

Minutes of monthly meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

7 August, 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 Docherty (ED);

Councillor Martha Wardrop (MW), Councillor Jane Morgan (JA);

Police Scotland Steve Shanks (SS), Peter Bell (PB)

Local residents Inta Bakewell (IB), Andrew Smith (AS), Denis Robertson Sullivan (DRS), Paul McNally (PM), David Conway (DC)

Apologies: Martin Venherm, Cllr Ken Andrews

1. Chair DP opened the meeting, which was quorate.
2. Minutes of June meeting approved by AM & CA following a number of corrections submitted.
3. *Ratifications of new CC members*
DC, IB, AS, DRS all ratified.

4. Police report

Recorded crimes for between 7 July, 2018 and 7 August, 2018 in Kelvin

Misuse drug act offences: 5 detected
Drinking in public: 2 detected
Vandalism: 3 detected; 5 not detected
Theft OLP: 1 not detected
Theft of bike: 2 not detected
Theft of m/v: 2 not detected
Theft other: 1 detected; 6 not detected
Wilful fireraising: 1 detected
Dishonesty: 2 not detected
Public order: 9 detected; 3 not detected
Sexual crime: 4 not detected
Road traffic: 3 detected; 3 not detected
Violence: 4 detected; 4 not detected

Further detail provided on figures by PB

....OLP is vehicle theft.

...Theft refers to shoplifting.

...Sexual cases involve one historical case, and three web based.

...bike theft was in Kelvinside Terrace South and bike was unsecured.

...vehicle theft was in Kelvinside area by known person.

PB spoke of the latest on BMX bike gang and their penchant for vandalising cars. Impressed upon CC the value of any intelligence provided by local residents, including of photographs. Allayed concerns expressed by AM over any pics taken of minors. "Not an issue" said PB, in context of these circumstances.

PB asked about high number of assaults. Said four of those undetected "not significant". Two serious assaults related to incidents at children's home.

CA raised matter of woman traumatised by attack by dog not on lead, mauled her dog and bit her on Wilton Street. Reported to police. The dog is still being seen in area not on lead. PB said generally such matters taken up by procurator fiscal. CA asked about dog catcher. MW said would contact environmental health.

Action: PB said he would get back to CA on this.

5. Councillor reports

Cllr Wardrop:

- Spoke of presentation on Canal project. Funding in place for new bridge at Stockingfield junction. Still to receive planning. Important for future of Canal.

Update: received details from Sustrans volunteer on details of bridge and sculpture planned for it as well as dates for consultation events.

- Expressed concerns over drop-offs for new planned Kelvinside Primary. An inlet at side of Strathmore pub and fire station mooted, but not practical. May led to trees on QMD being affected.

PM said active travel sought as solution seemed insufficient. MW mentioned new junction. DC spoke of Bellhaven being affected. MW said capital funds set aside to address issue, could mean new right of way.

- Two separate consultations on reconfiguring of QMD to Botanic Gardens for joining up cycle lanes. Worked with business community. Final drawing October. Sustrans said won't go all way to Byres Road. Issue with taxi rank.

Discussion of repairs at stairwell at Kelvinside Gardens east, beside St Charles. MW said she was working with the private owner of the wooded area over tackling overgrowth. Would keep CC updated.

ED raised problems with seagulls, and early more noise. Wondered about birds of prey. DRS raised issue with foxes. MW said there couldn't not cull seagulls or foxes. DRS said he would write to MW on matter.

Update: MW sent letter to CC setting out RSPB policy on gulls.

Cllr Morgan

- Raised matter of "interest in the other side of QMD" regards new school. Was listening to residents but couldn't offer personal view on planning.
- Asked to support Children's Wood planning application. Explained the need to go to other councillors because of role on planning committee.
- Bin replacement programme. The plans to replace metal bins is a two year programme. First phase is Drumchapel but Maryhill next. "Not without problems" and received "numerous emails" and "letters" over schedules. In regular contact with LES. No final decision over schedules, with concern over fortnightly proposals.

CA raised matter of bulk uplift with items simply left on street. JM said this was effectively fly tipping and that residents used make use of Glasgow council app.

DRS raised matter of large bins on pavement around Melrose Gardens and Kelvinside Gardens. MW said was "ongoing saga" over wagons being able to access to back courts.

6 Proposed development of 127 Fergus Drive

Consultation on August 9 over proposal to build 19 flats by Curves

Update: MR and CA attended consultation and reported back that "one tree will be removed and the height of the building is the same as neighbouring buildings [so lower than last failed application for this address]. Bike storage facilities are included in the plan and 1 car space per flat. Some people commented that this is not enough parking because 11 of the flats will have 3 bedrooms and are likely to be 2 car households. Also the route into the underground car park is up Oban Drive and down Fergus Drive which will lead to more congestion in those roads."

7 Clean-up proposals and dates

CA suggested passage behind Oban Lane. Trim leaves and over-lapping branches. AM related that tools available for trimming "epicormic growth". Spoke of covering a triangle fanning out from Belmont to Wilton. Date agreed as September 16, from 10.30 to 12.30.

8. Planning officer's report

CA related that HMO request for 25 QMD had now been withdrawn. Three current applications: the school, extension to daycare brick building in Children's Wood and an externally illuminating sign on frontage at Raeberry Street. No objections raised at meeting. DRS said by allowing development at Children's Wood, could help protect the space.

9. Treasurer's report

No treasurer present.

Update: Treasurer Martin Venherm tendered resignation. Position remains vacant.

10. Communications report

MR said nothing to report.

11. Correspondence

CA related that received an email from May Simpson. Event on September 7.

12. *AOB*

...Canals festival held on August 25.

„ED and AM spoke of success of Braeside Street closure for street festival in June.

...Residents' permit parking: Next on council run. Could take two years. AM meet 11 of the 12 criteria.

...ED reported that arrows had worn off speed bumps. MW said would speak to council.

Update: MW sent letter from council in which a three month timescale was given for repainting bumps.

...Decision to discuss defibrillator fundraising at next meeting.

13. *Date of next meeting - 4 September 2018*