

North Kelvin Community Council Business Meeting
Tuesday 4 March 2025 6.30pm
Maryhill Community Central Halls

Present- Christine Alison, Patricia Grant, Louise McKenzie, Merle Read, Elaine Doherty, Andrea Fisher, Liz Broadfoot (North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council), Wilma Methven (NMASSC), Ross Collins, Susan Maxwell, Euan Ingram, Tom Rae, Isla McGurk, Niall Carlton GCC, Janet McCullough GCC, Myleen Mackinnon HSCP, Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Martha Wardrop

Apologies- Douglas Peacock, Alasdair MacDonald, Rowena Statt, Stuart Wallace, Frank Shennan, Councillor Marie Garrity. Councillor Seonad Hoy

1 Louise chairing, welcomed all to the meeting. Patricia elected as minute secretary.

2 Draft minutes of meeting 4/03/2025 approved. Proposed: Christine, Seconded: Louise.

3 No police report or attendance because of a disturbance in Queen Margaret Drive. Merle fed back on recent meeting about regular speeding and near-misses on QMD near NK primary school. Councillor Bostani and a GCC officer will work on action to reduce speeding in advance of installation of proposed second set of traffic lights at Hotspur St. QMD to become a 20mph zone.

Brought forward agenda item 6 on re-opening of Wilton St hostel, as three staff from agencies involved present to talk about the project with residents and discuss concerns raised.

Myleen McKinnon HSCP.

Proposal: move 13 residents and staff from their existing premises for young asylum seekers and homeless people into the vacant Wilton St building, as it's owned by GCC & HMO licensed.

Janet McCullough GCC Head of Children's Services South side.

Service needed to move from existing 34 bed residence on South side. Wilton St renovated, GCC approved a lease with Queens Cross HA & an experienced third sector provider and HSCP to run the service.

Responding to residents questions and concerns about antisocial behaviour outside the premises, and attitudes to women, the proposed residents were described as young asylum seekers "unaccompanied children" who have been assessed for housing and support until they become independent over a staged process.

The protocol for care leavers in seeking future tenancies applies. The age range between 16-26, mostly 16-21, and mostly young males in single rooms.

Staff familiar to them also moving to Wilton St with a 24:7 staff presence, and managers present in daytime. Each young person has a guardian and a social worker. Risk assessments are carried out.

Trauma can lead to difficult behaviours - rates for these young people, including drug use, lower than for care leavers. Work being done on communicating what is culturally and legally acceptable. There is no curfew, as the residents are supported to self-manage.

Residential areas chosen for this service to help the young people's safety, being part of a community & accessing education from school to university. No community concerns raised in the previous location in its 5 year operation.

Expected to open between May and end August.

In coming months QCHA and the (un-named) service provider to seek relationship building with the local community, and identify a contact name and number. QCHA has conditions which require action and accountability for any anti-social behaviour inside or outside the building.

Details to be shared with NKCC as the service starts. Meeting had positive suggestions of having the young people help with community clean ups, NKCC/DGLCA, and similar activities to get to know and contribute to the community.

4 Follow Up Actions

Glasgow 850 NKCC group still to meet

5 Councillors Reports.

Cllr Wardrop. Residents/NKCC members invited to attend the site meeting with Scottish Water 5/03 10am about postponed work for Kelvininside Terrace South new drainage gullies. She and Cllr Andrew confirmed that they did not know about new roadworks there, started without notice on 3/03. All were concerned at the lack of co-ordination and potential for a waste of resources if work needed to be redone. Cllr Andrew to seek clarity on this issue.

New bin installed at the bus stop Wilton St/ Maryhill Rd & at Paesano Pizza. Fly tipping at Park Rd, raise questions for investigation. New bin suggested at Braeside St near Dunard PS.

Cllr Andrew. A new bin between Park Rd and Otago St would be useful, but no bins actually missing.

Reminder of deadline for limited review of RPZ, by 14/03. NK residents comments to go to NorthKelvinParking@gmail.com by 7/03 so comments are collated and sent to GCC. Railing fallen Doune Quadrant above Walkway, safety hazard reported. Residents noted safety barrier now in place. Trees on Hamilton Park Terrace belong to residents not GCC. Work underway to remove over 1000 trees across city felled by the storm including Kelvin Walkway.

Budget: £7m put into Cleansing with new teams in each Ward, more staff and more uplifts. Glasgow reputationally hammered. Hillhead has 3 Hit Teams to deal with fly tipping, bin overflow etc supervised by Martin Neill, Area Co-ordinator. Meeting welcomed this. Concerns raised that removal of fly tipped waste in private lanes costs lane owners like Doune Gardens Lane. Also vermin problems Jedburgh Gardens as refuse not uplifted. £9.5m allocated to bring vacant properties into use. Teacher numbers protected. Council tax up by 7.5%.

7 Communications Report. Merle

Online enquiries mostly parking charge & business permit increases. Concern about CO2 emissions escalators on charges. Cllr Andrew confirmed this still to be decided.

Happy Park. Question if dogs allowed in as signage unofficial. Dogs not permitted. Christine to email Cllr Garrity seeking improved signage.

Website updated about Walkway closures, RPZ review, Friends of Ruchill Park and Health Walks 15/03 Kelvingrove, 22/03 Kelvinhaugh.

8 RPZ review

Not in scope is parking duration or charges. Louise will collate responses made to NKCC 7/03 to include snagging issues previously listed. Cllr Andrew asked that councillors be copied in, acknowledgment requested & the total number of responses clearly noted when this submitted for 14/03.

RingGo app still causing issues eg Queen Margaret bridge shared between Belmont & NK. Cllr Wardrop concerned about tech glitches resulting in penalties which people should appeal. A fix will be done. To be included in Newsletter.

9 Consultation on a city Visitor Levy

Open until 2/05. Individuals and NKCC can respond. Information for website. Merle attended online consultation. Cllr Andrew noted an inevitability to this proposal as most tourist cities have this to improve the tourist experience. Meeting comments broadly favourable- visitors already get a lot free (museums) & Glasgow doesn't get national support unlike Edinburgh. Cllr Wardrop noted the proposal has not yet defined its working or spending- what do residents want from potential new money.

10 Community Council 50 anniversary

GCC proposal to photograph activities. NKCC Clean Ups, Health Walks, school projects all options. Noted here there is no Queen Margaret Drive Festival this year

Andrea to follow up with annual Kibble Palace community event for possible stall NKCC & DHKCC

11 Scottish Fire and Rescue service consultation request came in for community responses by 2/04 to new strategy 2025-2028. A CC member to read & comment. Meeting concerns expressed about potential changes to local fire stations, service cuts and reduced number of high rise ladders affecting public safety.

12 HMO/Licensing. No report

13 Community Clean Up.

Elaine will recce sites and decide location for next Clean Up

14 Planning. Rowena emailed. New item- Queen Margaret Drive hostel application withdrawn.

15 AOB. Alasdair emailed reminder on Ruchill Park volunteering. Venue next meeting. Agreed to rebook this venue for 1 May.