

APPROVED MINUTES :

KELVINDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

7.30pm, Thursday 18th February, 2016.

Kelvindale Bowling Club.

PRESENT: Nick Bell, Ken Windsor, Donald Braney, Anne Gasteen

Cllr John Letford, Cllr Martin Rhodes, Patricia Ferguson MSP, Wendy Watt.

1. APOLOGIES

Wendy Grannon, Claire Craig, Carol Gilbert, Lawrence King

2. Minutes of last meeting

Approved: Nick Bell

Seconded: Donald Braney

3. MATTERS ARISING

**Graffiti etc.-** Cllr Letford reported back on his walkabout with Lawrence King: A lot of photos were taken, extensive flooding was reported and all documented incidents were now in the system with some already dealt with. A Dorchester Avenue litter uptake had been carried out by LES. There was a further Issue with the state of land on Dorchester Avenue owned by a private company and LES have been asked to look into this.

**Steps from Great Western Road to Dorchester Ave** – The Council will only adopt if these are in good condition. Ownership is shared among residents of the block of flats. It was suggested that the Factor should apply to have the steps adopted as they can then negotiate with residents as to cost of any necessary work prior to adoption. There is a need to establish who Factors are and whether or not they would be willing to apply for adoption.

**Balcarres tunnel** – This relates primarily to a public safety concern and was being followed up by CJ. There is also a proposal to turn tunnels into cycle ways but this depends, in turn on, on their safety. Deferred for update from CJ in due course.

**Assistance to Bowling Club** – Request to KCC to help with attracting grants. CJ has previously suggested updating Tennis courts to attract new members. PF queried exactly what potential funding would be for as it was believed that it might be for renovation of building rather than sports' amenities.

#### 4. POLICE REPORT.

None – attendance and lack of report are to be followed up.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

**Flooding in Ripon Drive** – already covered under matters arising above, all reported.

NB suggested promoting use of **Glasgow App** to report flooding and other incidents.

**South Street Chimney** – Scotston Community Council had drafted an eloquent letter of objection detailing a number of issues and have asked for KCC endorsement. This has been agreed subject to seeing any changes to the letter before publication.

**Waste Bins in Kelvindale Road** – LK had raised the issue of replacement of / increasing the number of pole-mounted bins between Londis and the river. The general view was that the litter situation should continue to be monitored rather than request replacement now. The rationale being that any new bins would simply be vandalised as previously and would therefore be a waste of limited funds.

## 6. ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

**John Letford.** ☒ Whilst there has been no public announcement to date, there have been strong rumours to the effect that the G2 Bus service will cease on or around 23rd April due to lack of use. If so, this would contradict the assurances given to Cllr Rhodes. PF agreed to contact Stagecoach and update the Community Council. The view was expressed that the service maybe needs to be better marketed (to inform the public that this is not just a hospital route) to increase demand. (The bus joins up two parts of Ward: Maryhill and Kelvin.)

### **Martin Rhodes**

☒ Dawes Home chimney: SEPA is the regulatory body. Steam coming through the chimney (not smoke) is the result of the treatment of pulp.

☒ Budget spending priorities: the public consultation deadline is 19th February, 2016. Budget will be set 10th March. A two percent cut in funding is expected. Many functions are statutory and so there is not much leeway. Council obliged to set balanced budget. Council Tax would have to be raised by some 70% to overcome central government penalty as the bulk of funding comes from the central government grant.

### **Patricia Ferguson**

☒ Ann McTaggart's bill to allow organ donation by means of 'opt out' was defeated by 3 votes at Stage One (consideration of general principle of bill) Disappointing that the Bill was not take to the next stage in rush to pass various bills, including Education Bill, before the Scottish Parliament Elections.

☒ There had been a number of Graffiti incidents in lurid green of an offensive (rather than commemorative) nature related to 1916. These were being removed swiftly by LES and PF asked that any further sightings be reported promptly.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Balance is £813.53 (unchanged from January,2016).

## 8. PLANNING

No current issues.

## 9. AOB.

**Chair of Friends of Play Park** - thanked the KCC for its support. Formal Park opening planned for 24th April.

**Smartwater** - WW report that she had 10 names of people interested in Smartwater. Twenty required for police to organise group. It was suggested that this be promoted on website. Would need names and contacted details of interested parties. Smartwater can then be ordered at reduced rate [£15].

**Railway disruption** - KW reported that he had found Kelvindale commuters generally to be aware of railway disruption from March. PF reported that some communities were unaware of disruption. Scotrail are going to have a series of events and PF will let KCC know about these once she hears.

NB asked about how people would find out about road closures so that these could be avoided against the background of railway and subway disruption. MR suggested that this was a further argument to lobby Stagecoach to maintain the G2 Bus.

**Parking on Footpaths Bill** – PF reported that she thought this would be unworkable as it was proposed that this would depend on local judgement as to appropriateness.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Thursday, 21st April 2016

Meeting closed 20.25 pm