

**North Kelvin Community Council Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 6.30pm**  
**Maryhill Community Central Halls**

**Present-** Douglas Peacock, Christine Alison, Alasdair MacDonald, Patricia Grant, Louise McKenzie, Merle Read, Elaine Doherty, Frank Shennan, Andrea Fisher, Joyce Khatri

Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Martha Wardrop  
Residents – Tom Rae, Tony McCready

**Apologies-**Rowena Statt, Stuart Wallace, Councillor Marie Garrity. Councillor Seonad Hoy

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

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

**3 Police Report:**

2 representatives from Police Scotland attended and provided a verbal update for the previous month. Key points included: no housebreaking no motor car or cycle theft. One serious assault in Maryhill Road. There was a theft from a motor vehicle and a car was vandalized. There have also been a number of road traffic offences in this period. Alasdair asked about graffiti near Claypits, noted frequent graffiti by the same person. If it is a hate crime, it can be reported via the Police Scotland website and can report anonymously if required.

Monitoring of e bikes as discussed at last meeting starting soon

**4 Follow-Up Actions**

New bin suggested for Dunard/Braeside Street. Christine has contacted the Neighbourhood Coordinator, Martin Neill, to request this be actioned. Councillor Wardrop will follow up. Martin has also offered a walk round to look at priorities for the area. Christine, Elaine and Councillor Wardrop will attend.

A resident has asked if the Happy Park no dog sign is official, this has been followed up with Councillor Garrity.

Louise submitted the NKCC response to the RPZ Limited Review to the Council and it will be put on the website. The Council will provide feedback on the issues raised.

**5 Councillors Reports.**

Cllr Wardrop updated about Kelvinside Terrace South, site meeting with Council and Scottish Water was constructive. Garden Committee looking for support with plants for planters, Council will give advice on this. Some stone work needs repaired and railings at the 60 Steps need a paint refresh, Community Payback team might be able to assist with painting. Might be an option to ask the City Heritage Trust for support with some of the work.

Some concern raised about the standard of work carried out by the Council in resurfacing

Cllr Andrew advised that a fire alarm went off at St Charles School at the weekend for 24 hours. Part of the problem is that the new headteacher is not in place. Due to that, the process to get the alarm silenced was convoluted. Councillor Andrew has flagged to

Education that there needs to be a new process. Primary Schools have locality janitors who cover a number of schools.

[Correction following June meeting]: Café Ibiza has now changed name to the Firehouse following refusal of planning permission for decking, but it is the same company that is involved with a different name. It is anticipated that they may try and develop the deck to comply with planning requirements.

At the Area Partnership, there was discussion about works to the Flint Mill, which are awaiting Historic Environment Scotland approval

Ongoing issue with ash dieback. Also trees on Doune Gardens need work done on them as overhanging the street and potentially damaging cars, Councillor Andrew is progressing and will get Council arborist to respond. This can also be raised as part of the walk about with the Neighbourhood Coordinator.

## **6 Firework Zones**

Council is consulting on Firework Control Zones. Need to respond by 11<sup>th</sup> April. Need to specify the areas to cover. For North Kelvin, could cover Children's Wood, Kelvin Walkway, Canal towpath Happy Park as historically has been antisocial behaviour with fireworks there.

After discussion it was agreed by majority, 5 to 4, to apply for restrictions around Halloween/Guy Fawkes, Chinese New Year, Diwali, New Year.  
Douglas will contact the Council about the proposal

## **7 Bins**

As discussed previously, there is a perceived lack of litter bins in the area. This can be raised with the Neighbourhood Coordinator as part of the walk about.

## **8 Communications Report.**

Merle has posted information on the Visitors Levy proposal on the NKCC website  
Newsletter sent out.

Parking page on the website is still the most heavily visited.

Merle and Christine pulling together information and display together for the Kibble palace exhibition

## **9 Glasgow 850**

Alasdair updated on proposal for a talk in local schools about the history of North Kelvin.  
Rowena may have a talk that would support this. Alasdair will ask Rowena. Could also consider asking traders on Queen Margaret Drive to display photos.

Christine and Merle also looking at possible famous people who lived in North Kelvin who could be eligible for a blue plaque (e.g. JD Ferguson, Margaret Morrison, Louisa Jordan).  
Could also consider a photo based heritage trail. Would also be an option to revisit the Louisa Jordan memorial proposal.

Andrea mentioned that Dunard and North Kelvinside PS are working together on a Peace garden to be developed in the Botanic Gardens.

### **10 HMO/Licensing**

Frank advised on the current consultation on taxi licensing. Noted perception that there are not enough taxis but needs to be balanced against the need for taxi drivers to make a living. Deadline for views is end of May.

### **11 Community Clean Up.**

Next date proposed is Sunday 4th May, Murano Street/Northpark Street agreed. Noted that flytipping can be reported on the My Glasgow App.

### **12 Planning.**

Current issues with Café Ibiza noted under 5.

Unclear what is happening with the Kelbourne Street site. Works do not appear to have started and there is some concern about vermin infestation

### **13 AOB**

Next meeting will be on 6th May in Community Central Hall

Agreed to ask Queens Cross HA to participate in our meeting as a cooptee, Trish will make contact.

Friends of Ruchill Park will meet on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 12 till 3

Health Walks continue to be well attended and are detailed on the website.

Scottish Fire and Rescue consultation will need to be considered, Christine will recirculate  
Frank will write an update for the website on the changes to signals for older central heating systems and also the switching off of analogue.