

North Kelvin Community Council

Meeting minutes

2 May 2023

<u>Present</u> D. Peacock (Chair) E. Doherty M. Read F. Shennan M. Glen D.Conway <u>Apologies</u> S. Wallace A. MacDonald R. Statt C. Alison L. McKenzie	<u>Councillors attended</u> Ken Andrew Martha Wardrop Kieran O'Neill <u>Residents Attending</u> P. Grant B. Beachfield
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The meeting started at 18:30

1. Minutes volunteer- M. Glen

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

- F. Shennan proposed, E. Doherty seconded.
- Minutes were adopted.

3. Police Report from PC Vicky Shea and PC Gary Rutherford

- Reports of housebreaking, drug related offences, theft of pedal bikes, minor assault all decreased or did not change since last meeting.
- Major assault increased by 1 to 1 reported instance due to robbery on canal walkway. Enquiries into this incident are ongoing.
- Police reiterated their call for residents with wireless keys for high-end vehicles to keep such keys in a faraday bag.
- The perceived increase in graffiti “tagging” was raised by NKCC. Officers advised that reports of graffiti which go to the city council will not be recorded as a crime and will just be cleaned up. Any sightings which are aimed at being reported as a crime should be photographed and reported to police.

4. Actions from last meeting

- Update by F. Shennan was to update NKCC website on ongoing scams. This was completed.

- F. Shennan was also to research HMO application and reported that this application looked acceptable. However, it was also advised that private landlords are leaving the sector and are being replaced by private limited companies. It was reported to the meeting that this serves to increase rents and that the NKCC, upon receiving F. Shennan's analysis of ratio of private limited/private landlord HMOs in North Kelvinside, will consider next steps on a relevant position on the rental situation. There followed a conversation on landlord's responsibilities re the upkeep of gardens and external areas of their property. Cllr Wardrop said she would send across GCC landlord code of conduct.
- On action regarding hazardous waste, request by D. Peacock for an appropriate recycling/disposal facility in North Kelvinside was lodged but ultimately rejected. Cllr Wardrop noted that she was looking to Raebury street as an example, as it has already been marked to receive infrastructure investments. She will check if enclosed bins can be added to these plans.

5. Councillor Reports

- Cllr Wardrop: Meeting was held about Queen Margaret Road on 19 April. Notes from this meeting are with relevant officials and attendees for approval before they are circulated. Cllr Wardrop informed the meeting that these notes would be worth looking at upon their release. The main takeaway was, however, that a specialist contractor has yet to be appointed to undertake survey of the situation at QMR. Martha will update next month (hopefully).
- Cllr O'Neill: Attended meeting with new police leadership recently, raised issue of electric bikes and scooters being used dangerously in the area. In his regular surgery, constituents were still raising issues of vermin and the damage left behind by city fibre. Cllr O'Neill also raised that issues of the use of the Oran estate especially around the disused day estate. D. Conway asked the councillor about the Ruchill community centre and if there had been any update on plans to refurbish or reopen it given community pressure. The Councillor updated that community organising on the issue was still ongoing and that there are plans to set up a Ruchill Community Council.
- Cllr Andrew: Updated regarding Queen Margaret Road that contractors were currently trying to figure out if/where there was any bedrock. Current idea is that there is no bedrock, which would mean a complex pilling operation. Next step is to have a geological survey, only then can engineering work begin. Cllr Andrew noted that the process would be long and expensive. D. Conway asked for any update on council cuts, Cllr Andrew responded that there had been angry responses to proposed charges for glass house and Kibble palace

6. Communications report

- M. Read updated that new posts were uploaded to the website on community clean-up, diversions on the Kelvin Way, and hazardous waste were doing well. Most popular page on the website remains parking.
- Responses and feedback on GlasGLOW are being sought.
- Parking review is also being undertaken in August, to be discussed at August meeting. Andrew Beglin to be invited.

7. Hybrid meetings

- M. Read updated that the NKCC must borrow equipment for hybrid meetings (audio visual etc). It was also noted that the current venue for meetings is not readily accessible and that potential attendees needing extra assistance had to book ahead for such measures. It was hoped that hybrid meetings would allow for engagement without this added barrier.
- F. Shennan suggested using “Owl” software which, while expensive, is worth looking into.
- It was suggested that two or three meetings out of the year could go back to covid-style 100% digital.
- While Teams is not free, Zoom and Google meets were suggested as alternatives.
- Community councillors voted in favour of returning to some form of 100% digital meetings in a frequency to be determined at a later date, perhaps by using the audio visual tech at North Kelvinside Primary.

8. Local shops

- M. Wardrop arranged meetings with local shops, wherein she was told that there is big concern around the state of the pavement on Queen Margaret Drive. Temporary tarmacking is to take place of long term solutions which are only set to being around 2025 when other projects have been completed.

9. Planning officer’s report

- Emails received regarding development on Botanic Crescent Lane. Council had previously opposed the development. Due to lack of input, NKCC would not draft any input this time.
- The rise in the number of box-style, modern design developments was also raised by F. Shennan. Cllr Andrew suggested that the GCC planning committee has authority to reject planning proposals on basis of materials used, so there is scope to devise a strategy on what type of developments are built should we want to.

10. HMO Report

- F. Shennan to update on volume and concentration of HMO properties once they have combed through publicly available information. Update then due to NKCC on next steps.

11. Community clean up: Next is due on 14 May, 10:30-12:30. Meeting will be at the Botany Pub, where efforts are being made to secure refreshments.

12. AOB

- Bus stand by the Tesco on Queen Margaret Drive brought up. Suggested that the shelter is too far away from where the bus actually stops. Cllr Andrew to raise this at SPT board and report back at next NKCC meeting.