

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING 3 MAY 2022  
MINUTES**

**Present**

Douglas Peacock (DP, chair)  
David Conway (DC)  
Elaine Doherty (ED)  
Alasdair Macdonald (AM, treasurer)  
Merle Read (MR)

Sandra Huettenbuegel (local resident)

**Apologies**

Christine Alison (CA)  
Phil Crook  
Louise MacKenzie (LM)  
Andrew Smith

Cllr Ken Andrew  
Cllr Jane Morgan (JM)  
Peter Bell (PB, Maryhill Police)

The meeting started at 1835.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 5 April 2022 were agreed. Proposer: ED; seconder: DC.

**2. Follow-up on actions from the last meeting**

1. Ruchill Community Centre: DC wrote to Council leader Susan Aitken to press for the centre's reopening and was informed that his letter was forwarded to Glasgow Life. (His letter last year pressing for the reopening of Maryhill Library had been sent to Glasgow Life but forwarded to the Council. Who is taking responsibility for decisions??)
2. Drivers ignoring the bus gate on Hotspur Street: in light of our concerns about this street being a key route to the new school, which has now opened, JM requested the Council install a traffic camera but funds were not available. Police could monitor the bus gate but have only scarce resources. **Action: DC** to write to the superintendent at Maryhill Police requesting monitoring of traffic on Hotspur Street and Queen Margaret Drive.
3. Traffic speed near the school: DC wrote to the heads of education and roads to pass on our serious concerns. **Action: MR** to put the letter on our website. Future action might include a petition.
4. Online access to our bank account: AM liaised with Bank of Scotland with the aim of enabling MR to make transactions. MR supplied the bank with the requested information/signature but has not received a card reader or any correspondence from the bank. **Action: AM** to pursue with the bank. CA has been registered and has been informed she will receive a card reader.

**3. Police report**

PB was unable to attend but provided a report as follows:

Recorded crime has decreased on what was reported last month.

Housebreaking crimes – Decrease on last month (no crimes recorded this month).

Misuse Drugs Act crimes – Decrease on last month.

Theft of motor vehicle – No crimes recorded this month (fourth month in a row).

Theft of pedal cycle – Increase on last month.

Road traffic crimes – Decrease on last month.

Crimes of violence – Decrease on last month.

Crimes of dishonesty (theft/fraud/forgery) – Decrease on last month.

Vandalism – Increase on last month

**Crime of note** – Theft from an elderly female. Male suspect has attended at her door claiming he was a workman and there was a leak from the flat above. He has thereafter been permitted access and made his way to the living room. At this point a second male suspect has attended at the door claiming the water was now off. The first male has joined the second male and both have left. It has subsequently been discovered that a quantity of cash had been stolen from the female's handbag.

Housebreaking team have this enquiry due to the modus operandi used. Potential forensic opportunities available.

Please remind members that under no circumstances should you permit a workman access to your property unless you are satisfied that they are authentic. If you are in any doubt or see what you believe to be bogus caller activity then please contact Police.

**Trends** – None identified this month.

Five police cars were seen outside the BrewHaus following the most recent Old Firm game.

#### **4. Councillors' reports**

The meeting was 2 days before the local election and no councillors were present. **Action: DP** to invite the new councillors from Hillhead, Maryhill and Canal wards to attend our meetings.

#### **5. Community clean-up**

ED reported a successful clean-up at Belmont St. About 15 volunteers turned out to help. There was a delay in collecting the rubbish on the day because the Council's electric van had broken down.

Future clean-up was suggested for Raeberry St and surrounding area as a joint venture with Woodside CC, probably on 29 May or 12 June. **Action: ED** to confirm date.

#### **6. Planning Officer's report**

DC reported there was still no update on Mingarry Street. LM had previously reported that the application for Murano St (21/01372/FUL) had been refused. The plot at Botanic Crescent Lane with planning permission is up for sale.

#### **7. HMO report**

No report.

## **8. Communications report**

MR has condensed the Covid pages on our website to a general 'Help' section. The most visited pages on the website remain those on parking, the new school and clean-ups.

Our new noticeboard on Queen Margaret Drive/Kelvin Drive has been installed and is now in use.

MR attended a "community conversation" for community councillors as arranged by CRER (Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights) at the request of the Council's BLM Slavery Legacy Working Group. CRER will report findings from their conversations to the Working Group. At a future meeting we might invite an academic or representative of the Council to address us about the legacy of slavery.

## **9. AOB**

No date has been announced for the introduction of the parking zone. [Superseded by events: update on our Parking page.]

The meeting finished at 1940.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 7 June 2022.