

MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING OF
NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
9th JANUARY 2024 AT 6.30 pm

Attendees:

Community Councillors

Alasdair MacDonald
Christine Alison
Merle Read
Rowena Statt
Frank Shennan
Stuart Mitchell
Joyce Khatri

City Councillors

Martha Wardrop
Keiran O'Neill

Residents

Laura McNamee
Karen Barton
Rona Clarke
Sheila Forbes
Suzanne Walton
Arthur Fairfull
Marco Avarucci
Anne Roche
Clare McGinley

Apologies

Councillor Ken Andrew
Douglas Peacock
David Conway
Elaine Doherty
Louise MacKenzie

1. Election of minute secretary for this meeting – Christine Alison
2. Approval of the minutes of last meeting – Proposed by Christine Alison,
Seconded by Joyce Khatri
3. Police report – no report received.
4. Follow up on actions from previous meeting – Disposal of sharps has been raised by Frank at Glasgow Integration Joint Board. The issue was discussed and it was agreed that Frank draw up draft guidance for residents on how to safely dispose of needles. Councillor Wardrop will discuss these draft guidelines with the relevant Council Officer before we publish them on our website and noticeboards.

Freedom of Information application regarding GlasGLOW was discussed. It was stated that ITISON and GCC would not reveal financial information due to it being commercially sensitive. It was agreed that we could frame a FOI application around environmental impact on the Botanics and repairs/improvements. Christine and Andrea will work on this.

Councillor O'Neill informed us that Katy Clark, MSP, is submitting a bill in the Scottish Parliament to expand the scope of FOI applications.

5. Councillors' reports –

Councillor O'Neill:

- a) Is pursuing the issue of bins not being emptied over Christmas and New Year.

- b) Reported that GCC has passed a motion about cutbacks in the Fire Service.
- c) Stated that Councillor Malik had recently died and that there would be a by-election. NKCC asked that Cllr O'Neill pass our condolences onto Cllr Malik's family.

Councillor Wardrop:

- a) Reported that repairs to Queen Margaret Road will not take place for some time. She is pursuing the issue of better signage about the road closure and diversions since recently an ambulance was delayed in finding access to Doune Quadrant. Cllr Wardrop will consult with Christine about the signage.
 - b) Held a meeting with Council Officers and Queen's Cross Housing Association about the green space at Wilton Court which needs to be maintained for biodiversity by GCC. The tarmac is the responsibility of QCHA who are the factors.
 - c) Reported that the bin issue in Melrose /Lyndhurst Lane is ongoing. Bin shelters need to be repaired and the lane maintained. Councillor Wardrop is working on this.
6. New venue for NKCC meetings & NKCC funding (making donations) – various options for a venue for future meetings were discussed: North Kelvin Primary, Maryhill Community Central Halls, Community Centre in Shakespeare St, Pubs, West End Games Shop. Alasdair has found out that the school will cost £48 for a two hour hire plus the cost of a janitor (£46) split amongst the various organisations using the school on that evening. It was agreed that we will meet in Kelvinbridge Parish Church in February and March and then make a decision about future meetings. In the meantime we will not make donations to foodbanks etc.
 7. Lampposts in Queen Margaret Drive – the new lights are now working but it was reported that the light is quite dim. It was suggested that we request that extra light or cats eyes (like there are in Kelvingrove Park) be installed. Perhaps the City Councillors can pursue this matter.
 8. Communications Report – Merle has issued the newsletter and notified subscribers about the proposed Kelbourne St building development and Health Walks. Parking is the most commonly visited site on our Website.
 9. Planning Officer's Report – there was a wide reaching discussion about the Kelbourne St development and many points of concern were raised. Rowena has agreed to collate comments and submit them on behalf of NKCC and residents. Comments have to be submitted to GCC Planning by 2nd February. Residents should copy NKCC in if they are submitting comments to the Council. Merle stated that a template letter can be used if it is altered slightly by each person submitting it.

10. House of Multiple Occupancy (hmo) Licensing Report – Frank stated that there was nothing to report.
11. Community Clean up – this will be on 28th January at the East end of Wilton Street. Elaine will publicise this to residents in that area and will make arrangements for refuse bags to be picked up by the Council.
12. Pavement Parking – Alasdair reported that there is a new law coming in so that GCC can take action against drivers parking on pavements. There should be a plan by March. Alasdair stated that there is a problem in a section of Maryhill road with pavement parking and Stuart said that there was a problem during GlasGLOW.
13. AOB – Merle said that there is a problem with food waste piled up around the bin opposite Tesco in Queen Margaret Drive and that she had seen a rat there. She will contact Cllr O'Neill about this.

Alasdair reported that there had been three successful health walks so far and that he will schedule the next one.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6th FEBRUARY 2024