

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
2 AUGUST 2022
MINUTES**

<u>Present</u> Douglas Peacock (chair) Alasdair Macdonald (treasurer) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Elaine Doherty David Conway Murray Glen <u>Apologies</u> Alasdair Smith Andrew Smith	<u>Residents attending</u> Frank Shennan Jock Morris Rowena Statt <u>Councillors attending</u> Ken Andrew Martha Wardrop Keiran O'Neill <u>Others attending</u> Police Scotland representatives
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The meeting started at 1830

1.New Member and Election of minute secretary

Murray Glen was welcomed as a new member of NKCC and Councillor Kiernan O'Neill as a newly elected councillor for the Maryhill ward.

Louise and Christine agreed to share the role of minute secretary with others supporting if required to cover absences etc.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6th June 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Alasdair Macdonald Second: Elaine Doherty

3. Follow up on actions from previous meeting

Alasdair has now received the new bank card and PIN.

Christine has contacted the headteacher of the new North Kelvinside Primary School to arrange a meeting with the school and the Parent Council and possibly a tour. As it is still school holidays, the headteacher is unlikely to have received this yet.

A further meeting will be arranged with the Heritage Officer to progress plans for the Louisa Jordan memorial.

Louise has still to review the information on Food Poverty on the Community Council website

4 Police report

Councillor Andrew highlighted the continuing concern about speeding on QMD . This has been raised at a number of previous meetings. This is particularly worrying because of the proximity of the new school. Noted that there had been an accident recently near Hotspur Street and downhill speeding past the main gate of the school continues to be a problem. Police Scotland undertook to pass on concerns raised to Sgt Bell and also to increase their presence on QMD with a view to observing traffic speed.

Councillor Wardrop also advised that the turning circle at the rear of the Botany near Maryhill Road was being wrongly used for parking.

Douglas reported that one of the wooden deer on North Kelvin Meadow had been stolen, there was also an increase in anti-social behaviour at the Children's Wood namely alcohol and drug misuse.

4. Councillors' reports

Councillor Wardrop made the following points:

- Final design drawings for the proposed Raeberry Street redesign as part of 'Connecting Woodside' are now available.
- Glasgow Life have circulated a survey to gather views about community centres in Glasgow .

Councillor Andrew made the following points:

- A number of issues in relation to the RPZ still need to be resolved –
 - more flexibility is needed to accommodate particular circumstances in relation to the allocation of permits
 - he has also arranged a meeting with NRS to try to resolve the unsatisfactory situation with the bay markings at Kelvinside Terrace West.
 - Some of the ticket machines recently installed were in poor condition. Councillor Andrew has been advised that these will be refurbished before the scheme goes live
 - There is continued concern that the current plans will allow for a "rat run" to emerge from Maryhill Road via Raeberry Street, Striven Gardens, Yarrow Gardens to Wilton Street and Belmont Street.
- Businesses on QMD have been reminded to not leave commercial waste out overnight

Councillor O'Neill advised that he had also been dealing with a number of issues relating to the RPZ implementation.

The residents present also highlighted their concerns about the RPZ , reflecting the points made above. The scheme is due to go live on Monday 8th August . NKCC are generally supportive of the RPZ but it does not seem that everything is yet satisfactorily in place to allow the scheme to go live. Agreed that Douglas would write, on behalf of NKCC, to NRS to suggest that the implementation of the scheme is delayed by further month. **Action – Douglas to write to NRS seeking a delay in implementation of the RPZ**

6. Area Partnership Representation

Louise will represent NKCC with Merle continuing as substitute

7. Citizen Panel discussion

Murray and Christine will attend the Community Council Development session on Saturday 20TH August. This brings together community councils from all over Glasgow. The main subject of discussion will be Citizens Panels.

8. Short Term Lets Consultation.

This proposes a licensing scheme for short term lets . Responses are due by 25th August. Agreed to ask Andrew Smith to consider submitting a response on behalf of NKCC. Action – **Andrew to draft response**

9 Housing Association responsibilities

Murray mentioned that residents at Oban Court were looking for advice about who to contact in relation to different aspects of building and grounds upkeep. The flats are a mix of tenanted and owner occupied. Queens Cross Housing Association are the landlord. QCHA will therefore be responsible for most issues either as a factor or as a landlord. There would be benefit in having contact numbers prominently displayed in common areas of the building and possibly a FAQ document could be drafted for residents use. Agreed it would be useful to make contact with QCHA on behalf of Oban Court. Action – **Murray to write to QCHA on behalf of NKCC**

10. New Members

There was a discussion about the need to recruit further new community council members. Frank Shennan , present at the meeting has had his application to join approved but confirmation is awaited from GCC.

In particular the Canal/Firhill area is not represented. Councillor Wardrop mentioned the QCHA Gala on 20th August (Firhill complex) as a good opportunity to promote the role and possibly get some interest. Alasdair and Elaine will attend .

11. QMD Festival Sunday 25TH September

Merle attended a meeting held by the organisers of the QMD Festival committee and highlighted that NKCC could have a stall. Douglas, Murray and Alasdair may be able to support this.

12. Community Clean up – Sunday 18th September at 1030 am

The next community clean up will support the QMD Festival and will focus on Oban Lane .

13. Graffiti

There has been a noticeable increase in graffiti around QMD area. Graffiti can be reported on the MyGlasgow App and the Council will remove it. Graffiti wipes can also be used on some surfaces and Douglas has a supply of these.

Councillor Wardrop has asked the Area Coordinators to look into the scope for mural projects in areas that are frequently targeted by graffiti. There may also be scope to involve local schools.

14 Planning Officer's report

The Kelbourne Street development is going to Local Review. Objections were resubmitted . Not yet known when this will be heard.

Some concern recently about possible unauthorised tree felling on Mingarry Street.

15 HMO report

NKCC have been advised of an application for a new HMO in the area. The approach is to assess on a case by case basis. There are mixed views on HMOs and over provision . Supply of affordable housing is a challenge in the area and there is no one easy solution. Councillor Andrew advised of a rent control pilot in the south of the city which is welcome.

There is information on the Councils website about the Councils HMO Unit and Private Landlord Unit which would be useful to include on the website.

Agreed to continue to discussion to the next meeting

16. Communications report

The RPZ page on the website was visited over 300 times last month. Merle will use this to share updates on the RPZ scheme.

Updated leaflets promoting NKCC will be produced for the QMD Festival

17 AOB

The AGM will take place in October

David Conway will submit a response to the Glasgow Life Community Centres Survey and highlight continued support for the reopening of Ruchill Community Centre

There was interest in a discussion at a future meeting on community energy generation.

The meeting finished at 2030