

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TEAMS
4TH JANUARY 2022
MINUTES**

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| <u>Present</u> Douglas Peacock (chair) Alasdair Macdonald (treasurer) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Elaine Doherty Alasdair Smith Phil Crook (minutes secretary) <u>Apologies</u> Louise MacKenzie Hannah Graham Andrew Smith David Conway | <u>Residents attending</u> Sandra Huettenbuegel Arthur Fairfull Andrea Fisher <u>Councillors attending</u> Jane Morgan Martha Wardrop Ken Andrew <u>Maryhill Police Office</u> Constable Peter Bell |
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The meeting started at 1835

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd November 2021 were agreed.

Proposer: Christine Alison Seconder: Merle Read

2. Police report

Constable Bell presented his report which showed a generally satisfactory situation. He highlighted three items:

- a) Theft from vehicles – please do not leave valuables in sight
- b) Theft of bikes – please use D-locks and register bicycles on <https://www.bikeregister.com>
- c) On-line fraud – please report to the Police on <https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk>

Cllr Andrew added a further link for reporting phishing report@phishing.gov.uk

3. Councillors' reports

The Chair thanked all Councillors for their contributions over the last 12 months.

Councillor Morgan spoke about the following issues:

- a) Flooding of the Kelvin Walkway by the FORK hut. Rectifying this had appeared as a proposal for funding from the Maryhill Area Partnership, but members had been reluctant to allocate their limited funds to that work.

- b) Disposal of garden waste at Dawsholm. The Council are collecting quotes for the refurbishment of that part of Dawsholm which had been affected by fire, but the site was unlikely to re-open for garden waste until April.
- c) Maryhill Library will re-open in late January. The condition that at least 12 months funding was available has been relaxed, but Cllr Morgan was hopeful that all will be OK.
- d) Cllr Morgan will send the link to David about the digital map of planning applications.

Cllr Andrew spoke about the following issues:

- a) Kelvin Walkway. The Hillhead Area Partnership has allocated funds for addressing flooding near the Eldon Street bridge, restoration of the Flint Mill and safety work along the mill leat.
- b) The letter from Tom Johnstone, Woodlands and Park Community Council, to Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, which NKCC have counter-signed along with others. Cllr Andrew welcomed this move. He said that there have already been substantial changes to the operation of the Local Planning Review system, thanks to Cllr Morgan. Cllr Andrew added that the work of the Short Life Working Group, looking at the Council's planning function and how applications are managed, continues.

Cllr Morgan added that although the formal report on the review of planning was still awaited, she can assure the CC that the need for training councillors has been recognised. Also, there will be better information on the Council website regarding the planning process. Internally, she also said that the Scheme of Delegation had been reviewed, which determines, for example, whether a CC objection should trigger a particular response.

- c) NPF4. Cllr Andrew stressed the importance of NKCC responding to the consultation on the Fourth National Planning Framework, and in particular drew our attention to what it says in Part III on meaningful consultation with local communities and the Third Party Rights of Appeal.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotland-2045-fourth-national-planning-framework-draft/>

<https://www.transformingplanning.scot/national-planning-framework/get-involved/consultation-process/>

<https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/draft-national-planning-framework-4/>

Cllr Wardrop spoke about the following issues:

- a) The new North Kelvin Primary School. Cllr Wardrop has been following progress and an opening in March 2022 is still on the cards.
- b) The Queen Margaret Drive streetscape. Cllr Wardrop has spoken again to local businesses, and brought to the attention of Council officers who are new to the scheme the proposals which were made in May 2018 when the project was first mooted.

- c) There has been no progress with the Botanics Children's Garden.
- d) Scottish Canals and the work at Stockingfield Junction. Although outwith our CC, it will be of interest to many. <https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/stockingfield-bridge/>
- e) The Glasgow Tool Library. This is an excellent resource where members can borrow tools and equipment <https://glasgowtoolibrary.com/>

During the discussion which followed, further points were made:

- Temporary plastic fencing (which seems to be permanent) where Doune Quadrant meets Kelvinside Terrace South – Cllr Wardrop is aware that there are some minor works outstanding there, but will find out more.
- Reinstatement of the bollards on Garriochmill Road under Belmont Street bridge – once again cars have been seen using the road. Cllr Andrew has been told that work remains to be done, but will look into progress.
- Persistent flooding at the junction of Doune Gardens and Doune Quadrant – Cllr Andrew will investigate.

4. Glasgow Against Closures

The CC took note of this campaign to bring all the work of Glasgow Life back under Council control.

5. Environmental and Biodiversity Risk Assessment for use of Public Land in Glasgow

The background to this is a petition (now closed) organised by Sandra Huettenbuegel, about the use of our local greenspaces for events like GlasGlow. It asks the Council to demonstrate commitment to sustainability, net zero emissions and protection of biodiversity by requiring transparent assessment of public land use. Having reached the required number of signatures, the petition will now be considered by a Council committee.

This topic prompted a long discussion, which can be summarised in four points:

1. The Council charge an environmental levy for such events. How much is the charge? Is the money ring-fenced, and for what? Cllr Wardrop will investigate this.
2. Access to public space is not just denied during the event, but in advance and sometimes long afterwards (for example while grass regrows). A financial levy does not compensate for loss of access.
3. What account is taken of the environmental damage, and that from noise and light pollution? In the case of GlasGLOW, there should be an Impact Review, and Cllr Wardrop suggested that we reach out to the Friends of the Botanics.
4. Regarding GlasGLOW in particular, the public consultation was cursory, to say the least. Cllr Morgan proposed, and all agreed, that all councillors could make representations about proper and appropriate consultation. Phil will contact the Dowanhill CC to see whether they were consulted, for example.

6. Wilton Street Green Corridor

Alastair and Phil presented the position paper which they had developed with Louise and Hannah. The essence is that the green spaces along Wilton Street have the potential to be linked in some way, thus creating a “green corridor” which is shaped and supported by the community.

The opportunities are there:

- North Kelvin has a well-established and active community council who regularly organise and take part in environmental clean ups
- The COVID pandemic has heightened interest in gardening and improving green space
- Our greater understanding of environmental issues and the steps we need to take to tackle climate change has seen broader awareness of the importance of improving biodiversity
- The introduction of the RPZ will reduce traffic flow and make sitting out more pleasant
- The gap site could make an excellent community garden, south facing and sheltered
- Wilton Street as a whole could become a zero-pesticide bee highway
- There are adjoining green spaces which could be incorporated into any proposal, such as the gardens of Wilton Court

Preliminary contact with residents (not done systematically) shows that there is interest: Alastair, Louise, Hannah and Phil are therefore asking the CC for approval to proceed further.

The motion was put and passed “That NKCC ask the four named to continue with this work”.

Phil will edit the position paper into a form which will be suitable for the NKCC website.

7. Clean-up date and location

The next clean-up will be the area around Yarrow Gardens Lane on Sunday January 30th at 1030.

8. Planning Officer’s Report

The Kelbourne Street site is still on our agenda. The plot of land consists of a large piece which the Church of Scotland sold to a developer, and a small piece which belongs to the Council. The plan for developing the large piece was rejected by the Planning Committee but passed by a Local Review body – this plan, however, also included utilising the small piece. Meanwhile a separate application by a second developer for a block of flats on the small piece has been rejected.

The CC feel that the situation is sufficiently confusing to justify asking the Council for a pause and a review. Our ideal outcome, of course, is that the two pieces of land can be incorporated into the Happy Park.

The motion was put and passed “That David and Louise write to the Council setting out our concerns and asking for a pause in the Kelbourne Street application”.

Meanwhile Cllr Wardrop will see whether the plot of land can be included in work on the QMD streetscaping strategy.

9. HMO report

There was nothing to report.

10. Communications report

The Chair noted the complimentary mail received from one of our residents about the quality of our website and communication, and the whole meeting joined in thanking Merle for her sterling work.

Installation of the new notice board is going ahead as planned this FY, as the QMD work will not start any time soon.

11. AOB

- a) The meeting agreed that places to deposit Xmas trees are few and far between, leading to indiscriminate dumping, and Douglas will write formally to our councillors asking them to request the Council to increase the number, preferably one for each CC.
- b) We have been asked for a contribution to the National Litter Strategy consultation, and this will be put on the agenda for our February meeting.
- c) The next Hillhead Area Partnership meeting is on January 18th. Phil will circulate the papers when they arrive.

The meeting finished at 2035

Phil Crook
Minutes Secretary
5 January 2022