

Minutes of a Meeting of the North Kelvin Community Council on 18 February 2014

Attendees	
Cameron McFarlane (CM)	Chair
Kenny Graham (KG)	Minutes
Christine Alison (CA)	GCC
Peter Bradshaw (PB)	Secretary
PC Patrick Shevlin	Police Scotland
PC Lisa Millar	Police Scotland
Merle Read (MR)	Webmaster
Rona Williamson (RW)	
Apologies	
Kate Wooding	
Douglas Peacock	Treasurer
Chris Kelly	GCC

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1. Introduction	The Chairman convened the meeting.	
2. Previous Minutes	The minutes from the previous meeting were nominated by CM and seconded by RW. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.	
3. Police Report	<p>a. Representatives from Police Scotland provided a crime report.</p> <p>The report indicated the following reported crimes, with detection figures listed in brackets: drugs offences - 15 (15); assault and violent crime - 11 (6); drunk and disorderly – 22 (18); and house theft & burglary – 37 (6). It was observed that there was a significant number of house theft crimes and questions were posed as to whether this reflected an increase in this category. It was stated that this category also included thefts from gardens, sheds, cars and shops, which could explain the high number exhibited.</p>	
4. Treasurer's Report	No Treasure's Report was available.	
5. Webmaster's Report	<p>a. The requirement to manage the NKCC website was discussed.</p> <p>b. Gordon Barnes (GB), the previous Webmaster, had provided a proposal to CM that would assist NKCC in maintaining its website. This proposal involved an offer from GB for continued free hosting of the website, guidance on future administration of the email accounts and advice, where required, on general IT issues. It was indicated, however, that this would require nomination of a new Webmaster to coordinate with GB and receive the instruction that had been proposed.</p> <p>c. It was agreed that:</p> <p>i) MR would adopt the role of Webmaster, coordinating future website maintenance with GB as required; and</p> <p>ii) CM would write to GB and accept the proposal tabled.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>CM</p>
6. Secretary's Report/ Correspondence	a. The Secretary outlined that Police Scotland passed their written thanks on local policing matters and outlined plans to adjust future, station opening hours. This was linked to a nationwide plan of local police-counter closures and would result	

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	<p>in the counter at Maryhill Police Station being opened between the 0700 and 0000, 7-days per week. It was indicated that these closures would yield a saving of £4.2M nationally. Particular concern was raised that these measures would be introduced without providing a 'panic button' facility, or similar, that could be found by members of the public during the hours when local counters would be closed. It was understood that an emergency phone may be provided at police station entrances in future, although it was questioned whether this would provide adequate ease of use. It was felt that the absence of a manned counter as a sanctuary, in times of distress or emergency, could leave vulnerable persons at some risk without a suitable emergency communication facility being introduced.</p> <p>b. The Secretary summarised a letter received from Mae Simpson, who outlined plans for future health care facilities in the area. The new Possilpark Health Centre was planned to open on 24 Feb. It was also indicated that the preferred location for a refurbished Woodside Health Centre would likely remain in the current location. Concerns were voiced that this may lead to a delay until 2017, of seeing improved facilities available at Woodside Health Centre. However, it was indicated that plans would result in additional parking availability and would result in a significant improvement to facilities, overall. The potential of inviting Mae Simpson to a future meeting was raised, to more fully discuss these matters.</p> <p>c. It was proposed that future meetings adopt a 'theme' in an attempt to draw additional community support and attendance, for specific issues. The initial proposal was to adopt the theme of 'Health & Green Spaces' for the meeting in March. Concern was raised on the ability to promote such an event, although support for the principal was generally positive. Without adequate promotion, it was believed that the desired inclusion may not result. Accordingly, it was suggested that scheduling a theme for a meeting on or about May or June, may allow suitable promotion to take place.</p> <p>d. Policies to be adopted by NKCC and priorities for 2014 had been discussed at the December 2013 meeting. The stance of NKCC in relation to development of green spaces in the area, featured strongly. It was suggested that care would be required to ensure a balanced representation of all residents within its area. The council felt that the preferred outcome would be that NK Meadow would remain undeveloped. However, it was also felt that this could not be at the expense of greater benefits that may result. Suggestion was made that a potential £1M of funding toward the development of pitches at the top of Queen Margaret Drive would result following redevelopment of NK Meadow. The over-riding view of the council was that the redevelopment of both sites, NK Meadow and the QMD pitches, should not be automatically linked and that they should be considered on their individual merits. The council felt that future attendance from relevant experts, initially Glasgow Life, to indicate the nature of current development proposals, would be essential. Such attendance would permit the full scrutiny of plans by the council.</p>	

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	<p>e. It was agreed that:</p> <p>i) CM would,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">write to Police Scotland to ask for an update at the next meeting, indicating what emergency response provisions would be available at unmanned police stations, during quiet hours, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Request suitable attendance at the Apr meeting of Glasgow Life personnel, to inform the council on development plans for the QMD pitches.</p> <p>ii) All council members would compile questions on the redevelopment of both NK Meadow and QMD pitches and forward these to the Secretary for compilation, ahead of the Mar meeting.</p> <p>iii) The council would decide on future themed meetings during the May 2014 meeting.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p>7. Planning Officer's Report</p>	<p>No Planning Officer's Report was available.</p>	
<p>8. Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>a. Concerns had been raised over the regularity of collections from back lanes.</p> <p>b. HS outlined that there had been some technical problems with collection machines, which could have incurred delays or omissions to collections. However, it was understood that these difficulties were now resolved. It was also believed that new Health and Safety (H&S) regulations had been introduced regarding the degree of space required when making collections.</p> <p>c. It was indicated that recent repairs to street lighting in the area, which had not included Clouston St, had been as a consequence of a separate decision to install new white street-lighting across the GCC area.</p> <p>d. The schedule for cleaning gulleys was discussed. Previously, it had been assured that gulleys were planned for clearance during November, but it was apparent that this had not been completed and that localised flooding had resulted. Despite direct communication to Land and Environmental Services (LES) to raise this matter, no response had been received. The council viewed this as an unacceptably poor level of service from LES.</p> <p>e. It was agreed that HS would:</p> <p>i) confirm the detail of any new H&S regulations in relation to refuse collection;</p> <p>ii) contact LES directly to establish why no response had been received in relation to queries raised; and</p> <p>iii) establish with LES why gulleys had not been cleared during November, as previously suggested.</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>HS</p> <p>HS</p>

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<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>a. The Chair formally welcomed MR and KG to the council.</p> <p>b. CA, who was attending her first meeting, also expressed a preference to join NKCC.</p> <p>c. Those existing office bearers were confirmed by CM as continuing in their roles. MR had previously offered to adopt the role of Webmaster and this had been accepted by CM. The detailed Terms of Reference for each of the office bearers would be confirmed at a later date. It was indicated that a constitution had been prepared and forwarded to GCC, as required, but that some previous minutes had not been received by GCC. It was stated that these would be required by the GCC Resource Centre.</p> <p>d. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) PB would forward membership forms to CA for completion; and ii) All would trawl any holdings for previous minutes for NKCC meetings and forward anything found to PB. 	<p>PB</p> <p>All</p>
<p>10. Maryhill Foodbank</p>	<p>a. PB volunteered to represent NKCC on the committee of the Greater Maryhill Foodbank (GMFB).</p> <p>b. It was agreed that PB would represent NKCC on the committee of the GMFB and liaise as required.</p>	<p>PB</p>
<p>11. Issues to focus on during 2014</p>	<p>a. Suggested issues for NKCC to focus on during 2014 had been proposed at the Dec 2013 meeting.</p> <p>b. Two main areas of focus were proposed: the redevelopment of green spaces; and membership of NKCC. The redevelopment topic would cover proposals for both North Kelvin Meadow and QMD Pitches, although it was viewed that there should be no intrinsic link between these two developments. Promotion of NKCC with a view to increasing and sustaining membership was believed essential and could involve a 'clean-up' initiative at some stage in the year, to act as a publicity and recruitment opportunity. It was generally viewed that previous initiatives of this kind had been successful, but that a designated 'champion' would be required to organise and publicise such an event.</p> <p>c. It was agreed that green space redevelopment and membership would be the main areas of focus for NKCC during 2014.</p>	

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<p>12. Community Council Working Group</p>	<p>a. A Short-Life Working Group (SLWG) had been convened in 2012 to "...provide an informed basis to act as a platform for wider discussion and engagement with Community Councillors and those with an interest in the Community Council sector on the future policy development of Community Councils in Scotland."</p> <p>b. The report stemming from this SLWG was now available on the Scottish Government website at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00405486.doc. It contained many recommendations and suggested good practice, covering areas such as web development, involvement, training and duties. It was viewed that some of the recommendations could augment steps undertaken by NKCC in the agreed focus area of membership. It was suggested that the involvement of the CC Resource Centre could facilitate implementation of recommendations from the SLWG report and that an introductory session with a suitable representative from the Resource Centre would be advantageous, for both NKCC and neighbouring councils.</p> <p>c. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) CM would invite the Resource Centre and a representative from Lambhill CC to attend the May meeting. ii) NKCC would, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) focus on the topic of pitches during the March and April meetings, 2) focus on the topic of membership during the May meeting, and 3) focus on the topic of clean-up during the Jun meeting. 	<p>CM</p> <p>All</p>
<p>13. AOB</p>	<p>No other business was raised.</p>	
<p>14. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting would be on 18 March.</p>	
<p>15. Appointment of minute taker for next meeting</p>	<p>It was agreed that KG would take minutes for the March meeting.</p>	