

NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 3 October 2023
MINUTES

<u>NKCC members present</u> Christine Alison David Conway Elaine Doherty Joyce Khatri Alasdair Macdonald Louise MacKenzie Douglas Peacock (chair) Merle Read Frank Shennan Rowena Statt	<u>Others</u> Cllr Martha Wardrop Andrea Fisher Sandra Huettenbuegel Maureen Small <u>Apologies</u> Stuart Wallace Cllr Ken Andrew
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The meeting followed the AGM.

1. Appointment of minutes secretary for the evening (Merle)

2. Minutes of previous meeting (September 2023)

Approved – proposed by Christine, seconded Alasdair

3. Police report

No police present and no email report provided.

Concerns were raised about the increased numbers of used needles being found in the Meadow and the potential danger to the public, in particular young children. Christine to forward concerns to police. Dog walkers have been advised to be alert to evidence of drug taking. Cllr Wardrop to investigate arrangements for collecting needles.

4. Follow-up on actions from previous meeting

Re health walks (item 7) Alasdair has registered us with Paths For All and will attend training so that we can be insured.

Christine had pursued the matter of rubbish piled up behind Munn's pub at the canal (this has now been cleared) and had forwarded to Cllr O'Neill a resident's concerns about unsafe trees on Kelvin Drive. The trees have been professionally examined and are thought not to be a danger.

Visitor parking vouchers seem now to be required for Sunday parking, contrary to the statement previously (but no longer) printed on vouchers.

Council officers at our RPZ snagging meeting earlier in the year had promised us a review after a year but there is no sign of it taking place. The delay is preventing the parking problem at the turning

circle at the new school being resolved. Cllr Wardrop to chase up with GCC officers. Christine to raise parking review with Cllrs Andrew and O'Neill.

5. Councillor report

Cllr Wardrop – re the previously noted lack of recycling facilities at Jedburgh/Dryburgh/Lothian Gardens: blue bins have now been provided. Residents have put up good signage. Bin hub proposals were to be discussed at GCC: Cllr Wardrop will report back to us.

Problem of overgrown shrubs/trees Wilton St/Wilton Ct. Area feels unsafe. Cllr Wardrop to try to get site meeting with GCC and Queen's Cross Housing. Site meeting also needed at the fire path. (What is the Fire Service's view?)

No news yet on Queen Margaret Rd: may be some in November.

Drainage in Kelvinside Gardens area needs to be dealt with before pot holes etc repaired. Area Partnership money has been allocated for this.

Now that a permit is needed for a brown bin, can tenement residents now buy a permit, or are permits only for those who already have a brown bin? Cllr Wardrop to pursue. [Answer after the meeting: permits are only available for those who already have brown bins]

Gully cleaning: it was reported that Yarrow Gardens should have been done on 28 September, but too many cars were parked. One car was towed away but the others were left and the work wasn't done. Threats to remove cars causing obstruction need to be followed through otherwise notices will be ignored. Cllr Wardrop suggested taking photos of such scenes and sending to councillors, as it's a waste of public money if work can't go ahead. Sometimes notices are put out too early: one suggestion was to photocopy them and distribute on parked cars nearer the time of the cleaning.

6. Widening membership of NKCC

NKCC lacks representation from certain demographics and geographical areas of the community. How do we address this? Louise to follow up later with Queen's Cross re their hosting a meeting for us. How to reach young people, eg at high school/uni? Suggestions: contact SRC at Glasgow Uni, Murano St accommodation wardens, parent teacher councils with aim of encouraging student or senior school pupil attendance at meetings. David to contact SRC. Andrea to contact parent council.

7. Health walks

Alasdair has been liaising with [Paths For All](#) and local residents who have expressed interest. Lots of information on local organised walks is now on our [Walks page](#). We are hoping to have a first led walk later in the autumn. Douglas could lead a Meadow tour for us. [Update: taster health walk on 4 November]

8. Communications

Merle to continue handling communications. In the last year, new pages have been 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. There were about 11,000 views over the

year. Focus is on the website as it's open to all (unlike other social media which has to be signed up to).

We could do with a wider social media presence. Douglas to put out a call for involvement – perhaps would appeal to a younger person to get involved with our social media.

We had previously discussed the pros and cons of having hybrid meetings in an effort not to exclude people from meetings, as some people would rather attend online. We don't have the necessary tech and even if we did it might not work well in the church. The school has the equipment but it's more expensive to meet there and would require a trial run.

It was agreed to have our January meeting on Zoom and to take the opportunity to discuss what would suit people who prefer an online meeting. The meeting will be on 9 January (2nd Tuesday).

9. Planning

Application 23/00949/FUL (sub-division of 2no ground floor flatted dwellings to form 4no flatted dwellings, 287-291 Wilton Street) was discussed and concerns were noted re long-standing HMO management issues at the building & waste disposal. [Update: after the meeting we submitted comments regarding these points and parking, and requested an update on residents' concerns about the poor HMO management in the building]

Glasgow local development plan: Rowena has been following up on this with GCC and will continue to do so. It would be good to get funding support from [PAS](#) (Planning Aid for Scotland) & GCC towards statistical/demographic analysis and holding events. Local place plans are an opportunity for people to say what they want in their area. Michael Ward (GCC officer) is willing to talk to us about this: Rowena to follow up & report back.

10. HMO Licensing

1 HMO application received. No action to be taken by us.

11. Community clean-up

Next one will be on Sunday 12 November at 10:30am. Meeting point: our noticeboard on Belmont St.

12. AOB

Some difficulty reported by cyclists – esp. with a trailer or panniers – getting through barrier at Doune Gardens/Quadrant. Concerns that if it is widened, will be too easy for motorbikes to get through.

[Better Buses campaign](#) mentioned, possible topic for future meeting.

Coming up at the Children's Wood & Meadow: Harvest Climate Justice and Hallowe'en events.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7 November 2023