

## Minutes of North Kelvin Community Council online meeting, 6.30pm, Tuesday 2 June 2020

Present (via Zoom)

NKCC members: Christine Alison (CA), Inta Bakewell (IB), David Conway (DC), Alasdair Macdonald (AM), Douglas Peacock (chair), Merle Read (MR), Hannah Graham (HG, associate)

Apologies: Andrew Smith

Cllrs Ken Andrew (KA), Jane Morgan (JM) and Martha Wardrop (MW)

2 members of the public

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Deferred to next meeting.

### 2. POLICE REPORT

Police were unable to attend because of the meeting being held via Zoom, but they had asked to be informed of any issues that came up at the meeting. Following points were noted:

1. Speed and inconsiderate behaviour of cyclists on Kelvin Walkway. KA stated that he would raise this with his contact in the police.
2. Report of a recent disturbance at the young persons' hostel in Wilton Street - two members of the CC stated that the report may have been exaggerated.
3. JM stated that there was a current online police survey. Not everyone on the CC was aware of this and JM said that she would circulate the link.
4. There have been some fires in closes and doors of closes kicked in around the Clouston Street area. Also there has been a theft in Clouston St and the thief was caught.
5. North Kelvin Meadow has had incidents of vandalism, fire raising and antisocial behaviour. A request for more regular police patrols had been sent, but it was felt that the response had resulted in patrols in the morning which was inadequate because these incidents tend to occur in the evening. Also there was concern raised that when fires had been started and the police were called, only the fire brigade attended these incidents and the culprits were not then apprehended. It would be preferable if both the police and fire services attended these incidents.

[CA emailed Peter Bell at Police Scotland 6/6/20]

### 3. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KA noted Botanic Gardens looking worse for wear because of its recent heavy use.

JM noted attempt to bring back planning committee. Also, possibility of placing request appeals.

Procedure has been slower than usual, but expected to be some progress later this month.

Dawsholm dump has reopened, but until at least 8 June any rubbish taken there by members of the public must be in black bin bags.

MW had spoken to the police about speeding cyclists. Hopes committees can get up and running again soon.

NKCC asked about drains blocked on Doune Gardens. MW: it's on the council to-do list.

NKCC: what stage are plans for controlled parking at? MW had raised the issue. Will need to go to committee. Expected August at earliest before we hear anything further.

KA & MW both pushing for car-free zones around local schools.

NKCC: we would like to get involved with Glasgow Academy's green travel scheme. AM to write to the school. [AM sent email 3/6/20]

#### 4. VOLUNTEER NETWORK UPDATE

HG advised our area is divided into 65 'patches' which are all more or less well covered. We have not had many requests for help (a good thing, if it means people have other sources of help, or a bad thing if people don't know our help is available?). HG was thanked for her continuing work on this despite pressure of other commitments. IB reported no contact via our phone.

#### 5. CCH FOOD PROJECT

Update passed on by AM:

The Neighbourhood Food Initiative forms part of the CCH Neighbourhood Resilience Initiative in responding to the COVID Crisis and has been operational since 23 March. Volunteers delivered leaflets across a large part of the area promoting the range of supports available and had immediate response from a wide range of public and voluntary organisations in the area, including GP practices, community connectors and voluntary organisations and 4 Housing Associations. A joint partnership was formed to respond to the emerging food crisis and a plan was developed to prepare and distribute both frozen meals and grocery bags. Cooks working at Community Central Halls and Flourish House prepare a weekly range of vegetarian and healthy meals for distribution. WB 6 April, 3 grocery bags and 20 frozen meals out; 14 May, 41 grocery bags and 418 frozen meals out. Demand is increasing steadily across both meals and grocery bags to individuals who are self-isolating, shielding or vulnerable. Referrals are coming in from organisations across the area we cover. This demand is expected to continue for the foreseeable future as this crisis deepens into an economic downturn for the area. A combination of partner organisation staff, including cooks, are being supported by a group of volunteer drivers, bag packers and distributors who are making deliveries twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday supported by the bike for good organization who are delivering almost all of the frozen meals.

In addition at CCH we are keeping in touch with vulnerable elderly and young people in the community via telephone calls or social media.

#### 6. DONATIONS

It was agreed to send £250 to Partick Thistle Foundation as they are known to do good work. It was suggested we might donate to local food banks also, but it was not known whether they are able to accept cash donations. IB to investigate. [AM wrote to PTF 3/6/20; DC later noted the foodbank at St Gregory's does take financial donations, and that they would very much welcome financial support as their food donations have dried up and they are having to do cash n carry runs for food.]

#### 7. RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL RE TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS TO QMD AND MARYHILL ROAD AT QUEEN'S CROSS

It was agreed to propose amendments in effect widening the pavements to allow greater ease of social distancing around shops/takeaways. Areas affected are (1) **Queen Margaret Drive**, between Fergus Drive/Kelvin Drive and Kelvinside Avenue/Hotspur St, and (2) **Maryhill Road**, between the bus stop just west of Braeside St and the pedestrian crossing just east of Kirkland St at Queen's Cross. These are the two areas in our community council areas which have significant numbers of shops and both contain busy pharmacies.

1. MW & KA had met with the traders and they are happy to have a modification of the street so that local people can queue for their shops and pedestrians can pass at a safe physical distance. What they propose is that the two carriageway lanes on the east side be closed to traffic, with the lane closest to the pavement being used for pedestrians to distance physically, while allowing delivery vehicles to stop to drop off, and the next lane to be used by cyclists. They suggest that parking on the west side be suspended, leaving the remaining two lanes for single file traffic in each direction. A temporary southbound bus stop on the east side could be made on Queen Margaret bridge.

2. We propose that from the cross lights at Queen's Cross, the lane nearest the pavement is made for pedestrian use only. We further propose that the two sections of metal barrier nearest to the pharmacy be removed to allow pedestrians to distance physically by at least 2metres from the queue at the pharmacy.

AM to write in greater detail to Executive Director, Neighbourhoods and Sustainability. [AM sent email 3/6/20]

#### 8. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

DC: No new applications. Re the decision on 19/03327/CON, Demolition of lock-up garage buildings, Lock Up 2 Botanic Crescent Lane, CA to contact residents' association to seek their views.

#### 9. LICENSING

No update.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

MR: volunteering page on website has been updated with more guidance on hygiene and shopping for others; more links added to the help page; the [clean-ups page](#) has been updated (thanks to AM for info) and a paragraph added encouraging individuals to look after their own patch. The 3 COVID-related pages ([covid19](#), [volunteering](#), [help](#)) continue to be among the most popular on the website but have had far few visits in the last month than in March/April. CA was commended on her upkeep of the noticeboard on Belmont St.

#### 11. AOB

NKCC does not normally meet in July (though it did last year have a special meeting). It was suggested in the present circumstances it might be appropriate to have a (shorter?) online meeting. To be discussed and agreed later in the month.

It was noted that because of lockdown one member of NKCC had nothing more exciting to do than spend her birthday evening at the meeting.

DP asked KA if he could ask the bin dept to concentrate their time servicing the on-street bins outside parks and greenspaces. DP felt that's where the activity is with us being in lockdown, rather than the on-street bins outside clubs, pubs and restaurants. He gave the example of the Kelbourne Street bins outside North Kelvin Meadow as being full. KA agreed he'd follow this up with the Bin dept.

Meeting ended 8.30pm.