

NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting – 6.30pm, Tuesday 7 November 2023
DRAFT MINUTES

<u>NKCC members present</u> Christine Alison Elaine Doherty Joyce Khatri Alasdair Macdonald (acting chair) Merle Read Frank Shennan Rowena Statt Andrea Fisher (associate) <u>Apologies</u> David Conway Louise MacKenzie Douglas Peacock Stuart Wallace	<u>Others</u> Cllr Ken Andrew Cllr Keiran O'Neill Cllr Martha Wardrop PC Peter Bell PC John Morris Louis Daillencourt Sandra Hüttenbügel Diana Morton Finn McGrady Strachan Jake Webster Guus Wijnne
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1. Appointment of minutes secretary for the evening (Merle)

2. Minutes of previous meeting (October 2023)

Approved – proposed by Rowena, seconded Elaine

3. Police report

For the period 02/10/2023 – 07/11/2023

Housebreaking Crimes - Increase on last month

Attempt housebreaking – Dunard Street. Damage to the front door lock. Suspect unable to gain access to property.

Housebreaking with intent – Dunard Street. Suspect gained access by forcing the front door. Suspect has since been arrested.

Housebreaking with intent – Kelvinside Avenue. Suspect gained access through unlocked door. No items taken. Suspect still outstanding.

Misuse of Drugs – Increase on last month

Theft of Motor Vehicle – No crimes recorded. Decrease on last month

Theft of Pedal Cycle – Increase on last month

Road Traffic Crimes – Same as last month

Crimes of Violence – Decrease on last month

Crimes of Dishonesty – Increase on last month

Crimes of Vandalism – Increase on last month

Crimes of Note: Firearms offences – Benview Street. 1 x Male arrested for Firearms offences

Trends - None identified this month

The firearms offence in the report relates to firearms and ammunition being recovered from an address as a result of intelligence received.

Concerns were expressed about possible illegal drug production in the community. Police to follow up on an address.

The police have increased their patrolling at North Kelvin Meadow/Children's Wood following reports that used needles had been found on the land. Nothing has been found in the last month.

Police will also keep an eye on Munn's as discarded needles had also been reported on their land.

4. Novoville Shared Repairs

Louis Daillencourt gave a short presentation about his company's digital app which tenement owners can use when organising shared repairs, eg arranging contractors, collecting payments, providing evidence of decisions taken. It is particularly helpful if a building is self-factored but can also be used in addition to a factor's services. The shared cost to owners is 2% of the repair cost +VAT. [Details are on the [City Council website](#) under Digital App and on the Novoville website: <https://sharedrepairs.novoville.com/>]

5. Follow-up on actions from previous meeting

Engagement with younger people: 2 Hillhead pupils attended the meeting thanks to Andrea's encouragement.

Health walk: this took place successfully on Saturday 4th November and attracted 20 walkers along the Canal to the Stockingfield Bridge. There were also 8 to 10 apologies, so the level of interest is higher than expected. In order to continue, we need to be insured, which requires walk leaders to have undergone an online training session. Alasdair will attend and possibly also Christine. Others are encouraged to do so (don't need to be NKCC members).

Local place plans: Rowena to follow up with this in January. Place plans help communities work out what changes they want to see and where. They are a way of collecting data about what people think is important (eg green space, play areas, safety). The information can then contribute to the Council's long-term planning. We could have a subgroup to work on this. The [Centre for Civic Innovation](#) could be involved. It might be worth revisiting the Place Making Tool used previously when the old Curves building was being redeveloped.

6. Councillors' reports

Cllr O'Neill:

- GlasGLOW snagging issues
- Resident's concerns about unsafe trees on Kelvin Drive; the trees are being monitored.
- Speeding traffic on Queen Margaret Drive and Garrioch Rd & Hotspur St bus gate being ignored. A new pedestrian crossing is expected to be installed on QMD.
- Antisocial behaviour in bigger shops being reported

- Fire Service: more information will be forthcoming about the “temporary” removal of engines

Cllr Wardrop:

- Still issues with bins at Melrose/Lyndhurst Gardens & Wilton St. Meeting with residents to be arranged to get work done on bin shelters. Either more bins needed or they need emptying more often.
- Queen Margaret Rd update: meeting to be held on site on 8 November. Also, leaves are badly blocking the drains near the bottom of the steps.
- Wilton St/Wilton Ct fire path: meeting to be held on 9 November between Queen’s Cross, residents and GCC. A long-term maintenance plan is needed.
- Discarded needles: GCC staff are being trained on this – councillors and others should be able to access this training too.

Frank had raised the discarded needles issue with the Population Health & Wellbeing Committee of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and was told it was an issue for GCC rather than the Health Board. The advice on the GCC website is inadequate: “If you find a discarded needle in a public place, we will remove it within 24 hours.” – it is not OK for it to be left lying. There is no guidance on how to dispose of a needle if it is found on private land, eg in a garden or lane. The City Council should distribute sharps boxes with advice on how to use them. Martha to pursue the gap in Council policy.

Cllr Andrew:

- Recycling bins opposite Tesco have disappeared: Ken to pursue this matter.
- North Kelvin College is up for sale. Residential units are likely replacement.

GlasGlow discussion

Stuart’s suggestion of bus ticket incentives being included in ticket prices has been adopted as part of the effort to reduce car travel to the event.

We received a letter from a resident very upset about the damage caused by GlasGlow to the Botanics and the restrictions imposed on park users for weeks before, during and after the event. The park closes at 4 during the event, well before the event begins (at 5).

The blue bridge between the Kelvin Walkway and the Botanics was seen locked at 3.45, allowing no access to the Botanics at that point. The noticeboard beside the bridge contained no information about opening hours during the event.

A resident asked what happened to the memorial benches during the event. Apparently they are packed up and kept safe in secure storage behind the glasshouses for the duration, and are then returned to the location they were removed from and in the same condition.

GlasGlow organisers will have to pay an expensive licence fee for the parking they take up on the QM bridge.

We don’t have information about the sums of money involved in GlasGlow, such as costs/benefits to the council and local businesses. Commercial confidentiality is an obstacle. We understand an environmental impact assessment has been carried out but we don’t know whether it has been acted on. Could we submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to find out how much the Council is paid for use of the Botanics, whether the sums cover the damage done, and what the ecological impact is? Martha advised working with the other community councils in the area.

The FOI request would have to be very carefully worded in order to get a worthwhile response. To be discussed at the January meeting.

7. Communications report

Posts added to the website on this month's health walk, monthly meeting and clean-up. Parking remains the most viewed page and the second most popular topic was health walks. Newsletter distributed.

If people mention/tag/like us on social media it all helps increase our website views.

8. Planning

Application 23/00949/FUL (sub-division of 2no ground floor flatted dwellings to form 4no flatted dwellings, 287-291 Wilton Street), which neighbours had objected to, was refused.

9. HMO Licensing

Residents should log complaints about a poorly run HMO so they can submit the evidence to the Council. Calls made to the Noise Reduction Unit should be logged in any case. As well as the noise unit there is an HMO Unit and a Licensing Code of Conduct for Landlords. Tenements should not be noisy during the hours 11pm to 7am.

We could have a template on the website that residents could use. We should also have information about how residents can make complaints. [We have a little information on our Planning page: see <https://www.northkelvincc.org.uk/local-info/planning-applications/#hmo>]

Alcohol licensing: the Council has produced a new but lengthy [Licensing Policy Statement](#). Frank to digest and report back.

10. Community clean-up

Next one will be on Sunday 12 November at 10:30am. Meeting point: our noticeboard on Belmont St. Joyce's dog found a hedgehog in a pile of leaves, so please be careful if you are doing leaf tidying!

A resident has requested a clean-up on at the Maryhill Rd end of Wilton St. They may want to go ahead with help from GCC, otherwise we will plan to do this area at the first clean-up in the new year.

Dunard St and Stair St were also suggested for a future clean-up.

11. Arrangements for January meeting

This will be online probably via Teams on 9 January (2nd Tuesday). Christine and Merle to liaise re hosting the meeting. Details of how to attend the meeting will be circulated nearer the time.

12. AOB

Kibble Palace: the official council petition appealing against the decision to charge for entry received 2,295 signatories. The petitioner has been invited to attend the meeting of the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement city policy committee on 9 November, with ten minutes allowed to try and present the issues of all those who signed. The presentation will focus on the gamble of pitting the possibility of raising a relatively small and uncertain amount of income against what will be lost through the tens of thousands of visits that will cease to happen.

Some obscene graffiti on the path from Queen Margaret Rd down to the Kelvin walkway was reported via the Glasgow app and removed within 24 hours.

Kelvin Properties have approached us to discuss revised plans for the proposed development at 10 Kelbourne Street. Christine to follow up.

A resident asked if there could be a review of the Council's policy of electric vehicle charging. Tenement residents are at a disadvantage because they don't have a driveway where they can

charge their car overnight and there is a 3 hour limit on charging at the (more expensive) public charge points. Martha advised the EV charging strategy should be published before the end of the year.

Could we consider district heating? We had some discussion of this last year [see November 2022 minutes]. A heat plan is being developed by the Council [see [Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy](#)].

A resident was keen to find out how Braeside Street could be revamped and the enthusiasm of young people harnessed using social media, video etc. It would need to be entertaining to go viral and thus be both fun and profitable. Perhaps big companies' staff volunteer days could be useful. Resident to follow up with councillors.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm.

Next meeting: online on Tuesday 9 January 2024