

North Kelvin Community Council reports October 2022 to September 2023

Chairperson's Report

We've had another busy year as a community council. As usual it's been a mixture of trying to understand how we can help Glasgow City Council (GCC) use its resources to best help North Kelvin, and then in turn help the people of North Kelvin understand what GCC is trying to do and why and how they can feedback and into that activity, and then us organising activities such as the monthly community volunteer litter clean-ups, where we and as many other residents as possible roll up our sleeves and make a physical difference to the area.

The below isn't meant as a full list of our activities and contribution to North Kelvin over the last year, more just a flavour of the type of things we have got up to.

Historically speaking it was a fairly quiet year for planning applications. We continue, though, to keep an eye on the Mingarry Street / Kelvin Square situation and the confusing situation at the site of the former church beside the Happy Park on Kelbourne street.

The Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) continues to generate a lot of interest from residents in the area. We had been told that a review would happen a year after the start of the RPZ. That time line lengthened as the RPZ didn't start on time. During the year we did have a meeting to sort out snagging issues. We also learned that GCC wants to roll out RPZs throughout Glasgow, and they expect them all to have uniform times which would probably be the max. Time will tell on that and currently we await a time for the North Kelvin review.

Queen Margaret Road continued to give concern as we were told the road could collapse and it's now been closed all year to cars due to the resultant safety concerns.

Occasionally we get guests to come and tell us more on certain areas that interest us. Two that stood out for me were a discussion on renewable energy and insulation by Chris Larus and Marc Brammar. It was interesting their take on how to make these old style tenements in our area energy efficient and how to use renewable energy to do that. The second guests we had were from First Bus and SPT. They gave us an update on how public transport is changing, especially on how some of it's going electric, and we fed back to them our concerns on public transport in this area.

This year we again helped to support various foodbank groups by giving them donations out of our funds.

Rats were a continual topic for us throughout much of the year, especially for example at Lyndhurst Gardens Lane, and how they have impacted the bin collection service. Rats even have their own information page on our wonderful website!

As mentioned previously we have organised community volunteer litter pick-ups throughout the year and each has been very successful.

I'd like to thank each member of the North Kelvin Community Council for helping steer this group and the issues that affect this community through another year. Well done us!

Warm regards
Douglas

Douglas A Peacock
Chair

Statement of accounts, 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	
05/10/2022	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	24.00		1006.15	Opening Balance
17/10/2022	CHRISTINE ALISON REIMBURSEMENT FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR TIDY-UP	42.00		964.15	
02/11/2022	A A MACDONALD REIMBURSEMENT OF FEE TO JOIN LOCO	10.00		954.15	
29/11/2022	FLOURISH HOUSE LTD DONATION TO HAMILTONHILL PANTRY	200.00		754.15	
29/11/2022	NAJRA "Helping Hands" DONATION TO FOOD BANK	200.00		554.15	
29/11/2022	ST GREGORYS CHURCH DONATION TO FOOD BANK	200.00		354.15	
02/12/2022	GLASGOW CITY COUNC GCC - ANNUAL FUNDING		716.99	1071.14	
16/01/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	72.00		999.14	
16/02/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	24.00		975.14	
24/02/2023	GCC CULTURE AND SPORT FOR HIRE OF NORTH KELVINSIDE PS HALL	50.00		925.14	
06/03/2023	ELAINE DOHERTY REIMBURSEMENT FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR TIDY-UP	16.20		908.94	
11/04/2023	A A MACDONALD REINBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF GRAFFITI WIPES	87.70		821.24	
16/05/2023	A A MACDONALD REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASE LITTER PICK HOOPS	77.89		743.35	
16/05/2023	MERLE READ REIMBURSEMENT FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR TIDY-UP	3.50		739.85	
19/06/2023	ELAINE DOHERTY REIMBURSEMENT FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR TIDY-UP	16.37		723.48	
29/06/2023	MERLE READ STALL STATIONERY	15.37		708.11	
18/07/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	72.00		636.11	
01/08/2023	A A MACDONALD REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF GRAFFITI WIPES	93.12		542.99	
01/08/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	24.00		518.99	
05/09/2023	MERLE READ STALL STATIONERY	14.40		504.59	
05/09/2023	KELVINBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HIRE OF HALL	24.00		480.59	Closing Balance
		Expenditure:	Income:		
		£1266.55	£716.99		

Accounts prepared by Alasdair Macdonald, treasurer.
Audited by Mary Kay, local resident, 1 October 2023.

Communications report

Community interest in most aspects of our communications continues. A more active presence on social media would help increase community engagement.

Website

As well as 30+ more ephemeral posts, these new pages were added to the website:

- [Community energy resources](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Rat control](#)
- [Recycling](#)
- [Walking in North Kelvin](#)

There was a big drop in views of the website, mostly due to the unusual level of interest in [Parking](#) the previous year when the RPZ was being introduced. The number of views has returned to just above the previous level (about 11,000 over the year) and parking remains far and away the most viewed topic.

Other

Figures below are for 2022/23 with 2021/22 figures in brackets. The jump in newsletter subscribers is mostly due to our QMD Festival stall and to people interested in hearing about clean-ups.

Facebook: 796 followers (775)

Newsletter: 13 issues & 233 subscribers (15 & 181 respectively)

Twitter/X: 471 followers (462)

Both noticeboards were regularly updated.

Inventory

2 thermos flasks	7 brushes
1 folding table	2 metal shovels
2 wheelbarrows	5 snow shovels
4 extending arm loppers	1 mobile phone
2 pruning saws	5 pairs secateurs
18 hoops for bin bags	Several pairs gardening gloves
2 lawn rakes	
3 garden rakes	
17 litter pickers	
10 trowels	