

North Kelvin Community Council (NKCC)  
Chairperson Annual Statement  
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By Douglas A Peacock

As you'd expect, the last year was dominated by the pandemic. However, before all that took hold, we had the Notre Dame High School Consultation to deal with plus the demolition planning issues with the 127 Fergus Drive site, the old Curves building. This site would continue to generate issues, by its developer, throughout the year, such as tree felling, noise and traffic congestion, plus the Council process on how planning consent was given.

In March we started a dedicated Covid page on our website to help people see where resources were locally to help in this pandemic. A volunteer register was started which got to 100+ people who offered to help those self-isolating. It was amazing to see how quickly all this came together and how much people wanted to help others in their community. As a group we also decided to virtually clear out our bank account and give the money to local groups that were providing food to local people in need.

Like many others, our meetings went from the physical to Zoom ones, which was ironic as we had actually put in a lot of work the previous 6 months trying to figure out a more suitable venue to hold our monthly meetings.

We tried to convey to local people throughout the pandemic the changes the Council were making to their services, and how certain long-standing items like the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) would be affected in its roll-out. It was good to see so many people help each other out by litter picking and sweeping up leaves outside their properties for example, and we even did a socially distanced graffiti removal on the Queen Margaret Bridge during the summer.

We had challenges understanding how the Council were now processing planning applications as more of these were coming through such as the Mingarry Street and Kelbourne street ones.

We also tried our best to keep the local community abreast of what Council and Government consultations were open, so as they could feedback their views.

Lastly I'd like to say a massive thank you to all my colleagues on North Kelvin Community Council for all you have done in helping the people of North Kelvin get through such a difficult year.

Warm regards

Douglas A Peacock

Chair NKCC

5th Jan 2021