

## **North Kelvin Community Council**

Minutes of Meeting held in Kelvinbridge Parish Church Hall on 1, November, 2022.

### **Present:**

Douglas Peacock (Chair), Christine Alison, David Conway, Elaine Doherty, Alasdair Macdonald, Merle Read, Francis Shennan, Rowena Statt - members;  
Councillors Andrews and O'Neill,  
Andrea Fisher, David Gordon - local residents.

Also present - 2 officers from Police Scotland, 2 representatives of community energy cooperatives, Chris Carus (loco Home Retrofit), Marc Brammer (LiveEco)

Apologies: Murray Glen, Louise Mackenzie, Stuart Wallace - members  
Cllr Wardrop.

**Minutes of previous meeting** - approved (proposed D. Peacock, seconded A. Macdonald).

**Matters arising** - meeting at St Charles PS concerning access for children with disabilities: the one-way system for Kelvinside Gardens is terminated and it will resume two-way traffic, which means that transport for children can now park adjacent to the entrance to the school. Several parking bays will be removed to provide passing places. Parents of children attending St Charles will enter the area via Oban Drive and exit via Wilton St to reduce traffic conflict.

**Police** - There were no incidents of antisocial behaviour reported to the Police in the past month. There were a number of thefts from cars and houses, but these coincided with the release from prison of a known housebreaker who has now been arrested.

Concerns were raised by members about

- parking on the pavement on Maryhill Road between the Fire Station and QMD/Bilsland Drive,
- in the street between The Botany and the Fire Station;
- about noise in the playground of NK PS at night, and about breaches of the one-way system on Wilton St and on Belmont St. The officers said they would investigate these.

Concerns were also expressed regarding continuing inconsiderate behaviour by some parents dropping off at and picking up children from Glasgow Academy - breaching the one way system, parking outwith bays, keeping engines running when stopped. Cllr Andrew will raise these matters with the school management.

### **Reports from Councillors:**

**Councillor O'Neill** - He had had a meeting with officers from Roads regarding 'snagging' issues relating to the RPZ implementation - these have been resolved.

He has arranged a 'walk-about' at Kelvin Square, with officers from Planning to discuss a number of issues of concern to residents regarding proposed developments. *Residents of Kelvin Square will be invited. Christina Fuentes, Chair of Kelvin Sq residents, will be contacted by email (Frank).*

**Councillor Andrew** - The TRO for the School Zone at Dunard PS has been issued. *He was asked why Dalmally St is not included and agreed to enquire.*

The cracks on QM Road have been investigated and are so severe that a collapse of the road is possible. The road will continue be closed to vehicular traffic until a solution is implemented. The road remains open to pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic entering and leaving Doune Quadrant will use Kelvinside Gardens South.

Rowena Statt reported on a conversation she had had with a city engineer. The works will require a specialised engineering service and it is likely that the issue will not be repaired until after the New Year. She expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of the surface of Kelvinside Gardens South, especially at the edge, which is becoming so broken that it might be difficult for vehicles such as ambulances to use. She asked that repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency. *Cllr Andrew pointed out that this street was not part of the schedule approved earlier, but that he would raise the matter with Roads.*

Rowena is of the opinion that even with repairs the increased volume of traffic on the street is unsustainable and asked that consideration be given to remove, temporarily, the barrier between Doune Gardens and Doune Quadrant and that a Heras fence barrier be placed east of Kelvinside Gardens South. This would reduce the volume of traffic on Kelvinside Gardens South and also enable residents of Doune Quadrant to enter and leave via Belmont St. No decision was made at this time.

## **Renewable Energy and Insulation** - Chris Carus, LOCO Home Retrofit CIC and Marc Brammer (LiveEco)

There was a presentation and Q&A. A summary provided by Mr Carus is appended:

Thank you for inviting me along tonight. It was good to meet you and it is always encouraging to hear of groups that want to take action on climate and energy efficiency. Here are a few resources you and your community may find useful.

Maintenance is an important part of retrofit in tenements. Traditional, solid-walled buildings are difficult to treat because you must preserve the 'breathability' of the wall to prevent moisture gathering at the floor joists and rotting them.  
<https://underoneroof.scot/> is an excellent resource for understanding maintenance, responsibilities and for advice on working with neighbours.

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/> is the Scottish Government's provider of advice and financial support. You can call them for advice but it can be a little too generic, especially for traditional builds. In any case, they can advise on available grants and zero interest loans.

Loco Home Retrofit is a co-operative and our members are learning from each other to take action in their homes through an online platform and through in-person events. Around 40% of our membership lives in tenements. Membership costs £10 for 12 months.

We would be very happy to welcome NKCC as a member. One Community Councillor would join in their own name but as representative of NKCC.

<https://locohome.coop/join>

I'll be grateful if you would share this link with other members of the community who may be interested in joining.

Loco Home is also a social enterprise and we provide an advice service. However, for the present at least, it is best suited to people in houses who have more control of the building rather than flat owners. Please email us at [info@locohome.coop](mailto:info@locohome.coop) for more information.

We are applying for funding for projects to support zero carbon retrofit for tenement dwellers.

GCVS has two events coming up which may be of interest.

16th Nov - "A 'Climate for Change conversation' is a one-off gathering to discuss climate change, the solutions to it, and the challenges facing us. It also enables us to act. We especially encourage you to attend if you are not sure where to start with this or its relevance to your own work."

<https://www.gcv.org.uk/whats-on/climate-for-change-conversation-for-glasgows-third-sector/>

7th December

"This event is for community groups, voluntary organisations, and social enterprises in Glasgow who are keen to develop their own community owned energy projects."

<https://www.gcv.org.uk/whats-on/glasgow-community-energy-surgery/>

The presentation and Q&A were well received

***Douglas proposed that NK CC become a member of LOCO. This was approved. (Alasdair will action).***

**Planning** - In the absence of Stewart Wallace, there was no report. See actions re Kelvin Square organised by Cllr O'Neill (above).

**HMO** - No issues.

**Communications** - The Newsletter has been issued. Information regarding works along the Kelvin by Scottish Water have been added to the website. STUC has not responded to our reply to an email from them last month.

#### **Other Matters**

1. Food banks - Louise proposed that we make a donation to local food banks in advance of Christmas. ***It was agreed to donate between £750 and £800 for this. Louise will identify suitable organisations and each will receive the same sum.***
2. Expenses for Printing - Christine had printed a number of documents for the CC over the years and had had to buy ink cartridges. ***It was agreed that while we will seek to minimise the use of paper, that if members incur expenses for printing related to CC business these will be reimbursed.***
3. Children's Wood - Frank proposed that we should congratulate the Chair of the Children's Wood and volunteers who had organised what he considered to be an excellent event. ***This was agreed. Christine will write to the Chair.***
4. GCC consultation of Licensed Premises selling alcohol. David pointed out that there was an above average number of such premises in the Hillhead Ward area, including NK. Given the long-standing issues relating to excessive use of alcohol in the Glasgow area he felt it was important that we expressed a view. ***It was agreed that he do so on our behalf.***
5. Christmas Dinner - Christine proposed that, as in previous years that the December Meeting date is used for a Christmas Dinner. She has contacted the Botany and has provisionally booked for 6, December from 6.00pm. ***This was agreed. Christine will email members about attending and paying £10 deposit. She will circulate copies of the menu for people to make their selections in advance of the date.***

The meeting closed at 8.30pm