

## North Kelvin Community Council Business Meeting

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 6.30pm**

**Maryhill Community Central Halls**

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

Councillor Seonad Hoy

Residents – Tom Rae

Eszter Tairnai journalist also attended

**Apologies-** Councillor Ken Andrew, Martha Wardrop, Stuart Wallace

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

2 Draft minutes of meeting 1/04/2025 approved. Proposed:, Christine Seconded: Alasdair

### **3 Police Report:**

2 representatives from Police Scotland attended and provided a verbal update for the previous month. Key points included: generally crimes slightly increased, 1 housebreaking, road traffic crimes are the biggest single type, some vandalism, public disorder, crimes of dishonesty

A resident raised increase in visible drug dealing at 60 Steps, also enforcement issues around e bikes.

Frank raised continuing concern around speeding on QMD. Police will monitor again

### **4 Follow Up Actions**

Walk round with Neighbourhood Coordinator Martin Neill has taken place and issues raised. Martin will keep the Community Council updated on progress.

Official No Dog sign for the Happy Park is being progressed after Councillor Garrity raised it. Councillor Hoy can arrange for the Council Dog Warden to monitor the park.

NKCC submission on Firework Zone measures has been sent in, awaiting feedback

Queens Cross Housing Association have been contacted but advise that they haven't capacity to participate regularly on community councils but may attend in August. Action on outdated meters to be progressed

### **5 Councillors Reports.**

Councillor Hoy advised of a recent clean up at Dunard Primary School, she has also reported the need for signage on Kelvin Walkway to be cleaned

### **6. Benches by the Kelvin**

A resident had proposed creating an outdoor community space near the Flint Mill on the Kelvin Walkway. After discussion about the broad proposal, it was suggested that the resident attends a future meeting

### **7 Grants Online Newsletter**

Alasdair highlighted the above newsletter which had been circulated. It provides possible sources of funding for community projects

## **8. Public Liability Insurance**

This provides cover for activity with schools and community cleanups. As these activities are likely to continue it was agreed to renew.

## **9 Ringo Update**

Douglas noted challenges with updating his parking permit as guidance on Glasgow City Council website was inaccurate. A lot of issues with operation of the Ringo site. Councillor Hoy advised that there is a FAQ on the Council website and will share the link. A resident highlighted the difficulty contacting the Council about parking and voiced concerns about perceived unfairness of carbon based charging.

Noted that carbon based charges for permits may be implemented from August. Councillor Hoy will share a recent paper updating on this.

## **10 Communications Report.**

Newsletter has been issued

Merle noted that GCC doesn't really use Bluesky but Community Council isn't on Twitter which makes sharing Council updates harder. Councillor Hoy will clarify this with the Council

## **11 Glasgow 850**

Follow up from the discussion at the last meeting.

Rowena suggested developing web information to share the history of the local shops, 60 Steps have a meeting on 14<sup>TH</sup> May and Rowena is giving a talk about the history of North Kelvin. Trish will coordinate a meeting to discuss further.

The idea of a Blue Plaque for 4 Clouston Street(former home of JD Fergusson and M Morrison) has had a favourable response so far from residents.

Christine and Merle have also developed materials for the exhibition at the Kibble Palace.

## **12 HMO/Licensing.**

Some concern raised about the renewal of the HMO licence at 287 Wilton Street. Issues have been raised by other residents over a protracted period about the condition of the premises. It was observed that the renewal report indicated that there had been no complaints. This did not seem accurate given the known history of concern about the management and poor standard of the premises.

Councillor Hoy will ask about this case.

Frank noted that raising concerns about HMOs via environmental health might be more effective.

## **13 Community Clean Up.**

Proposed tidy up around the 60 Steps on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May

## **14 Planning.**

Not much current activity in the area.

No visible progress with the Kelbourne Street site. Concerns have been raised about rat infestation on the site

## **15 AOB**

Walk to Ashlar Village this Saturday

Friends of Ruchill Park is this Sunday 12 to 3

Alasdair highlighted increased evidence about poor air quality around schools. Parents for Future Scotland are a campaign group working on this. Councillor Hoy has asked for data about air quality around schools and will share when available.

Frank highlighted poor condition of Byres Road pavements, noting that he had nearly tripped. Councillor Hoy asked for examples to be sent to her and she can raise. If something is a health and safety risk it will be prioritized.

Children's Wood have an event on 21<sup>st</sup> June celebrating their 10 year anniversary

Next meeting is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 630 in CCH