

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**MINUTES**

<u>Present</u>  Douglas Peacock (chair) David Conway Alasdair Macdonald (treasurer) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Stuart Wallace Frank Shennan Rowena Statt Elaine Doherty  <u>Apologies</u> Murray Glen	<u>Residents attending</u>  4 residents attended  <u>Councillors attending</u>  Ken Andrew Kieran O'Neill Martha Wardrop  <u>Others attending</u>  Martin Neill Neighbourhood Coordinator Glasgow City Council
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**The meeting started at 1830**

**1. Appointment of Minute Secretary**

Louise MacKenzie to do this evening's minutes

**2. Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Approved – proposed by Alasdair Macdonald , seconded Merle Read

**3. Police Report**

Police were not in attendance. A report had been circulated to Community Councillors , Douglas summarised as follows :

One incident of housebreaking reported since the last meeting  
Two reports of motor vehicle theft  
Six thefts of bicycles , including from closes, Police advise that there will be more bike marking events organised  
Overall decrease in crimes of violence  
Warning given about scam calls purporting to be from banks

Noted from discussion at the meeting that there had also been a flat broken into on Queen Margaret Drive, noted the importance of ensuring that close doors are properly closed and not left on the latch.

Trading Standards Scotland provide regular updates on scams which are becoming increasingly sophisticated.

**Frank will draft an update on this for the NKCC website**

#### **4. Follow up on actions from previous meeting**

##### **Rat Infestation and Bin Service Lyndhurst Gardens Lane**

Bin service from back lane for general waste has resumed for some blocks.

The Melrose gardens end of the lane has been tidied and the rats nest to the east of the steps has been cleared out . Improvements are required to the bin shelters at this end of the lane and discussion with factors is ongoing.

Bait boxes are still in place and Pest Control are monitoring activity.

Discussion underway with individual blocks about the restoration of the recycling service.

Councillor Andrew advised that the Council was looking at options for on street refuse collection.

##### **Housing Strategy Consultation** Rowena to submit a response

**Strategic Parking Plan Consultation** Christine and Merle have submitted a response based on the discussion at the last meeting

**Kibble Palace proposed charges** – David wrote to the Chief Executive GCC raising concerns about the proposed charges

#### **5. Councillors' Reports**

**Councillor Andrew** noted that it was a very difficult budget year for the Council. It was not impossible that if additional funding was identified, the charges could be mitigated or cancelled. This was though dependent on other priorities for funding . Noted that under legislation , Councils and other bodies cant charge for libraries or museums.

The IJB (Integrated Joint Board , a partnership between the Council and Health , which manages social care and some health services ) is facing a significant financial gap and would be the top priority for any additional funding identified.

The Planning application for new sports facilities submitted by Glasgow Academy was approved today.

A complaint had been received about the poor condition of the site on Maryhill Road between Braeside Street and the Fire Station. Previously bulbs had been planted here with some success. This could be an option for a future clean up , local residents and the person who made the complaint should be invited to participated.

**Councillor O'Neill** advised that there was no decision yet about the Kelvin Square application . Noted that there were differing views about whether or not the developer had a right of access.

**Councillor Wardrop** is trying to arrange a site meeting between Council officials and residents to discuss Queen Margaret Road. It is understood that the geological survey, which would determine the work required has not yet happened.

In relation to the Kibble Place, Councillor Wardrop is keen to establish whether more could be done to look at other options to support the upkeep of the Kibble such as donations and legacies and possibly increased charges for event organisers

There was a general discussion about a tourist tax as a means of funding services, this has been in the news recently, Glasgow is watching developments elsewhere with interest.

## 6. Communications Report

### Meetings: in person or online?

There was a broad discussion, the main points were as follows:

As previously noted, some prefer online, some in-person meetings. Hybrid meetings with both in-person and online participants would make meetings accessible to the widest no. of residents. Steven Dowling has asked for expressions of interest in hybrid meetings as the council may be able to offer some support. Merle has submitted our interest to him.

The primary school has the facilities but is expensive, but could be used for one-off presentation using projector.

The church has limited WiFi but even without that, **if** we can get a decent phone signal, it would be possible to set up a hybrid meeting that would at least allow online participants to listen in and ask questions (or submit Qs in advance). Tech required if we meet at the church:

- **Meeting software** - is David's work Zoom account still available? Or we could use Teams.
- **A smartphone with plenty data available** (if not relying on WiFi, 2–3 GB per meeting??) – the phone would both broadcast the meeting online and allow the chair to see the online participants and them to see the chair.
- **A second smartphone with plenty data** in the room could be connected to the online meeting and positioned to allow the online folk to see the room.
- **A tripod, stand or clamp** for each phone. Cost about £10-£15 each.
- Ideally a 3rd phone could be connected to the online meeting which a chair's assistant could keep an eye on and nudge the chair when people have their hands up etc, as happened during the pandemic meetings
- The biggie: a **bluetooth combined conference speaker & microphone**. This would sit in the middle of the table and both pick up all the voices round the table and allow the online folk to be heard by everyone in the room. Could cost £100–£200. Does anyone happen to have one we could use to test out?

### Website roundup

New posts: on the clean-up and this meeting, and a post looking for feedback on GlasGLOW (attended debrief 15 March on behalf of CC: will circulate minutes when received). Our Feb minutes added.

Most popular page still Parking (updated with the new charges beginning on 11 April).

Newsletter issued. Now has 200 subscribers.

Posts to be added:

- Scottish Water
- Civic Conversation on Glasgow's Slavery and Colonial Legacy
- next clean-up

## 7. Incident at North Kelvin Meadow and the Childrens Wood

Douglas updated the meeting about a serious incident at NKM and the Childrens Wood. An outdoor training group was interrupted by a man who appeared to be very drunk and behaved in an abusive and threatening way. It was very upsetting for the participants in the training group, the man refused to move on despite persuasion and issued personal threats to people there. In the end he was physically removed. The police were called twice while the incident was ongoing but did not attend which is concerning. Unfortunately no one got a photo or video of the man.

The man returned a week or so later. Police attended this time and a case is going to court. The man has also been issued with a bail condition that prevents him attending NKM or the Childrens Wood. In light of this risk assessments are being reviewed.

#### **8. Planning Officers Report**

No significant planning applications since the last meeting.  
The situation at Kelbourne Street is not yet resolved.

#### **9. HMO Licensing Report**

There is one current HMO application , Frank will look at the detail.

#### **10. Community Clean Up**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1030 to 1230 , Braeside Street to the Fire Station

#### **11. Hazardous Waste Campaign**

There is a new campaign highlighting the importance of correct disposal of hazardous waste such as batteries. Incorrect disposal can potentially be a fire hazard. Current advice is to take these to Council recycling centres.

**Martin Neill advised that he would inquire about the scope for more localised recycling facilities and report back**

#### **12 AOB**

Noted that some street lights are still out on Belmont Street