4 d; 5 und

Violence: 3 d

Total: 25 detected; 21 undetected

PB informed that there had been an issue over house breaking. A business in QMD had a number of items stolen. Also attempted housebreaking in Maryhill Road. Operation Neighbourhood was active in area.

PB said on bike theft that students had been spoken to over this matter, and also on personal safety. Also reminded of responsibilities regarding house rubbish and litter. Related about after-dark initiative.

4. Councillor reports:

Cllr Martha Wardrop.

- Issue with refuse in lanes had been addressed. In Lauderdale Gdns got bins off street.
- Doune Gdns problem with drainage needed looked into. Will do further work with cleansing.

- Area around St Charles has been cleaned up through community payback. “Brilliant job” had been carried out, with gardener.
- Stair St needs work.
- Following clean-up of Oban Passage by residents, asked community payback to become involved to do this on regular basis.
- Seeking to secure Alasdair Gray carving on wall at old mill for future.

Cllr Jane Morgan

- Botanic Crs/Hotspur St/Kelbourne St. Proceed with action on drainage. Solution will require more than raising pavement. Will keep chasing.
- Have had discussions about cuts in budgets that are “not insignificant”. Public likely to be “not particularly happy” with outcome. Environmental issues could be under pressure again.

5. Planning application for development of 127 Fergus Drive/Curves building

Issue for JM application for 19 apartments plus ground floor parking “not much smaller” than rejected previous application. Six storeys is one storey fewer than before but problems will still be created with natural light for adjacent flats. Waiting response from developers on this concern.

JH said that while widespread feeling may be that proposed development is slightly lower, the new planning application expands the footprint of the development.

In terms of conservation and retaining character of a conservation area, better to retain current Curves building and reclad it. New development not traditional tenement in that it is not set back from road. It would be 16m from building on other side of road. Supposed to be 18m between windows.

RS said new development would be an enormous building that would cause daylight issue. With very large, three-bedroom flats, there are concerns over the one parking space per flat in terms of creating further parking issues in an area beset by them. The development replaces an unobtrusive pavilion with a massive building.

TL: there are concerns over constructing a building of that size in terms of the damage that could be caused by the piledriving required. An “outrage” that is all about profit.

Discussion over date for objections for the demolition order on Curves building October 5, and date for objections to the planning application on October 30.

BM said developer keeps saying Curves building not in use. Not true, refurbished last year.

PW pointed out that developers only put objections notification in Evening Times and two lines in gazette. Seem to want to proceed with demolition of Curves building without planning application for new build. Could lead to “fly tippers paradise”. Curves “quite a nice building”. Don’t even know if new development would have materials of similar standard as others in conservation area.

JH said to look at planning officers’ letter of refusal.

PM asked what sort of development would be acceptable to local residents?

NH said that was not for residents to decide but that any building should enhance the conservation area.

PW said so many elements in the report and plans were “incorrect”. Very important to protect trees in the area, Norwegian pine, “very valuable”. Need to preserve such green areas set out in city development plan, yet planning can override.

ED said there were concerns over mineworks.

Action: DP proposed that CC object to both the demolition of Curves and the planning application for 127 Fergus Drive. Carried unanimously by meeting.

Update: DC submitted objections to both the demolition and planning application on behalf of the NKCC. In total, over 350 were submitted to Glasgow City Council by local residents before closing date for objections.

6. Clean-up proposal and date:

Carried forward to next month.

7. Planning officer’s report:

Licensing consultation on October 23, 12.30. AM and ED said they would attend.

8. No treasurer's report with no treasurer previously in place.

9. Communications report:

One item, quote for web design of £100.

10. Correspondence:

Lodged objection to HMO.

11. AOB

Discussion over alcohol licensing and over permission of alcohol sale on QMD.

Action: DC agreed to lodge desire from NKCC for moratorium on outlets serving alcohol on stretch of QMD with a variety of such outlets in close proximity.

Update: DC submitted this judgement.

Next meeting, 6 November 2018, at 6.30pm