

KELVINDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Thursday 21 November 2013
Cleveden Secondary School

PRESENT:

Robert Cree, Moira Anderson, Ken Windsor, Anne Gasteen, Caroline Johnston, David McGuinness, Wendy Grannon, Nick Bell

Patricia Ferguson MSP, Councillors John Letford, Franny Scally, Baillie Mohammed Razaq
Sgt David Taylor, Police Scotland

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Mackintosh, Deborah King, Lawrence King, Ian Lamont, Helen Lamont, Brian Lavery, Carol Gilbert

APOLOGIES: Cllr Martin Rhodes

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Proposed Nick Bell, seconded Moira Anderson

MATTERS ARISING:

CONSTITUTION

Caroline Johnston signed the new approved constitution

BUSES

Carol Gilbert noted that the temporary contract for the M11 runs out on 7 December. Caroline is to email Alex at SPT, and M11 route to be posted on noticeboard and website. Caroline had noticed that one M11 was full and urged residents to keep using it. Nick Bell noted that one had either been early or hadn't turned up. Two other residents had experiences of the bus being early. Ken Windsor noted that someone has been spotted surveying the buses' operation. Wendy Grannon reported that when she used the M11, the ticket machine hadn't been working so there was no record of journeys taken and the service could be reported as underused.

PLANNING

No planning applications have been received. A resident has noted that Cullen Packaging are preparing to erect a wind turbine and asked that the Council keeps watching for the submission of the plans.

PARKING

John Letford has arranged for KEEP CLEAR markings to be painted in Chesterfield Gardens by the end of the financial year.

Sgt Taylor noted that the police can not deal with parking issues, but can deal with vehicles causing an obstruction, such as parked across driveways – these can be reported to police.

Moira Anderson and David McGuinness reported that users of Balgray Playing Fields parking across driveways has become an issue in Leicester Avenue again: Sgt Taylor

advised that the use of parking cones by residents is quite acceptable to reinforce the road markings that already exist. Cones can be bought at Arco in Govan.

After some discussion it was agreed that double yellow lines across driveways have little deterrent effect. Councillors Letford & Scally suggested taking photos of offending vehicles; Sgt Taylor agreed that this is legal and that repeat offenders can be reported.

PLAY PARK

Nick Bell reported that an additional £4k has become available, and that a commercial company, Jupiter Play, and LES have both submitted plans.

Franny Scally got an official response to the report on the maintenance of the playpark: replacement logs are to be attached by a blacksmith by 29 November, and a tree has to be removed in order to replace the carpet, which will be done in the next 8 weeks.

Stevie Scott has given assurances that the equipment budget will not be redirected towards maintenance and repair.

John Letford noted that the maintenance and repair of the path running through the playpark is the responsibility of the city council.

MINESHAFT

A report has been submitted to the City Council via Martin Rhodes: Carol Gilbert noted that the response has not been very helpful so far, but that residents will regroup and seek further help. This is a city-wide problem.

Patricia Ferguson commented that although the Scottish Government has stated that old mineshafts are not their responsibility, she is happy to raise the issue again as it requires a nationwide approach.

Brian Lavery noted that the estimated cost of securing the shaft is £50-100k, and that East Ayrshire have treated mineshafts as a pollution issue.

John Letford: deterioration of the road surface is due to 'retread road construction' in the area, according to LES. GCC have never funded shaft location or consolidation.

Patricia Ferguson: legislation changed in the 2007 so that property buyers must be informed of mineshaft issues. Buyers since that date might be able to use this as a means of investigation.

John Letford: all elected members to try to encourage a policy shift.

RAILWAY LINE

John Letford suggested that stories about threats to the Maryhill line were scaremongering, and that the Deputy First Minister has given an assurance that the line will stay open.

Patricia Ferguson pointed out that the line is the only one in Glasgow without plans for electrification until 2019-2024, and that this brings issues of which rolling stock will be able to run on it, and whether the line will still run into Queen Street.

Carol Gilbert noted that it will be possible to make representations when the rail franchise next comes up for renewal.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Taylor noted that Ward 15 statistics were very positive: all types of violent crime had decreased substantially, and the only increases were in public consumption of alcohol and driving while disqualified.

The main concern is acquisitive crime – on beat 73, 4 police officers are patrolling, 2 in a marked car, and 2 in plain clothes and an unmarked vehicle.

Breakins come in peaks and troughs. Far more are killed on the roads than in violence, so a road safety campaign is under way, clamping down on mobile phone use in cars, disqualified drivers, seat belt use, and speeding.

Sgt Taylor asked residents to report all suspicious activity – the police would rather be pestered too much than miss what might be important leads: small pieces of info build up to a useful picture in the Scottish Intelligence Database.

Noisy gravel or chunky stones in your driveway or under your window are good as they are noisy – thieves like dark places.

Maryhill Community Police – use the 101 non-emergency number.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

John Letford asked for continued monitoring of flooding, particularly at Great Western Rd. Gullies have been moved, and pipes widened and tested for increased flow rate.

Check local grit bins and let him know if the grit is compacted or they are full of water. A representative from Cleansing will visit the January council meeting. There will be increased frequency of cleaning gullies for leaves, by 'a guy with a brush'!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance is £225.39 as at 18 October

AOB

The wall at Kelvindale Glade between Canal and Kelvindale Park is bulging badly and requires urgent attention.

Wendy Watt suggested the bowling club and Brotherton Hall as possible venues for future meetings – both would be without cost.

John Letford will look further into the issue of the handrail on Dorchester Avenue that would require adoption of the path by the city council for it to be repaired.

Residents brought up the increase in woodburning stove use around Baronald Drive, which is in a Smoke Control Area. Councillors Razaq & Letford are to follow this up.

Franny Scally suggests sending a similar letter several times rather than lots of residents signing one, as this would be registered as only one complaint.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 January

7.30pm-9pm

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