## North Kelvin Community Council Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Held in St Charles Parochial Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens, G20 6BG at 6.30pm

1	Attendance	Community Councillors Inta Bakewell (Chair) Christine Alison Alasdair Macdonald David Conway Merle Read Elaine Doherty Denis Robertson Sullivan Andrew Smith Paul McNally (associate)	Councillors Cllr Jane Morgan Cllr Ken Andrew Cllr Martha Wardrop
		Apologies Douglas Peacock	Others Police PC Peter Bell PC Steven Shanks Residents Dave Gordon Simone Fitzau-Sussock Patricia Grant Alison McDonald Ness Wright Sondra MacLeod Ed Clack
2	Minutes	Minutes of the Meeting of 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved with minor textural adjustments.	
3	Police	Police Report: The Police Officers presented a printed copy of recorded crime for the last month, which they spoke to — In summary, there was a small wave of vandalism. The suspects were underage, but the police were trying to manage the situation. They did, however, raise the issue of bike crime and asked NKCC to encourage local residents, especially those whose bikes were in common sight to take additional precautions, such as upgrading their locks and fixings. Further, they recommend that cyclists register the serial number of their bikes with immobilise.co.uk (a free service).	
4	Councillors	The Councillors' Reports	
		KA: Anti-Social Behaviour. Ken had been with Police Sergeant Davis on a Community Walkabout. The two main issues arising from this were Parking (see below) and Anti-Social Behaviour. The 'Flint Mill' was being used as a gathering point by local youths, who were creating difficulties. The Flint Mill address was being misreported as Kelvin Walk Way, but it is Garrioch Mill Road, this clearing up of this misunderstanding was now allowing the police to better deal with reported incidents. NKCC should note the proper address of the Flint Mill.	

Some additional monies had been made to fund volunteer-led help to try and alleviate the anti-social activities of the youths.

Recycling: The Councillor also reported that the suggestion from Community Councillors re-resolving the issue of servicing (emptying) cross-contaminated food waste bins had been taken up and the Cleansing Department would in future label bins both to ensure servicing and to alert residents to their problem.

Live Streaming: Ken drew attention to the availability of both live and recordings of all Glasgow City Council Main Council and Committee Meetings via the website. NKCC may wish to advertise and promote this facility.

**Licensing Matters:** (See Separate Item below)

JM: Jane also raised several issues and spoketo HMO matter in particular. (see Licensing and HMOs below)

MW: Martha raised two concerns in particular,

*QMD Cycle Route:* the issue of the proposed cycle route and other road works associated with Queen Margaret Drive. The officials were minded to subsume this into the discussion on Byres Road, but she was pushing for Queen Margaret Drive to be treated separately since the proposals had been adequately consulted on and an agreed plan was waiting to be implemented. She and others also expressed some concern that the Parking Consultations and the New School on Queen Margaret Drive (See items below) might also delay yet again implementation of the cycle route proposals for QMD.

Green Space at the Fire Station Maryhill Road: She has asked the Council to ensure that the area's larger intrusive branches be removed, and the general area cleaned and cleared. She also asked NKCC what they next wished to be done with the site, i.e. bush planting or whatever.

There had been a long-ago application to develop this site, but it was no longer extant.

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**Licensing and Planning:** There was a long and instructive discussion on both items.

Licensing:

**HMO**: As a direct result of the discussion on Licensing, Andrew Smith agreed to take on the task of NKCC Licensing Officer.

HMOs and Planning: This started one of the most extended discussions of the evening. All the Councillors contributed to this item. Councillor Morgan, in particular, encouraged the NKCC to be active as she was about to be, in the following way— When an application was made for an

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HMO and in particular a new HMO that NKCC should ask if Planning Permission had been sought for the property. If not, then when the property was granted a licence to operate an HMO then NKCC should ask the Planning Department to pursue the matter of Planning Permission on the said property.

The Councillors expressed their dismay that the proposal to link Planning and Licensing in relation to HMOs had not been taken forward by the officers since the owners were against it, despite the overwhelming community support. The report to the Council due to be submitted on Wednesday 6th March was in their view an inadequate document.

Councillor Morgan also stressed that if NKCC wanted to object to Licensing applications for HMOs, then it was necessary for NKCC to make meaningful objections which demonstrated some understanding of issues relating to the property. This would make it easier for the Council to refuse the application such as anti-social behaviour in the property, littering issues, distortion of the tenements normal use, pre-existing in multiple occupancies within the tenement or nearby and any other similar relevant objections. It was agreed that NKCC would look to make appropriate and meaningful consideration of HMOs.

This prompted a discussion over the notice period for HMOs believed to be only 3 weeks. It was agreed that unless our constitution prevented it then a simple consultation by email of the NKC Councillors by the Licensing Officer was enough to allow him to arrive at a view and would enable him to act accordingly.

**Planning Matters**: Again, all the Councillors gave full reports, advice and answered questions.

Notre Dame: The formal consultation will begin soon. NKCC will more fully consider Notre Dame at its April meeting or at a specially arranged meeting. The chair will be asked to make this decision pending the advice from the NKCC planning officer.

Restaurant: A question was asked re the proposed change of use of the former bookmaker's shop on Queen Margaret Drive into a restaurant. There was some confusion over the neighbourhood notifications, and Councillor Andrews agreed to check on this. NKCC offered no view on the change of use.

New School: Queen Margaret Drive. The Councillors reported that the planning of the school had experienced an issue over drainage, and this had delayed the formal consultation of the proposal. There was some ambiguity over the time of year or month, but it was hoped this might take place before the autumn.

School Street Project: The experiment to limit car parking around schools was about to start with Hillhead Primary and the results of this were

awaited with interest. If it proved successful, there was a clear wish from NKCC that St Charles' might be considered as appropriate for such action

Doune Gardens: It was reported that local consultation on the cycle route had been constructive and the new plan was awaited.

River Clyde Strategy: Councillor Wardrop reported she had welcomed the proposal contained therein relating to the Kelvin and the Walk Way since these were embraced within this strategy. She further recommended to NKCC that they read the report since it was of interest and relevance to their work.

Parking: Again, a longish discussion took place on this vexatious local issue. The Councillors reported that there was some internal Council discussion on the forthcoming consultation in the NKCC area that it be widen out to embrace the likely parking and congestion issues that would arise from the New School Queen Margaret Drive and the New Health Centre Hinshaw Street. <a href="NKCC welcomed this widening out of the proposed Parking consultation but were concerned that any delay might be occasioned by this change.">NKCC welcomed this widening out of the proposed Parking consultation but were concerned that any delay might be occasioned by this change.</a>

It was further agreed that NKCC (IB to draft and check with DP) would write to the CEO of Glasgow City Council expressing their concern at any delay this widening might cause because of the urgency in relation to Health Centre, Hinshaw Street and the long wait and inconvenience being experienced in the area because of both day parkers and St Charles' School

Despite the item above, there was a suggestion that the Councillors might wish to take forward the painting of double yellow lines in the area leading up to St Charles' School, in particular, the junction of Kelvinside Gardens/Kelvinside Gardens East, Fergus Drive/Kelvinside Gardens East, Kelvinside Gardens/Wilton Street corner.

Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA). Councillor Andrews reported that some consideration of these buildings and the impact on areas was underway by planning officials.

Street Cleaning: The Councillors were asked if it is the policy of the Council not to clean residential streets on a regular basis. Those present were astonished to hear that is not the case, but it appears the Cleansing Department is incapable of organising this activity and so only responds to requests! All present were encouraged to use the My Glasgow app to request cleans or to report cleanliness issues.

Posters on Lamp Post and Railings: A question was asked about some posters on lamp posts and railing and the Councillors agreed to investigate having them removed.

6 Scottish Water

**Scottish Water** A brief report was given by those who had attended the walkabout associated with the considerable work to be undertaken from

		the summer of 2019 onwards along the side of the Kelvin to alleviate issues arising from the household disposals into the sewage system. All who had attended were impressed by the representatives of Scottish Water. This matter will appear again as plans for the work is finalised. It should be noted that between one and two years of disruption will occur to complete this work.
7	Communications	The Communication Officer reported that the Notice Board is being kept up to date and various things are being posted on Facebook, including HMO applications. Next Door North Kelvin was also mentioned as an excellent local site for dissemination of NKCC information.
8	Correspondence	One item: A poster from North West Locality Engagement Forum (LEF) was tabled. They were hosting an event on Thursday 21st March 219 on the new model for Out of Hours Services in Greater Glasgow and Clyde and related carers' issues.
9	A.O.C.B.	Raspberry Canes: An offer was made by a lady attendee to rehome some raspberry canes, and it was agreed to put the person in touch with the Chair.  Scottish Canals are having a clean-up on Friday 8th March.  Walkabout: Two members reported that they are still trying to limit the amount of illegal dumping in the unadopted lanes locally.
10	Next Meeting	Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Time: 6.30. Venue: St Charles' Parochial Hall.  The meeting ended at shortly after 8pm as is NKCC targeted finishing time.

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