

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
6th February 2024 AT 6.30 pm

Attendees:

Community Councillors

David Conway
Christine Alison
Merle Read
Rowena Statt
Frank Shennan
Louise MacKenzie
Joyce Khatri
Elaine Doherty
Andrea Fisher (associate)

City Councillors

Ken Andrew
Keiran O'Neill

Police Scotland
Peter Bell
John Morris

Residents

Jean Shephard
Arthur Fairfull
Rona Clarke
Helen Moore
Eszter Tairnan
Judi Evans
Charlotte McIneney

Apologies

Stuart Wallace
Douglas Peacock
Martha Wardrop
Alasdair MacDonald

1. **Election of minute secretary for this meeting** – Louise MacKenzie
2. **Approval of the minutes of last meeting** – Proposed by Merle, Seconded by Elaine
3. **Police report** – update provided for the past month. Key points noted: decrease in housebreaking crimes, Misuse of drugs increased, increase in road traffic crimes, Crimes of dishonesty highlighted, particularly a telephone banking scam, please note your bank will never contact you and ask you to confirm account details.
Crime of note, an assault and robbery on Kelbourne Street, Andrea advised that Childrens Wood are considering the possibility of installing CCTV as a deterrence on the Kelbourne Street side, Cllr O'Neill mentioned that the Area Partnership may be able to help with funding for this.
Cllr Andrew also highlighted witnessing illegal sale of alcohol to children in the area on Queen Margaret Drive. Police will investigate.
David asked about enforcement around St Charles PS to deal with anti social behaviour. Discussion about car-free zones, experience shows they are difficult to enforce and often ignored by parents.
One way system in and around Wilton Street still appears to be routinely ignored, the signage could be improved to make it clearer to drivers who aren't familiar with the area.
4. **Follow up on actions from previous meeting** –
Guide on dealing with discarded needles has been drafted by Frank, following from discussions at previous meetings where concerns had been raised about the inadequacy of current Council guidance. The issue is particularly problematic on communal private property such as lanes. The draft guidance was circulated at the meeting and Frank highlighted the key points. It will then be shared with Council officers by Councillor Wardrop and also with Health. It has been written in a clear and concise format and once approved could be shared with community groups and schools.

Overflowing Food Waste bins on QMD mentioned at the last meeting have now been dealt with.

5. Councillors' reports –

Councillor O'Neill:

Flooding at corner of QMD/Kelbourne Street will be addressed.

Bin collection backlog is still an ongoing issue

Council Budget setting is next week

Councillor Andrew:

Queen Margaret Road update circulated, limited progress to date in resolving. Rowena raised concerns about emergency vehicle access.

Councillor Andrew will continue to follow up the issue with Council officers.

Agreed that the Community Council will write to George Gillespie raising concerns. One option might be to open up the road between Doune gardens and Doune Quadrant but that would require a lamppost to be moved.

6. Communications

Newsletter issued highlighting Health walk, Kelbourne Street planning proposal
General planning guidance written by Rowena has also been added to the website.

NKCC response to Kelbourne Street planning application will be added to the website.

7. Childrens Garden (Botanics) Community Involvement

Christine and Andrea have been developing a proposal to involve the 3 local primary schools (Dunard, North Kelvinside, St Charles) in activities in the Childrens Garden. This could include a walk and picnic, apple harvesting and juice pressing and bulb planting. Will need to be engagement with the Friends of the Botanics and Botanics Gardens management. Looking for Community Council support for the proposal.

8. GlasGLOW Debrief meeting

Details of an on line meeting organised by Glasgow City Council on 21st February have been shared. Christine and Rowena will attend for the Community Council. Christine suggested that we ask residents for comments and feedback ahead of the meeting. This was agreed.

Issue of rotating the events around Parks has been discussed but there are challenges with security etc with some of the other parks. If staying in Botanics could layout be looked at to minimise the impact on the gardens.

9. Local Place Plans

Will carry forward to a future meeting. Noted that it is a community led process part of National Planning Framework 4.

Would be good to get views of other Community Councils who have already been involved in Place Plans.

A resident advised that they have been involved in Place plan development in another area.

10. Planning Officer's Report

Rowena submitted a response on behalf of the Community Council, objecting to the proposed development of student housing on the Kelbourne Street site. The application has not yet been scheduled for a meeting.

The Community Council could ask for a hearing which would allow for a wider range of views to be held as part as the process. The request for a hearing would initially be held and decided by the Planning Committee. In light of the history of the site, a number of failed applications and the strength of feeling in the community about the use of the site, it was agreed to do this. Rowena will send a request for a hearing to Councillor Andrew and the Planning Committee members.

11. **House of Multiple Occupancy (hmo) Licensing Report** – Frank stated that there was nothing to report.

12. **Glasgow Street Bin Hub Pilot**

Councillor Andrew advised that Hillhead may be one of the next areas for wider roll out on the on street bins.

On street collection is less resource intensive. Residents raised concerns about the loss of parking spaces if bins move on street. However rat infestation is also an ongoing issue in some back court bin shelters.

The pilot is still ongoing. Images of the pilot will be added to the Community Council website.

13. **Community Clean up** -25TH February to cover area near Botany and Kelvinside Avenue.

14. **Traffic Problems at St Charles Primary,**

Drivers anti social behaviour around the school raised with Police earlier in the meeting. Lack of a safe dropping off spot is a particular issue. Traffic calming might be an option for the area. Councillor Andrew will follow up and link in with the school and Parent Council.

15. **AOB**

- The Belmont Street Church is closing; unsure what its future use will be. Future locations for meetings will be discussed at the next meeting
- It was noted that there were still 2 vacancies on the Community Council, After discussion the Community Council agreed to start the process to fill these vacancies.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5th MARCH 2024