

NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 10th January 2023
MINUTES

<u>Present</u> David Conway(chair) Alasdair Macdonald (treasurer) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Murray Glen Frank Shennan Rowena Stott Elaine Doherty <u>Apologies</u> Douglas Peacock Stuart Wallace Councillor O'Neill	<u>Residents attending</u> Around 40 residents attended <u>Councillors attending</u> Ken Andrew Martha Wardrop <u>Others attending</u> Police Scotland representatives Martin Neill Glasgow City Council NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Andrew Beglin, John Telfer GCC NRS Parking
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The meeting started at 1830

AGM

1. Appointment of Minute Secretary

Louise MacKenzie to do this evenings minutes

2. Minutes of previous meeting 1st November 2022

Approved – proposed by Christine Alison, seconded Elaine Doherty

3. Follow up on actions from previous meeting

David submitted a response on behalf of the Community Council to Glasgow City Councils consultation on licensed premises selling alcohol. The response highlighted the excessive use of alcohol in Glasgow and that there are too many premises in the local area selling alcohol.

Donations of £200 per organisation were made from community council funds to the following local organisations providing food relief : Glasgow North West Foodbank, St Gregorys, Courtyard Pantry and NAJRA Helping Hands.

North Kelvin Community Council had joined LOCO (a local energy organisation)

4. Police Report

Police representatives noted an overall reduction in crime in the local area since the November report. However there was an increase in Road Traffic offences and thefts of bikes continued to be a problem. Advised that the Police can support bike branding at Maryhill Police Station which is a good anti theft measure.

Some of the concerns raised at previous meetings were still highlighted as challenges by residents for example speeding on QMD, cars ignoring the bus gate on Hotspur Street, cars continuing to block the turning circle for North Kelvinside Primary on Maryhill Road, breaches of the new one way system established by the RPZ.

The Police advised that they had monitored the one way system at Dunard street recently and a number of fixed penalty notices had been issued. Also advised that the Police can enforce parking violations only when parking is dangerous or obstructive.

5. Councillors Reports

Councillor Wardrop has organised and led residents meetings to help understand and ensure that the problems with rat infestation at Lyndhurst Gardens Lane are addressed (see agenda item 7). Councillor Wardrop also updated on the continuing implementation of Connecting Woodside (Raeberry Street), information has been shared with NKCC.

Councillor Andrew highlighted the particular financial challenges that the Council would face for 2023/2024. It is likely that budgets will reduce and charges may have to be increased.

Councillor Andrew has a forthcoming meeting with First Bus to talk about the scope for limits on / flat rate bus fares.

6. RPZ – Snagging Issues

Andrew Beglin and John Telfer from Glasgow City Council attended the meeting. David Conway highlighted that tonight's meeting was about identifying snagging issues in relation to the implementation of the RPZ. The RPZ was implemented August 2022.

Prior to implementation, consultation with residents was carried out by Glasgow City Council (public local meetings June 2019, letters to residents and an online survey) and North Kelvin Community Council (publication of GCC consultation arrangements on website, a meeting devoted to discussing the RPZ summer 2019). It is understood that it is possible to review the scheme after it has been in place for a minimum of a year.

Andrew and John advised that they would compile a list of all the snagging issues raised by residents and the community council. They would share this list and the resolution of the issues with the community council. This would ensure that there was a clear and commonly understood record of the issues.

Snagging issues raised by residents included

Painting issues, 3 bays were still to be added to Doune Gardens, across the area there were a number of locations where there was a gap between the end of the yellow line and the start of the parking bays. Where space allowed people had been parking there but could be ticketed as it was not a recognised bay. Locations highlighted included Dryburgh and Jedburgh at Wilton Street, Clouston Street at Queen Margaret Drive, Lothian Gardens, and the end of Wilton Street at QMD. The area would be physically inspected, where possible new bays created, if insufficient space the yellow lines would be extended to meet the start of the bays

Signage – there was a need for an additional no entry sign on the Belmont Street/Wilton Street triangle as there is currently only one sign. Some areas where signage had been installed by contractors hadn't been properly reinstated leaving rubble behind.

Traffic flow – a number of residents noted that access to Wilton Street from Yarrow Gardens is challenging and visibility poor. This is exacerbated by non compliance with the one way system and by cars parking on the corners and further curtailing lines of sight.

Vouchers and ticket machines– some residents noted challenges obtaining visitor parking vouchers. Noted that some ticket machines were out of order and some needed cleaned. Residents were asked to report machines that were not working via the My Glasgow App.

A number of residents raised issues that were relevant to the review including **the period of restrictions** during the day. A Change.org petition started by a local resident in summer 2022 is arguing for a reduction in hours (from Monday to Sunday 8am to 10pm, to Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm). It was agreed that the community council would collate any information which was relevant to the review and which could be considered at the time of any review.

A number of residents also queried how effective **enforcement of the RPZ** was. This has been raised previously at Community Council meetings (e.g. October 2022) and it is understood that there are ongoing staff vacancies which may be contributing to a perception of lack of visibility of parking attendants.

Particular concern was raised about **increased parking due to local events** such as Glasglow. Residents highlighted dangerous parking and lack of visible enforcement. Glasglow has been a regular topic of discussion at Community Council meetings, the Community Council has a number of concerns both about the impact on the Botanic Gardens and also the wider inconvenience to the community. At the same time it is recognised that many people enjoy these events. One suggestion made has been to rotate this event around different parks in the city which might provide a local economic benefit to other areas.

Further concerns were also raised about **the cost of permits** and any future increase in cost. Community Council members have previously flagged the need to consider a concessionary scheme for people on low incomes and more flexibility for people working but not living in the RPZ

Andrew Beglin mentioned that there was consideration being given to more flexibility around visitor parking. A new on line portal for parking was being developed which should alleviate some of the difficulties being reported.

In contrast, some residents mentioned that they felt that the RPZ had positive outcomes in minimising commuter parking and had also noticed enforcement activity in the area.

There was a wider discussion about other measures that could help reduce congestion and car usage in the inner city including introduction of more park and ride schemes, congestion zone charges, improving public transport and encouraging active travel.

The parking page on the Community Council website provides a summary of the consultation process and details about the operation of the RPZ. It can be accessed [here](#).

7. Rat Infestation in Lyndhurst Gardens Lane

Around the start of December, residents in the 5 tenemental blocks serviced by Lyndhurst Garden lane were advised that the bin collection via the lane was being suspended due to a significant problem with rat infestation.

As a temporary measure bins have been placed on street.

Councillor Wardrop had arranged 2 meetings in December and early January with representatives of residents in affected blocks to gather information on the problem. It is understood that parts of the area have a significant problem, which has been ongoing for over a year and that one of the sources of rats nests may be under St Charles Church and possibly in St Charles School bin shelter.

Martin Neill advised that Glasgow City Council Pest Control services and Public Health Team are engaging with the school and church.

Some residents noted concerns that the on street bins were often overflowing and that they potentially encouraged fly tipping.

Noted that the lane as a whole needed a deep clean as part of the plan to effectively address the issue. In particular residents needed.

Elaine suggested that possibly the next NKCC clean up could focus on Lyndhurst Gardens Lane.

An update on the specific and ongoing pest control measures being undertaken

The plan for the temporary street bins

Any other measures that could help address existing problems with bin shelters

Martin undertook to update both the Community Council and residents associations on steps being taken. NKCC would share information on the website

(post meeting note, a site visit has been arranged with Councillor Wardrop, GCC Cleansing, Public Health, Pest Control and residents representatives. This will take place on Thursday 26th January at 2pm)

8. Planning Officers Report

No issues highlighted at the meeting. Agreed that Louise MacKenzie would cover Planning issues as an interim arrangement

(post meeting note, a further application has been submitted for 10 Kelbourne Street, closing date for representations is 6th February)

9. HMO Licensing Report

There is one current HMO application, this is the new owner of an existing HMO in Wilton Street.

Agreed that Frank Shennan would cover Licensing issues as an interim arrangement.

Suggested that residents could assist by feeding back any issues with HMOs to NKCC.

10. Communications Report

Merle updated on the new on line mapping tool. This is called Community Map Scotland and allows community councils to build place maps for their community websites It can be used to highlight issues of interest such as planning applications. The mapping tool is available for the first year at no

charge, though quite expensive after that. Agreed that NKCC should trial the use of the mapping tool during the free trial period.

The monthly newsletter has also been issued and includes information on useful resources such as the new local Befriending project (the no 1 Befriending Agency based in the Hathaway Business Centre).

11. AOB

A number of residents commented that a higher than usual number of street lights in the area appeared to be out. Even when reported it appears to be taking longer to repair them. Councillors are aware of a backlog in the service and asked residents to keep promptly reporting lights if they notice they are out.

Rowena raised the ongoing issues with parking on Kelvinside Gardens South. The impact of the Queen Margaret Road closure on Kelvinside Gardens South was also noted though there does not appear to be any other solution.

It was very positive to have such a good turnout at the meeting. The more people who attend and participate in the community council, the more impact we will have. We have an important consultative role with Glasgow City Council and we want to encourage as diverse a range of residents as possible to participate.