

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
NORTH KELVIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
IN GLASGOW ACADEMY PREP HALL, COLEBROOKE ST, GLASGOW G12 8HE
1ST SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 18.30

In Attendance

Louise, Tara, Stuart, Douglas {Chair}, Rowena, Trish, Alasdair, Frank, Andrea
Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Martha Wardrop

Residents: Roddy Yarr, Jane Morgan

Apologies

Christine, Elaine, Merle

1. ELECTION OF MINUTE SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING

Louise MacKenzie was elected minute secretary

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Louise proposed, Tara seconded

3. POLICE REPORT not in attendance

4. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

With reference to previous conversations about the Wilton Street phone box and requests to have this removed, Ken Andrew will follow up. Noted though that it is still occasionally used.

The Fergus Drive water leak (within a property but cascading down to Queen Margaret Drive) has been an ongoing problem for over a year. An enforcement notice has been served but no further progress has been made. Concerns continue to be raised about the waste of water and the potential hazard that the flooding causes.

Action, Douglas will email CEO of Scottish Water and CEO of Glasgow City Council

Stuart mentioned a water leak issue being resolved near him on the street and will share the Scottish Water helpline number that was used

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Ken Andrew has received a lot of complaints about illegal parking on the corner of Wilton Street and Belmont Street. This has been raised with parking enforcement and with police.

Ken has a planned site visit this week with Martin Neill (Neighbourhood Coordinator) to look at solutions for rat problems in Wilton Gardens lane on the Raeberry street side.

A number of people raised the potential hazard of new fencing at Botanic Gardens /Queen Margaret Drive west side. Its placing may be a possible

safety risk. It has possibly been put in place to block access to the disused Botanic station. Ken Andrew will seek clarification from NRS.

Alasdair mentioned that the food waste bin in their block (Dryburgh Wilton Melrose) is being well used and ideally another one would be welcome.

Martha Wardrop mentioned that she is supporting residents with ongoing issues with backcourt maintenance and lack of activity from some Factors.

Martha is also involved in the new River Kelvin partnership. This has been formed to look at more investment in the river and surrounding areas

6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The newsletter has been distributed and Merle will prepare an end of year report before the AGM.

Douglas had posted photos on Facebook of his recent drain clearing activity and community tidying. This generated over 460 likes and a lot of positive comment.

7. NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND/TRIANGLE PARK

This is the area at the top of Belmont Street on Wilton Street and is in Council ownership. Tara has been looking into the scope to further develop this area and the Community Fund would be a possible source of funding. Roddy would be happy to support the development of a proposal as would Louise.

Martha suggested contacting Rachel Smith in Parks Development as a first step, also Martin Neill. We would need to get permission to use from the Council.

It might be an option for the Heritage Group to do some research into what was there previously.

Stuart is also looking for funding for the planters on Queen Margaret Road, Ken suggested Area partnership funding would be a possible source for 2026/27.

It would also be worth considering further development of the firepath on Wilton Street as part of a future project.

Action – Tara to contact GCC, Rachel Smith and Martin Neill, will link in with Louise and Roddy to develop the proposal

8. HERITAGE GROUP REPORT

Trish updated on progress. The group is working well and has new members. They are planning a Wordpress site and are all working on content for that. The site will help us share knowledge and research to date and give a shout out for others to chip in. The group are identifying themes, places and events for future heritage activity.

The group is meeting next Tuesday 8th, 5.45pm at the Woodside Inn.

9. AREA PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Trish updated from the recent meeting. It was noted that Woodside Halls is being transferred to Community Central Halls under the People Make Communities programme

Final allocations for Hillhead Area Partnership budget were agreed. Range of projects approved relating to sport, mental health, cultural diversity.

10. PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING FILM UPDATE

Alasdair updated on a recent meeting with Lucy Reynolds. The film raises concerns about climate change and is a call to action to the Government. It lasts around 50 minutes.

The film is on release and is available free of charge. People are being encouraged to try and organise community showings.

We would need to identify a venue in the community. There are a few options to look at. Community Central Halls would be a possible option as would local schools.

Lucy has a projector and Stuart might be able to borrow one if required.

Some venues may have their own projector.

Need to consider who would be invited to the film showing.

NKCC agreed that Alasdair could register an interest in showing the film.

Action Alasdair to register an interest and will work with Lucy and Trish to put in place arrangements for a community showing

11. HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY (HMO) LICENSING REPORT

No update

12. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Rowena updated that there was nothing currently new of interest in our area but there are some developments of interest in adjacent areas e.g. the Hillhead Iceland development, the Q Club on St Georges Road.

General discussion on planning and over development, noted that any future student housing development must be capable of being repurposed into mainstream housing.

The City Development Plan 2 session was attended by Frank. This is a 10 year Strategic Plan for the area. We can send in a submission and we can add this to the agenda for October meeting.

Action – all can send comments to Rowena to collate by the date of the next meeting (6th October). Frank will reshare information available on CDP2 (6TH October)

13. GlasGLOW

Stuart attended the recent meetings. The participants were updated on a lot of the wider economic benefits from the event. (Stuart will share the

details with us). The event brings in a lot of visitors directly for the event, creates jobs and business for hotels. There is also funding that could be used locally though more clarity is required on how to access this.

Strong concerns continue to be raised locally about the environmental impact and also the period that the Botanic Gardens is out of use. It also does not seem that Glasgow City Council gains much direct financial benefit from this, separate from the wider economic benefits outlined above. Noted that the Botanic Gardens is the only park that has been considered for this event.

Stuart also advised that a request could be made of Itison to block off Queen Margaret Road and Wilton Street in the same way that Hamilton Road is (note this is not an official road closure but Itison staff in high vis clothing are present and cone it off as a deterrent and it seems to work). Better public transport links to get to the event are also being looked at.

Action – Stuart will continue to share any GlasGlow updates

14. PARKING PETITION UPDATE

Following from the discussion at the last meeting there had been several emails between Council staff, Councillor and the Community Council. The current position is as follows:

- A recent update to a Council Committee (Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee 25TH August) advised that during the current financial year, council officers are investigating more flexible options to enhance the existing parking permits scheme, specifically referencing possible further support for carers, tradespeople, charities, faith groups and small businesses. This is welcome/
- there has been no direct response yet to the Community Council email seeking clarification on the consultation timescale (6 months or so) which appears to preclude the petition being heard
- Councillors had been advised that standardisation of chargeable hours within other RPZs was being progressed and it was anticipated that these zones could be implemented by end March 2027.
- Councillors had also been advised that if following the completion of the other zones there was still a desire to reduce the RPZ hours in the North Kelvin / North Woodside this could be investigated at that time.

It remains unsatisfactory that the petition (signed by over 600 people) is not being heard by the Council. The reason given that there is a pending consultation appears spurious as the consultations on the TROs for the other RPZ areas are by definition not relevant to North Kelvin/North Woodside.

At the very least the strong response to the petition should be taken as a strong indication that the North Kelvin/North Woodside community wish the hours reviewed. Martha Wardrop suggested that we could consider an objection to the TRO for the North Kelvin area.

Action : Louise to contact Councillors Andrew and Wardrop to see if anything further can usefully be done at this point or whether we need to wait till after the implementation of the standardisation of the other RPZs.

15.AOB

Wilton Street flea market to take place on 12th or 13th September, weather dependant

The Children's Wood Annual Harvest event is on 25th September

As we ran out of time, suggested that the role of clean up coordinator be added to October's agenda

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026: AGM followed by regular meeting