

## North Kelvin Community Council

### Chairperson's report, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

Our last AGM had been postponed due to covid, so it's good we have managed to keep to our normal AGM date of October this year.

12 months ago we had to contend with more inconvenience from the Fergus Drive Development as they implemented a traffic order that may last to early 2022. It was also about this time we had a planning application in from a developer wanting to build new flats at the old fire station on Mingarry Street. We opposed that and it was declined, only for the developer to put in another more recently. Again, we as a community council have supported the local people here and have written to object and hope once again this is declined. Because we see each planning application in the North Kelvin area, and have experience of doing this for many years, we believe we can see the big picture on how this area has been changing over the time and act accordingly.

Throughout the year we tried to help the local people understand what changes the Council were implementing such as bulk waste uplift and secure onsite parking for bikes. It's why we are keen to put in our second public notice board which helps to deliver these messages to local people.

Historically we haven't had much communication with other community councils so it was really pleasing to see a lot of work we have done in creating good communication links with Dowanhill, Hyndland and Kelvinside Community Councils. This has already paid dividends as we discussed with them the Council use of a sub-planning committee to decide on major planning applications which we believe has made flawed decisions such as the Fergus Drive and forthcoming Kelbourne Street developments. Indeed we felt so strongly on how these small sub-committees were making such poor decisions we wrote to the CEO of Glasgow City Council. This is a good example of being a group that meets regularly over a long period of time and discusses these topics: we have delivered an action which as a person on our own, we probably wouldn't have done. Or if we had it wouldn't be nearly as effective.

Our meetings each month, which are still being conducted online due to the pandemic, were very well attended by visitors and I found it was quite a task to try to speed them along so as they could conclude at a reasonable time.

The work Scottish Water were doing at the river Kelvin got onto our agenda a couple of times and I think we had a good impact in getting the various bodies to coordinate their activities for the good of the local people and the environment.

We took and are taking an active role in trying to help the “Save Maryhill Library Campaign.” We also got physically active as we put on 2 community clean up events, both being very well attended, and one even had its own pop-up musical performance by a street orchestra to help say thanks to all our local volunteer litter pickers.

After a very long wait we finally saw the Council put down the white lines as they start to implement the Restrictive Parking Controls (RPZ) we have been pushing for.

The above isn't meant as a full list of our activities and contribution to North Kelvin over the last year, more just a flavour of the things we have got up to.

At times we've been under pressure during this year so I'd especially like to thank each and every member of the North Kelvin Community Council for helping us as a group get through this year and deliver a long list of accomplishments we can all be proud of.

Warm regards

Douglas

Douglas A Peacock

Chair

## Appendix 1 Treasurer's report

Because of the restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid 19 epidemic, there has been little activity during the past year. Meetings were held on-line.

We bid successfully for funds for the purchase and installation of a CC noticeboard to be sited on the traffic island at the junction of Kelvin Drive and QMD. GCC has inspected the site and there are no issues regarding underground services. GCC will install the sign at no cost as a supportive gesture. Because of furlough and home working GCC has been unable to advise on the specification for a noticeboard, nor install it. This has to be completed by 5, April 2022.

When restrictions eased we held three workdays and purchased various items to facilitate these. As a result of the work, we received two donations from members of the public.

## Appendix 2 Communications report

Our levels of social media engagement are generally increasing, but we still only reach a small part of the community. The more active/visible we are online, the greater the reach (likes/shares on Facebook/Twitter much appreciated). The most engaging posts have photos or video attached.

**Website:** we had about 28 visits per day with 9423 page views in 2020/21, down slightly on last year when COVID-19 info was particularly in demand. The most popular pages were about parking, the new primary school, various planning applications, the lanes and clean-ups.

**Facebook:** 623 followers, up 25% on 2019/20. Posts reached over 28,000 people. The most popular posts were about graffiti removal, clean-ups, planning applications and parking, particularly those with photos or video. Where relevant, posts include a link to further info on our website. Some posts were boosted, whereby a small payment increases the number of local people shown the post.

We also have 409 followers on **Twitter** and 147 subscribers to the **newsletter**, 10 issues of which were sent out.