

**NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>TH</sup> September 2023**  
**MINUTES**

<u>Present</u> Alasdair MacDonald (chair for meeting) Merle Read Louise MacKenzie Christine Alison Stuart Wallace Rowena Stott Frank Shennan  <u>Apologies</u> Douglas Peacock David Conway Elaine Doherty 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 evening's minutes

**2. Minutes of previous meeting, 1 August 2023**

Approved – proposed by Merle, seconded Louise

**3. Police Report**

No update available from Police Scotland for this meeting

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

The overgrown vegetation on Maryhill Road near the Fire Station which is obstructing the pavement has now been cleared.

Information on walks in North Kelvin collated by Alasdair, has been added to the website.

**5. Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Andrew raised the continuing concerns about the parking infringements at the turning circle beside the Fire Station. North Kelvinside PS are particularly concerned about driver behaviours around the school and would be keen for the immediate area at the school to be a car free zone. Noted that the turning circle area will be brought within the scope of the RPZ once this is reviewed. The timing of that review has still to be determined. Council officials advised that once that has been actioned, illegal parking within the turning circle will be treated as a driving offence and therefore driver who park there illegal will face a fine and penalty points rather than just a parking fine.

Councillor Wardrop noted that there may be scope for a temporary TRO (traffic regulation order) to be brought forward at the turning circle which would allow actions to be accelerated. There are still some outstanding issues regarding the lack of recycling facilities at the Jedburgh/Dryburgh and Jedburgh/ Lothian sections of Lyndhurst Gardens lane. Some concerns were raised about the impact of the Connecting Woodside works on Raeberry Street. Some of the signage is not clear and there were some potential accessibility issues. Councillor Wardrop also advised that the results of the consultation about the public space near Websters is now available.

## **6. Wise Group – Relational Mentoring Scheme**

Julia Lindsay from the Wise Group gave a presentation on the relational mentoring scheme currently funded by the Scottish Government. This is operating in a number of local authority areas including Glasgow. The scheme offers one-to-one support for people who may be struggling with fuel costs and support can be provided for a wide range of issues such as welfare advice, employability. The programme aims to help people build their confidence and integrate into their communities. The Wise Group partner with a wide number of agencies eg housing, foodbanks who can refer people to the scheme.

## **7. Communications**

Merle has updated the website with information on the community council elections. Information on the current Licensing Board consultation has also been shared.

## **8. Planning Officer's Report**

The Planning Local Review Committee has refused the Kelvin Square development. There continues to be no further information to update on Kelbourne Street.

## **9. HMO Licensing Report**

Following from conversations at previous meeting, there was a general discussion about policy and practice in relation to this issue, around issues such as the efficacy of enforcement action and perceived overprovision. A worrying trend towards corporate ownership of private rented sector properties has been observed. Quality, price and availability of suitable housing continues to be a concern for many of our residents.

Noted that some of these issues could usefully be raised in the ongoing City Development Plan consultation. **Rowena indicated that she could prepare a response on behalf of the Community Council.**

## **10. Community Clean Up**

Agreed to focus on the Braeside Street/Maryhill Road area. Date confirmed Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> September. Concern raised about flytipping behind Braeside Community Garden which is used by the local school. **Councillors agreed to raise this, although the garden is in Canal ward, the school is in Hillhead.**

## 11. AOB

A resident mention her concern about the trees in the Botanic Gardens looking onto Kelvin Drive. She is concerned about the possibility of the trees coming down in bad weather and it does not appear that the trees have been well maintained. **Agreed that the community council would pass her concerns onto the Maryhill ward councillor who could seek advice from Council Officials.**

Noted that no date yet confirmed for the RPZ review. Residents were reminded to allow 10 working days for parking permit renewal. **Christine is seeking clarification about the coverage of parking vouchers over the weekend.** A number of people at the meeting voiced concerns about the cost of parking.

In relation to Queen Margaret Road, the outcomes from the geological survey are still awaited. **Councillor Wardrop advised that she would contact Council officials to get an update on the timeline for the availability of the survey report and the project in general.**