

Minutes of North Kelvin Community Council

Tuesday 2nd March, 2021

6.30pm, online Microsoft Teams

Community council members present:

Douglas Peacock, Elaine Doherty, David Conway, Louise MacKenzie, Phil Crook, Christine Alison, Alasdair Smith, Alasdair MacDonald, Merle Read, Hannah Graham,

City Councillors in attendance:

Martha Wardrop, Jane Morgan, Ken Andrews

Residents present:

June Allan, April Chamberlain, Graham Anderton, Alison Gifford, Harry McColl, David Buckley, Gillian Eccleston, Linda MacKay, Thomas Rae, Murray Will, Charlotte McElaney

Sergeant Peter Bell, G2225, Community Policing, G Division

Apologies:

Andrew Smith

Item 1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING,

Proposed by Christine Alison and seconded by Alasdair MacDonald

Item 2 POLICE REPORT

Review period of 03/02/2021 to 01/03/2021.

Recorded crime is down on what was reported last month.

Housebreaking crimes - Decrease on last month. (No crimes recorded this month)

Misuse Drugs Act crimes: Increase on last month.

Theft of Motor vehicle – No crimes recorded this month (Fourth month in a row).

Theft pedal cycle - Decrease on last month. Areas affected - Avenuepark Street, Queen Margaret Drive, Clouston Street, Garscube Road and Maryhill Road - (The majority of these offences involve a chain or cable lock being cut.)

As stated last month we have seen a sharp rise in the number of Pedal cycle thefts over the last 6 months. This has coincided with the high demand for pedal cycles - linked to the current COVID pandemic.

If I could again ask that all members and residents to be mindful of this and ensure, where possible, that pedal cycles are locked out of plain sight. D locks offer the best protection against theft however the best security method is to keep your pedal cycle within your house. You should have your bike security marked and keep a note of your bike's serial number. You should also keep a photograph of your bike which in the event your bike is stolen, will give us the best opportunity to recover your bike.

Most thieves are going equipped with bolt cutters and other tools, targeting pedal cycles that have been chained to railings in a communal stairway's

We have an ongoing investigation in relation to these thefts and officers are reviewing these incidents as well as CCTV. Several persons have been identified as being involved in this type of crime and once the enquiry is complete, we should be in a position to charge a number of persons.

Road Traffic Crimes – Increase on last month.

Crimes of Violence - Decrease on last month

Crimes of Dishonesty (Theft / Fraud /Forgery) - Decrease on last month.

Vandalism - Decrease on last month

Crimes of note –

None

Trends

As detailed above we have noticed an increase in acquisitive crimes in relation to the theft of pedal cycles.

Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing and we are seeing Tier 4 restrictions being imposed once again. We are generally seeing a good level of compliance with the restrictions imposed in the community council area however this unfortunately cannot be said of other areas.

Our efforts continue to be directed towards Engagement with the public, Explaining the restrictions, Encouraging the public to comply and Enforcing legislation where there is a clear breach of the restrictions.

Item 3 COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Ken Andrew commented that lighting repairs had been undertaken by the council and contractor, this work is ongoing and for various reasons, progress is slow.

Jane Morgan commented the lack of clarity among some people over the three collection per week rota of bins. This is for houses only. Councillor Morgan also commented upon graffiti in the community and the need to report it.

Councillor Martha Wardrop commented upon dog fouling around Maryhill Rd; the roll out of electric charging on Queen Margaret Drive; Section 61 notice of the planning act with regards to the Wilton St gap site.

Alasdair MacDonald commented upon the flooding on the new build on Fergus Dv,

Ken Andrew said that the report back from relative authority said that all's well with flooding on the site.

It was reported that there was Saturday morning noise at the Fergus Dr development. Martha said she was waiting for a reply on related issues from the developer.

Christine A mentioned that Garriochmill Rd was being used as a short cut and proposed a gate at Kelvin Dv; (Councillor Morgan's jurisdiction).

Thomas Rae spoke of the detrimental impact of the work for Scottish water below Belmont St bridge and the damage done in carrying out the work, also the damage to trees and the need to reinstate the original environment. David, following on from Graham, we should raise with Scot Water (Belmont St) the need for the reinstatement of the road and the immediate environment. Christine to email Scot Water about issues that need to be followed up such as noise, road damage, gate etc and to invite them to the next meeting.

Phil said that there was a need for a further Bottle bank on Belmont St, Martha agreed to enquire about this, Ken voiced disagreement with the need for another bin as opposed to more regular servicing of the existing bins. Ken also to raise issue of Belmont St glass bin.

Merle: Oban Lane: shops leaving their bins in the lane with rubbish becoming an eyesore and a fire hazard. She mentioned needing a new sign saying no fly tipping and asked Ken Andrews if this could be come from the Council. Ken to follow up the tipping of rubbish in and around Oban lane and see about sources a anti fly tipping sign. Ken is also to follow up on abandoned car on Striven Gdns.

Item 4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

Phil gave an overview of the issue and common issues and problems; 6 community councils around us. Do we have common grounds with our neighbours so we can communicate with them? Phil to act as liaison with the other neighbouring cc and feed back relevant issues of importance. Ken said that Woodside was not effectively working as a cc and that attempts have been made to reinvigorate the cc, but it is still saveable. HMOs are an issue in HILLHEAD AND WOODSIDE.

Alasdair MacDonald said lanes are a common issue.

Jane said that Central Maryhill had no community council. There are a number of tenants association facilitated by Maryhill Housing association but heavily focused upon housing although she is invited for Council related matters from time to time and might be able to facilitate some contact.

Christine: Ruchill Park doesn't have a friends of group, should we set one up?

Louise: to check with council on friends of Ruchill Park, does it exist?

David said Kelvinside primary and the traffic issues on Queen Margaret Drive links to neighbouring cc.

Jane: concerned as a Maryhill councillor that there isn't a cc for the Central Maryhill area. But that cc has to be a community led initiative and cannot be imposed upon the community.

Martha: NW sector partnership; N.W. sector voluntary group who could be worked with as could Scottish Canals on common issues and with volunteering.

Phil to draft letters on common interest to neighbouring cc and Maryhill Housing association plus others, to be shared with NKCC before sending out.

Item 5 PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Thanks to Louise MacKenzie for drafting letter to CEO of GCC criticising the review panel's decision in face of the community's views and objections.

It was asked whether there is there another route for review of this decision - court of session, which would be costly.

We discussed trying to get press coverage for our views of the planning process. David Conway will follow up on this.

Ken A said that a review group to be formed into how the council reaches its planning decisions and how it deals with objections.

Jane said that a judicial review is about process.

Martha: where do we go next with the city development plan? Community Empowerment Act to empower community areas around planning projects and the protection of green spaces.

Elaine: planning dept not transparent enough.

Martha: Sepa flood maps have been sent out; Sepa could investigate the site at Kelvin dv; management of drains, flooding and water courses is going to be an ongoing issue, esp around the canal and Woodside green spaces

David: should we have a more involved discussion, that is a separate meeting to discuss the strategic issues relating to NK, lane strategies, community empowerment etc?

Item 6 LICENSING REPORT

Andrew was not present and there was no comment made on licensing issues.

Item 7 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Newsletter has been sent out. An invitation was made by Merle to anyone wanting to write for the website.

Christine has emailed Henry Adomako (NS) about the notice board. Christine waiting to hear from the council about the notice board and she will follow up on this.

AOB

Graham raised the issue of escalating his concerns about the parking issues in the cc. Ken said the completed plan has not been produced and the end document is unlikely to be that different; the plan has to become a legal document and this is a lengthy process.

Martha said the parking scheme can be reviewed after 6 months.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6.30pm 6TH APRIL 2021