

KELVINDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY 2012
7.30p.m. CLEVEDEN SCHOOL

PRESENT: Caroline Johnston Nick Bell, Anne Gasteen, Wilma Adam (Chair) Moira Anderson, Wendy Gannon, Freda Gardiner,

Minutes: Claire Craig,

In attendance: Cllr.Mary Paris, Ken Windsor, Elspeth Sutton, Naomie McGinley, Robert Sutherland, Caroline Taylor, Sarah Hamilton, , Patricia Fergusson MSP, Cllr.Alex Dingwall

APOLOGIES: Lydia Leslie, David McGuinness

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approved: Anne Gasteen, Seconded: Wilma Adam

2. MATTERS ARISING

Yellow Lines - Mary reported that the lines at the top of Chesterfield Ave. were in the original plan and requested by the residents of Chesterfield Ave.

Subway in Spar - operating without incident but some litter reported.

Litter Bins - ongoing, Caroline asked Alex for another one outside Cleveden School.

Police Report - nothing received

AOB - roadworks at Kelvindale Road/Maryhill Road now finished and road open.

3. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND CONSULTATION ON RAIL SERVICES - EGIP

Patricia Fergusson MSP has written to Network Rail and the Scottish Government seeking reassurance that any increase in the number of mainline services will not result in local services being reduced or axed completely. The move could lead to rail passengers living along the line, which runs through Maryhill, Summerston, Cadder, Possilpark and Ashfield having to travel to Anniesland and change trains in order to get to Queen Street, adding up to 30 minutes to the current travelling time.

The plans to increase services between Edinburgh and Glasgow are currently being consulted upon, but the consultation document does not make it clear the impact that the change would have on local services. Patricia is concerned about the impact that the Edinburgh to Glasgow Improvement Plan could have on the train service from Anniesland to Queen Street via Ashfield.

All trains have to go through the Cowlairs Junction at the moment at that is the bottleneck - it will only become worse if the frequency of trains to Edinburgh is to be increased. To improve and update the Cowlairs Junction would cost £180 million. The rail link was introduced less than 10 years ago and she thinks that people will be unwilling to travel from many of the stations on the line if they have to go to Anniesland to change trains in order to travel to Queen Street. It could add 30 minutes on to what is currently a 4 minute journey from Ashfield. Network Rail and the Scottish Government are currently consulting on their proposals for the Glasgow to Edinburgh service, but Patricia feels that travellers are unaware of all of the consequences so how can the consultation be fair. She has written to the Minister and Transport Scotland seeking reassurance that they will not agree to proposals that could have such a detrimental affect on constituents. Patricia asked the Minister for an early meeting, but he replied he would not meet her until summer 2012, Patricia has requested an earlier meeting and has managed to secure an Members' Debate on 26th January 2012.

It was felt this is a double closure by stealth move, since the line might be earmarked for 'de facto' closure after being displaced from Queen Street High Level station to accommodate the extra trains to Edinburgh (6 per hour, two with a reduced journey time of 37mins.). This was an intention which they had intended to withhold, during the current the EGIP Consultation and would have been revealed eventually after the Consultation period had closed.

There is a human impact to the closure of these stations too, it is an arterial route for pupils at Cleveden School and probably John Paul Academy and Springburn Academy as well. What alternative arrangements will the Scottish Government be putting in place for these young people if

this line is withdrawn for example. There are only 14 stations mentioned in the document as being less than 1 mile apart when in fact 50 stations are in the same position. Kelvindale station has 100 000 passengers per year.

Mary and Alex told us about the Glasgow City Council Development Plan Consultation - The City Council is anxious to secure some progress on the long-planned Crossrail link through Glasgow. Glasgow City Council have plans for an alternative station at Collegelands (east of High Street). If Edinburgh trains were brought into a new station at Collegelands that would take the pressure off the suburban lines into Queen Street and solve the bottleneck at Cowlares Junction. Efficient public transport is an important part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Ken felt that the station closure could be successfully fought but that the logistical problem is more of a threat. Robert asked why money couldn't be spent on improving the Cowlares Junction. Nick and Freda wanted to know what we could do. Nick also said there were alternative train services into Edinburgh already and why couldn't another carriage be added to existing trains if that would work with the existing platforms.

Plan of Action - 1. sign Patricia's petition. 2. Fill-in postcards. 3. Go to www.networkrail.co.uk/egip

4. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Thanks to Caroline for all her work on the rail consultation process.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Balance on 7th December 2011; £184.97

Effective Balance; £84.97

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Licensing Board Minutes

Dog Fouling Survey

Glasgow in 2061 - can be viewed online

7. AOCB

Royal Garden Party Nominees - please inform Caroline or Mary.

Cleveden School nominated for Glasgow Secondary Sports School of the Year

Bus Lanes - Wilma asked Alex to see about getting the correct signage put up for all users.

Thanks given to our elected representatives for attending the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 16th February 2012, 7.30pm, Cleveden School

Meeting Closed 8.50pm