

Minutes of monthly meeting of North Kelvin Community Council

1 October 2019, at 6.30pm in St Charles' Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens

Members present

Christine Alison (CA)

David Conway (DC)

Elaine Doherty (ED)

Alasdair Macdonald (AM)

Douglas Peacock (DP, chair)

Merle Read (MR)

Andrew Smith (AS)

Others: residents A. McDonald and Bill Gold, and one visitor from over the water (QMD south)

Apologies

Inta Bakewell (IB)

Denis Robertson Sullivan (DRS)

1. **Minutes** from September meeting were approved: proposed – ED; seconded – DP.
2. **Planning officer.** Nothing new to report. DC had forwarded to GCC our follow-up safety concerns related to traffic and the plans for the new primary school. Nothing new on the old Curves.
3. **Licensing.** Nothing new. AS had circulated notification that the application for an HMO at 170 Wilton St, to which we had objected, would be considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee at a later date.
4. **Hillhead Area Partnership report.** In the absence of a full report MR offered to circulate the minutes of the last HAP meeting along with 2 PowerPoint presentations on roads strategy & residential care. What HAP funding we could apply for was discussed, perhaps for a community hub. Was there a gap site or unused building we could take over? To be added to November agenda: funding and ownership of community assets.
5. **Notre Dame High School.** A decision has not yet been made on whether the school should change its admission policy. A report is still to go to the Education Committee and thereafter to the City Administration Committee. Only 10 councillors had responded to the consultation. DC proposed to write to all GCC councillors restating our position (which is in support of changing Notre Dame High School to co-ed, with the proviso that St Charles Primary School should be included in the catchment and have split option catchments for both Notre Dame High School and also John Paul Academy). This was agreed unanimously. (CA left the meeting.)
6. **Disabled access to North Kelvin Community Council meetings.** CA had noted that we are still waiting to hear back from the Archdiocese whether the church authorities will be able to facilitate disabled access for us. If they cannot, it was agreed that we should seek a venue that can offer such access, ideally on the 1st Tuesday evening of the month as this suits the current members of NKCC. The following potential venues were identified: St Charles Primary School (DC to approach in the first instance); Dunard Primary School; the Scout Hall.
7. **Community clean-up of Stair Street planning.** Some posters had been distributed the previous evening and others were taken by members for distribution. ED would phone GCC to confirm arrangements for the clean-up on Sunday 6th. CA, ED & MR would bring equipment on the day, as well as biscuits and flasks for hot refreshments.

8. **Communications report.** MR gave some stats to round off the year: we have 391 Facebook likers & 437 followers; 333 Twitter followers; 111 subscribers to the newsletter. Pages on the website were viewed approximately 7,000 times. Most popular pages included those on the primary school plans, the proposed parking controls, the minutes, and the plans for the old Curves building. It was suggested we could have a group photo taken for the website when all members are present. Text for the proposed clean-up page on the website can be added as soon as DP & AM have it ready.
9. **Correspondence.** Via Facebook a resident had complained about loud noise and disturbance caused by students using a shortcut to Murano Street accommodation at unsocial hours. Freshers' week had been particularly noisy for residents this year. Our advice as previously was to report incidents to the police. It was thought it would not be possible to close the shortcut as it is a right of way. (No members of the police or GCC councillors were present to advise.)
10. **AOB:** none.
11. **Next meeting:** 5 November 2019, at 6.30pm, St Charles' Church Hall, 1 Kelvinside Gardens.