

# **NORTH KELVINSIDE GREEN SPACE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

## Press Release

### **LOCAL RESIDENTS TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CLEAN-UP**

**Glasgow, 19 November 2008:**

A sizeable group of local residents turned out at the former Clouston Street pitches in Maryhill on Saturday, 15 November to take part in a clean-up campaign organised by the **North Kelvinside Green Space Community Initiative**.

The clean-up was the latest step in the **North Kelvin Meadow Campaign**, organised by the **North Kelvinside Green Space Community Initiative** with a view to turning the former Clouston Street pitches turned into a community-run green space.

Commenting on Saturday's clean-up, Douglas Peacock, chairman of the **North Kelvinside Green Space Community Initiative** said: "It was great to see so many people of all ages come out and help each other clean up the land. It's what fostering a community spirit is all about."

The **North Kelvin Meadow Campaign** was launched on 13 October after Glasgow City Councillor, Jim McKechnie, rejected out-of-hand the results of a survey conducted in August by Mr Peacock. The survey clearly revealed that local residents overwhelmingly support the creation of a green space on the former pitches and oppose the Council's plan to sell the land to a property developer for the construction of 115 flats.

The Saturday clean-up lasted an hour and half and produced 60 bags of rubbish. The atmosphere was warm and friendly, helped along by the free tea and biscuits provided.

Said Mr Peacock: "Saturday was Day 1 of taking practical steps to reclaim the land for the use of the local residents. Our hope is that the council will look with fresh eyes and see the potential for this land as the local residents have."

Local resident Karen Chung added: "The turn-out was great. It really proved the strength of feeling about this piece of land. We had a lovely clear sunny morning, and just as we finished, it started to rain and a rainbow emerged – which we like to think is a sign of good things for the **North Kelvin Meadow Campaign!**"

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The **North Kelvinside Green Space Community Initiative** is now taking steps to form into a formal association to take forward the **North Kelvin Meadow Campaign**. Ultimately, the hope is to create a multi-used green space comprising allotments, a small wood, a wild meadow and a cycle track for the people of Maryhill.

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