

NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 8th August 2023
MINUTES

<u>Present</u> Douglas Peacock (chair) Alasdair MacDonald Merle Read Louise MacKenzie David Conway Elaine Doherty <u>Apologies</u> Stuart Wallace Rowena Stott Frank Shennan Christine Alison Councillor O'Neill	<u>Residents attending</u> 4 members of the community <u>Councillors attending</u> Ken Andrew Martha Wardrop <u>Others attending</u> Alan Freeland from Police Scotland
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The meeting started at 1830

1.Appointment of Minute Secretary

Louise MacKenzie to do this evenings minutes

2 Minutes of previous meeting 2 May 2023

Approved – proposed by Elaine, seconded Merle

3. Police Report

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

- Incidents of motor theft and crime, a number of cars had been damaged on Wilton Street and there had been a car jacking near North Kelvin Meadow
- An elderly person had been targeted by a bogus caller on Hinshaw Street and lost a substantial sum of money. Police reiterated the importance of checking for identification and advised against keeping large sums of money at home
- UCI Cycling events will mean traffic diversions in place
- Drug dealing witnessed at Clouston/Sanda Street

4.Follow up on actions from previous meeting

Merle has updated the NKCC website with information on the process for parking permit renewals

The overgrown vegetation on Maryhill Road which is obstructing the pavement has not yet been cleared. This was raised at the last meeting. After discussion, agreed to investigate and see if Community Council members could tackle it

5. Councillors Reports

Councillor Andrew highlighted that reports had been received and circulated about the on going Queen Margaret Road investigation. A further site meeting would be organised after the survey results were available. He also advised that the residents of Botanic Crescent had organised a community consultation event to discuss future options for improving Botanic Crescent Lane.

Councillor Wardrop updated on Connecting Woodside. Work to improved cycling infrastructure would start later this month.

There continued to be problems reported with City Fibre installation in other areas of the city and this has been raised at Council level.

The issue with parking at the turning circle near the new school needs to be addressed. Part of the solution would be to repaint the road markings.

A resident raised the lack of recycling facilities at the Jedburgh/Dryburgh and Jedburgh/ Lothian sections of Lyndhurst Gardens lane. **Councillor Wardrop indicated that she would follow this up and arrange another site meeting if required.**

6 Communications

Merle advised that following attendance at the QMD Festival a number of people had signed up to the Community Council Newsletter.

The parking page continues to be the most popular page on the website

7. Planning Officers Report

There continues to be no further information to update on Kelbourne Street or Kelvin Square. Both issues are long standing

8. HMO Licensing Report

2 further HMO applications had been received. Frank would review these.

9. Small Business Rates Relief

A number of the traders present at the QMD Festival had mentioned that they had serious concerns about forthcoming changes to rates relief for small businesses. This is a Scottish Government scheme and the Council is required to implement it. There was concern about the possible impact on QMD which has many small independent businesses.

Councillor Wardrop has held meetings with traders on QMD and involved council staff from economic development to help to understand the issues. Possible types of support for businesses may include grants.

10. Visitor Levy Bill (Tourist Tax)

This was discussed at a previous meeting as a potential option for Councils to raised funding for environmental issues. **David Conway will write on behalf of NKCC, to the Council, to express support for this.**

11. Walks in North Kelvin

Alasdair had raised the idea of organising and promoting walks around North Kelvin. A range of other walks are available, some are focused on culture and some have a health and well being focus. It was agreed that it would be useful to collate information on walks and highlight it on the website.

Alasdair undertook to write an update for the website.

12. Community Clean Up

It was agreed that this would be scheduled for early September due to the holiday period.

The issue of safe disposal of used needles was raised and **Councillor Andrew undertook to seek clarification on the correct process.**

13. AOB

Christine circulated information about a community engagement event being held about Glasgow. Agreed to ask Stuart Wallace if he could represent NKCC at the event. There were mixed views expressed at the meeting about the event, however in principle it was agreed that the Botanic Gardens was not a good venue for such an event.

Concerns were raised by residents about the proposal to charge an entrance fee to access the Kibble Palace. This had been agreed as part of the Councils budget for 2023/24. A group of concerned residents have been engaging with Kibble Palace users, many regular users are local residents rather than visitors. There is concern that local residents who use the Kibble Place frequently especially in the Winter, will not be able to afford the charges. The group plan to petition the Council about the proposed charges.