

NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 6th June 2023
MINUTES

<u>Present</u> Douglas Peacock (chair) Christine Alison (secretary) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Frank Shennan Elaine Doherty <u>Apologies</u> Stuart Wallace Rowena Statt David Conway Alasdair Macdonald Councillor Wardrop	<u>Residents attending</u> Andrea Fisher <u>Councillors attending</u> Ken Andrew Kieran O'Neill <u>Others attending</u> Peter Bell , John Morris from Police Scotland
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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 2 May 2023

Approved – proposed by Merle, seconded Louise

3. Police Report

The monthly update had previously been circulated to Community Councillors. The main issues highlighted and discussed were

- Hazardous parking on Queen Margaret Drive, near Clouston Street junction and Kelbourne Street junction. Speeding on Queen Margaret Drive is still perceived as a problem though there has been enforcement action in the area. The Police will continue to monitor the area and Councillor Andrew will ask again about 20mph limits. Traffic calming measures in this area will be included in the Avenues development which it is hoped will start in 2024/2025
- General decrease in reported crimes in the period : no recorded housebreaking, a slight increase in Misuse of Drugs, there has only been 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 4 thefts from motor vehicles . Police reiterated the importance of protecting electronic keys

4. Follow-up on actions from previous meeting

At the previous meeting it was raised that the bus shelter on QMD is too far away from where the bus stops. This has been raised with First Bus and buses have been asked to stop at the shelter.

5. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Andrew reminded the meeting that the official opening of the new North Kelvin Primary School was on Wednesday 7th June.

Councillor O'Neill advised that bins had been moved on street due to lane renovations. These were likely to remain on street due to the difficulties accessing the lane. Clearer signage on bins, to show which are recycling will be looked into.

It was hoped that the discussion about the RPZ review could take place at the September meeting. **Christine would invite Andrew Beglin.(Post meeting note NRS are unable to attend in September and will update when able to support this.)**

Andrea suggested that possibly reducing the costs of on street bike shelters could be reduced as a way of incentivising active travel. Councillor Andrew has asked council officers to look into this.

Merle would update the website to highlight that 4 weeks notice is required for parking permit renewal.

Merle enquired whether **the vegetation on Maryhill Road near the Fire Station** could be cleared as it is causing an obstruction. Councillor Andrew will request this.

Elaine asked about the progress of the on street bin pilot. Bin shelters on Yarrow Gardens were in need of refurbishment and residents wondered if it was worth doing this if refuse collection as moving on line. However the pilot has just started so it is some time before the outcomes will be known.

6. Queen Margaret Drive Festival

Malcolm Lochhead attended to promote the Queen Margaret Drive Festival and West Fest more generally.

Agreed that North Kelvin Community Council would take a stall at the QMD Festival and use this as an opportunity to engage with residents and encourage more community council involvement. The next clean up on 18th June would be in support of the QMD Festival and Elaine would engage with traders about this.

7. Communications

Merle advised that the newsletter had been distributed. There are over 200 on the mailing list.

The Parking page on the website remains popular.

Additional information on community clean ups and well being has been added to the website.

8. Planning Officers Report

No further information to update on Kelbourne Street or Kelvin Square. Both issues are long standing

9. HMO Licensing Report

Frank had carried out analysis of the number of HMOs in the area. There are around 370 licensed HMOs in G20 including university accommodation.

It is difficult to extract and analyse the information: previous analysis had identified that North Kelvin had a higher than city average number of HMOs.

HMOs were discussed in the context of the current housing situation in Glasgow. Social housing is limited, the private rented sector has expanded, standards are variable and rents are rising. Some residents have experience problems with HMOs in their neighbourhood and enforcement action seems patchy. In the absence of affordable housing options, HMOs are required.

Better regulation of HMOs would possibly address residents concerns.

10. Clean Up

Agreed this would take place on 18th June as part of the preparation for the QMD Festival.

11. AOB

No objections made to a liquor licence application for 351 Maryhill Road.