

North Kelvin Community Council- Glasgow Academy, Colebrook Street
Minutes of meeting Tuesday 04 August, 2026

Present:

Christine Alison

Elaine Doherty

Joyce Khatri

Merle Read

Douglas Peacock

Louise MacKenzie

Tara Barclay

Frank Shennan

Cllr Ken Andrew

Cllr Martha Wardrop

Apologies: Andrea Fisher, Alasdair MacDonald, Trish Grant, Stuart Wallace

1. Chair: Douglas Peacock, Minutes: Tara Barclay

2. Minutes of last meeting approved: Christine Allison, seconded: Elaine Doherty

3. Police Report- Sergeant McKenna in attendance

-North Kelvin crime figures have been stable over summer with no obvious spikes in recent weeks.

-It's been advised that going forward, reported crime numbers may appear higher than in previous reporting. This will be due to an upcoming organisational change in the way that reported incidents are documented and may not necessarily reflect an increase in crime.

-The issue of throttled e-bikes was raised, but this is deemed to be a national issue, not Glasgow-specific. Police Scotland are aware of these modified bikes and are considering using drones and helicopters to combat this problem.

-The issue of illegal parking at the end of Belmont Street where it meets Great Western Road was raised in relation to a near fatal accident involving a vehicle colliding with a cyclist witnessed by a council member, potentially caused by sight lines being blocked by these vehicles.

-16 people arrested on outstanding warrants in our area.

4. Follow ups from previous meeting-

Cllr Andrew confirmed that we have 2 new gully cleaning/drain clearing machines in Glasgow.

Cllr Andrew to follow up on parking on new parking restrictions on Kirklee drive.

Wilton Street Gardens rat problem- bungs have been added to bins, unfortunately some do fall out which allow rats access into the bins.

Unused ATMs and Phone Booths- BT Internet have started removing disused phone boxes and ATMs across the city. Cllr Andrew to follow up with BT Internet again on this topic, specifically in relation to the phone box on Wilton Street Crescent.

Cllr Wardrop- Queen Margaret Road- Confirmed that the council is happy to leave this road open as it has been operating for the past year or so,

5. Councillors Reports-

Cllr Andrew- Water leak on Oban Lane (originating on Fergus drive) is ongoing. Scottish Water has been contacted by Cllr Andrew. He will chase the issue once again. Cllr Wardrop has tried to get an amenity notice under planning but was informed that this does not apply to water. She will meet with Scottish Water to discuss as this is a private civil matter with the owners of the building with the leak. NKCC considers this a serious issue in terms of water wastage as well as the problems created by the runoff, including mud, blocked drains, and ice in winter and will continue to seek a resolution. Christine will email Scottish water in support of Cllrs Andrew and Wardrop's efforts.

Wilton Crescent Lane Association- Cllr Andrew attended a meeting with Wilton Crescent residents who are attempting to form a Residents Association for their shared private laneway to tackle the rat infestation in the area as well as to align efforts in the hopes of making the lane usable once again to bin lorries who have ceased service to the lane.

Cllr Wardrop- Wilton Crescent Lane- Added that Glasgow sanitation teams do have a code to access the gate that separates the lane from Yarrow Gardens Lane East.

Cllr Wardrop says she has contacted the sanitation and street cleaning departments regarding street cleaning for the stairs at the end of Melrose Gardens which lead up to the St Charles School and Kelvinside Gardens East and to please report if there is any other area of particular concern that should be referred to these teams.

In good news, the upward escalator at Kelvinbridge station has now been fixed.

6. Parking Petition Update-

The NKCC originally supported the RPZ several years ago. This was due to be reviewed in the years after the initial roll out but this review has not taken place. A petition was circulated by local residents which collected more than 600 signatures which seeks to review the terms of the parking restrictions, particularly surrounding visitor passes, and parking for carers and workers visiting the area. The NKCC voted to support this resident-led petition in the previous meeting. Since the last meeting, Glasgow City Council has responded to the petition to say that that will not be considering it at this time as there is already a review of parking arrangements across the city being undertaken by the council and as part of that process, there will be a public consultation "in the next six months or so."

Louise has replied to the council's decision to ask for a more concrete timeline for the public consultation.

Cllr Andrew is re-taking up the case to harmonise the parking restrictions all over the West End after it is rumoured that the new restricted parking zone on Kirklee Road is set to be until 6pm only. Discussion was also had regarding consideration to be taken to avoid parking from non-residents from just shifting between parking zones. For example, it was reported that Napiershall residents are currently trying to get their restricted parking hours extended to M-S 8:00am to 10:00pm and there is concern that the non-residents currently parking there in the evenings will just shift to W2 North Kelvinside if our hours are relaxed. Louise to coordinate with Cllrs Wardrop and Andrew regarding harmonising NK with the new Kirklee Road parking zone as their changes go into effect.

7. Misogyny-

This was added to the agenda in response to a study about misogyny in government office. The council agrees that misogyny is not acceptable and agrees that we have a duty to call it out as and when we see it and to ensure that our meetings are a space where everyone feels welcome and safe. There was discussion about joining the Safe Spaces Network if eligible and to add messaging about this to our website, potentially echoing what has been done by the Glasgow City Council.

8. Heritage Group Update-

Trish emailed to advise- NK Heritage Group met 23.07 Woodside Inn, four attending inc one of two new members just joined.

Agreed to go ahead with member proposal to set up free Wordpress site, & all to write up draft about our research topics by 31.08.

Discussed research, suggestions, heritage trail ideas & contacts. To plan Maryhill Burgh Halls visit.

Next meeting early September, date tbc, venue, probably Woodside Inn.

Dr Nora Wattie plaque update- Chirstine has applied for the grant for the plaque to be created and will speak with the residents and owners of the building regarding affixing the plaque. Queens Cross Housing has agreed to have their in-house joiner install the plaque.

9. Communications Report-

Garrioch Gardens Residents Association will have an open afternoon on the 16th of August. This has been added to the community notice boards and website.

10. Community Clean Up-

The streets are not too bad at the moment. We will continue to scout for the next cleanup location on the website and noticeboards once decided, but the date is set for 30 August.

Elaine is to step down from her position that she has held for the last 10 years after the next cleanup, so this position will be open. Appointment of a new person to lead community cleanups has been added to September's agenda. We thank Elaine for her amazing work over the last 10 years in keeping our community clean.

11. People's Emergency Briefing Film-

This film was publicly screened on 28 June at the Maryhill Burgh Halls. There was discussion about hosting another screening but no commitment was made at this time due to scheduling and manpower limitations. Alasdair to be consulted to see if he has the bandwidth and would like to pursue organising an additional showing.

12. HMO Licensing Report -

Nothing to report

13. Planning Officer's Report-
Planning officer not in attendance.

Student housing construction noise outside of work hours, including on a Sunday, have been reported to the site manager of the student accommodation construction site next to the Happy Park on Queen Margaret Drive. The site manager replied to the NKCC and has agreed to speak with all contractors regarding work and respecting quiet hours going forward.

Regarding the new student accommodation construction which has been proposed in Hillhead in the location of the current Iceland on Byres Rd as well as the new construction planned for the car park behind this, we as a council and as individuals do have a right to object on various grounds, including the loss of amenity. Rowena to query whether the objection period is still open.

14. AOB-
None