

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
1st MARCH 2022
DRAFT MINUTES**

<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Andrew Smith (vice-chair) in the chair Alasdair Macdonald (treasurer) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Alastair Smith David Conway Phil Crook (minutes secretary)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Douglas Peacock Elaine Doherty Hannah Graham</p>	<p><u>Residents attending</u></p> <p>Adam Bastock Olesya Ignatova Stuart Wallace</p> <p><u>Councillors attending</u></p> <p>Jane Morgan Ken Andrew Martha Wardrop</p>
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The meeting started at 1830

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 1st February 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Alastair Macdonald Seconder: Christine Alison

Matters arising:

1. Phil confirmed that he had submitted comments on the draft litter and fly-tipping Strategy on behalf of the NKCC. Our response can be found here:

https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/national-litter-and-flytipping-strategy/consultation/my_response?user_id=ANON-7WV4-WVKP-Z&key=e8baffb54b2244a860cdbfc14465199727df43d0

2. NKCC members did a cover-up of the RPZ signs which had been prematurely uncovered, to alleviate the confusion this was causing.

2. Police report

Constable Bell provided a report which was presented by Andrew. There was no housebreaking, vehicle theft and cycle theft, and a decrease in road traffic offences, crimes of dishonesty and crimes of violence. Three vehicles had been scratched in Wilton Street. So a good month all in all.

Louise asked if instances of hate crime can be obtained at local level.

3. Councillors' reports

Councillor Morgan:

1. The Maryhill Area Partnership has awarded funds to address the flooding of the Kelvin Walkway by the Halfpenny Bridge, and also for repairs to one of the two flights of steps down from Garrioch Road.
2. There is still no decision on the Mingarry Street planning application on the site of the old fire station, much to the dismay of residents.
3. Nor have the Kelbourne Street applications been resolved. The Council have sold the smaller piece of land to the applicant for that site, but then rejected the proposed building. This puts in doubt the plan for the larger piece of land (opposed by the community and the full planning committee, but accepted by a local review body), since that is reliant on ownership of the smaller piece. Cllr Morgan was informed that:

“I can confirm that as yet no decision has been issued as the Section 75 Agreement is yet to be concluded and signed. The terms and conditions have been drawn up but we have come across a complication whereby not all of the land is in the appellants ownership meaning that the terms of the agreement cannot cover the full extent of the appeal site. The Council’s legal team are still in discussions with the developer to try and resolve the issue. It may be that the developer will have to purchase the strip of land prior to concluding the agreement or they will have to request the adjacent landowner to counter sign the agreement. I expect it may take some time to resolve. Therefore whilst the LRC has technically allowed the appeal no formal consent exists at this point.”

A section 75 agreement refers to a payment to compensate for inadequate provision of eg open space.

4. Cllr Morgan recommends Planning Advice Scotland for good information on how best to respond to planning consultations.
5. She has had quite a few complaints about the way in which the roll-out of the RPZ is being done – parking bays of varying sizes, debris left around etc – but has had no satisfactory answers.

Councillor Wardrop:

1. Tree planting has started close to the old Flint Mill.
2. The North Kelvin Primary is scheduled to open on April 21st.

NKCC members have strong concerns that the delays to the work on QMD mean that the promised traffic calming measures will not be in place by the time the new school opens, which will severely compromise the safety of the site.

Action: David will contact David McEwan to discuss this, possibly with a walk around of the school environs.

3. The QMD cycle lane is still on hold, as the Council wish to link the work with that along Byres Road which will not start until August at the earliest.
4. Cllr Wardrop had a walk-around with student representatives who are concerned about lighting and signage around Oban Drive, the Fire Station, and on the canal near the student bridge.
5. She also has had complaints about the RPZ roll-out.
6. The Maryhill Library is open and looking good. The NKCC acknowledge the diverse and determined community campaign that successfully saved the library
7. The Stockingfield Junction bridge work is also progressing well.

Councillor Andrew:

1. The Open Spaces Fund allocation for 22/23 has been approved.
 2. A sum of £2m has been made available to create 13 neighbourhood enhancement teams for 3 week deep cleaning programmes. There would be a level of co-ordination with local activists to achieve best results and genuine community buy-in.
 3. Funds for the Hillhead Area Partnership have been protected.
 4. Some funds for private lanes is available: the lane in question needs to have a properly constituted association with a bank account in order to apply.
4. Treasurer's Report

Alastair informed the meeting that Merle will become the additional cardholder once BoS makes changes to its on-line facility in May 2022, and that if we wished view-only access to the NKCC account for the other NKCC members can also be granted. This was welcomed.

Action: Alastair to arrange view-only access.

5. Citizens' Panels

Christine and Phil circulated a draft for a letter to Bernadette Monahan expressing our unease about these panels and also our surprise that CCs had not been consulted before the decision was made to proceed with a pilot scheme. Cllr Morgan noted that at the recent Maryhill Area Partnership, Bernadette's presentation clearly showed that some re-thinking is going on. Cllr Wardrop noted that at the North-West Area Partnership, all the CCs voiced their concerns.

There has also been a lot of mailing from CCs around Glasgow saying how much they agree with the position Partick CC has taken.

NKCC members agreed with the points made in the draft but asked for it to be made more positive and to appear less protective of our position.

Action: Christine and Phil will work on a second draft.

6. Louisa Jordan Memorial

Louise circulated a note about this, after she, Elaine, Christine and Merle had a very positive meeting with Katie Dargie, Glasgow City Council Heritage Officer. The proposal is a bit more ambitious – a piece of public art plus signage, rather than just an information board. Funding will be an issue. Cllr Andrew suggested the Royal College of Nursing and the War Graves Commission, and also Glasgow Caledonian University.

Action: the sub-group to continue to work on the proposal.

7. Clean-up

20 bags of litter were collected at Ruchill Park, but turn-out of helpers was low. There will not be a litter-pick this month, and NKCC members are asked to think of a suitable site for April.

The donation from Tesco of equipment for litter picking was gratefully acknowledged.

8. Planning Officer's report

Nothing else of note to report.

9. HMO report

There were no specific HMO applications to discuss.

Phil circulated a note about the meeting he attended with Jean Charsley (Hillhead), Tom Johnstone and Stewart Leighton (Woodlands and Park), Cllrs Andrew, Wardrop and Malik, to meet Mairi Millar and Duncan Thomson (GCC NRS). The CC representatives made three points about HMOs:

1. Licensing and Planning need to be linked
2. Excessive concentration of HMOs in Woodlands and Hillhead is already causing damage to communities, tenement buildings and services
3. There needs to be another consultation on HMOs

These points were ably supported by all three councillors and discussed in some depth. Mairi Millar accepted that these were real issues, but advised us to wait until the new committee was in place after the elections and to start with the consultation.

Action: Phil to ensure that this is followed up with Mairi when the new committee is in place.

10. Communications report

Following correspondence on Facebook, Stuart Wallace was invited to explain the issues surrounding the roll-out of the RPZ along Kelvinside Terrace West and South. The new parking bays have been painted along the pavement side of the road, and this has caused problems with access for ambulances (twice) who can no longer use the pavement to get round the corner and squeeze through. It is also affected the lighting of the pavements and drainage, as the only gully is on that side. He requested support for this to be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Andrew said he would raise this with Andy Mollon (Roads) and try to get a site inspection. Meanwhile, Stuart will mail the NKCC with the list of issues which we will then forward to Roads.

Ms Riding posted a complaint about persistent puddling along Kelvinside Gardens at the foot near the Wilton St junction. The phased 'deep clean' programme for the city should sort this out.

11. AOB

The St Gregory's Foodbank which we supported with funding during lockdown reports:

"In the year to Jan 22 we helped more than 14,500 people whom about 5400 were children... We believe we help approximately a third of users who have no other recourse to public funds (essentially asylum seekers), a third are families struggling (many of whom can be described as working poor) and the final third are single people of all ages."

The meeting finished at 2030

Phil Crook
Minutes Secretary
2 March 2022