



## Minute of meeting held on 21 January 2015 Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT: Scott Johnston (Chair) Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, John Freebairn, Jim Hutchinson, Charles Coulthard, Katharine Thomson, Jean Mclachlan, Karen Claire Voss, Yvonne Donald, John Smithston, Cheryl Marie Healy,** report for his area. Of the five wards he covers Assault and disorder

**ALSO PRESENT: Heather McVey, Jean Jones, Ch Insp David Bruce, PC Martin McInnes, Dr Murray Hardie, Margaret Tonagh, Graham Johnston (NHSL)**

**Apologies: Cllr Alan Stevenson Bill Craik**

1. **Police Report:** The Meeting was attended by Chief Inspector Bruce Area Commander and PC McInnes. Martin provided the up to date crime report for the period since the 19 November, advising that during November there were 47 crimes recorded of which 35 had been detected, with 12 remaining unsolved. The main crimes by category were theft (19) Disorder (9) and assault (5) and RTA (5) and vandalism (5). During the period of 21 Dec to 19 Jan a total of 56 crimes were recorded and 32 detected. The major categories were theft (11), drugs (12), disorder (11) and assault (9.) Ch Insp Bruce gave an overview for his area. Of the five wards he covers crimes of assault and disorder are decreasing with the exception of Kilsyth where the numbers are rising. This higher level of crime activity will result in an increase Police presence in the community over the next few weeks. Many of the recent incidents are indoors and often as a result of gatherings and parties which have “gone wrong”. There will also be an increased number of plain clothes officers deployed. Stop and search may also be employed. The Police find stop and search can help with minor detections and support youngsters before they get convictions with are with them lifelong. There will be higher visibility in the Main St Friday through Sunday.

Other issues raised for Police attention were the gathering of young people drinking etc on the land adjacent to Barrwood Rd – although with the cold weather this was likely to have been less of an issue. The Police agreed to put extra resource into this area at the weekend.

Insp. Bruce also reported that they had supported removal of the RBS plinth at the last local area Partnership forum.

The Kilsyth Police Office is being used infrequently at present and this makes it vulnerable as the footfall is being monitored. Members of the community are encouraged to use the office to report crime and concerns.

It was asked whether Sgt Corbett was still in charge as he hadn't been seen in the Main St for a while. Insp Bruce will ensure greater visibility going forward.

## **2. Special Presentation – Kilsyth Health Centre**

The meeting was attended by Graham Johnston North Lanarkshire Health Board Dr Murray Hardie Kilsyth Health Centre and Margaret Tonagh Kilsyth Health Centre to discuss and present the new health centre and facilities.

The centre is 2157m<sup>2</sup> in size, which is double the current facility, and will cost £7.8m. It is expected to open spring 2015 and is on target. Services include GP, dentist, podiatry, physio, speech and language, mental health and community nursing.

The telephone system will be run by NLHS.

There will be 140 car parking spaces. Parking will be accessed via the Airdrie Road and can be used by Garrell vale centre. The car park will be lit and there will be some CCTV security. The building is bright modern and flexible with lots of open space and artwork.

Questions and issues raised by the Council and Public included

- Linking the footpath networks in that area of the town to ensure a footway from health centre and Garrell vale – Graham will action this point
- Confirmation that there will be no Parking Charges – Graham confirmed this – No Charge
- Concerns regarding road layout and the roundabout at Airdrie Road i.e. having to turn left and go back around roundabout to head south. It was felt this will be dangerous and congested. Also how will change to road layout be communicated? Graham stated all plans had been approved and evaluated by NLC but agreed to revisit this concern.
- Does having Physio at new centre jeopardise the Cottage Hospital – Graham advised – NO
- What happens to the old centre – how will it be maintained to avoid an eyesore? Will it be demolished and land sold? Graham agreed to come back to KCC with a response.
- It was noted that there was no X-ray facility. Dr Hardie advised that with the new facility x-rays should be available in few days not weeks as at present.
- Mental Health will exist as a facility – but will not be overtly displayed at such.
- Will there be secure cycle parking – YES
- Concern was expressed about only 140 spaces? GJ said it had all been modelled and scoped out.
- Also it needs to be clear where appropriate and safe crossing points are located.

## **3. Matters arising/ General issues**

### **Registry Office**

A member of the Public questioned the closure of the Registry Office. It was pointed out that this was discussed at length in May and June meetings and that the number of users did not justify the expense and that members of the public did not need to attend Cumbernauld but could phone for an appointment and the registrar would

Come to Kilsyth. Options to locate the meeting room after the closure of Health centre include the one stop shop.

### **Out of Hours – Provision of GP Services**

There had been a series of consultation by NHS Lanarkshire on provision of GP out of Hours service,

NHS Lanarkshire held a meeting in Coatbridge on 'Out Of Hours' consultation on 4 Nov. The meeting was attended by Katharine Thompson in Coatbridge and reported that:

- Out of hours GP service in Cumbernauld is closed.
- Part of problem is cost but also there are insufficient GPs prepared to work weekends/evenings
- Normal A&E facilities remain as is – this service is for those who need to see a GP out of hours
- Two options are being explored, locating the facility in Hamilton
- Having two facilities in Hamilton and Airdrie.
- To access the facility it is still required to go via NHS 24 for an appointment.
- If necessary NHS will provide transport – e.g. Taxi

The next meeting/ consultation was on 1 Dec in St Patricks – at the Villages Forum and was attended by various members of the Community Council and Councillors Jones and McVey.

By the time the consultations had reached this stage there were only two options being considered all others were rejected. The two remaining options were for services at Hamilton and or Hamilton and Airdrie.

There was much discussion but all agreed that these two locations were not suitable for Kilsyth residents. It was also felt that the whole consultation process was flawed and forums in Kilsyth were not fully consulted. By the time the consultation process reached Kilsyth on 1 December the options were already reduced from 10 to two.

Graham Johnston advised that the consultation process had been set down by the Scottish Health Council and that NHS Lanarkshire had followed these options.

It was agreed to write to NHS and the Scottish Health Council expressing the concerns about the suitability of the options and the flawed nature of the consultation process.

### **Action Jmckerral**

A request was made to establish the number of lairs still available in Kilsyth Cemetery. It was confirmed that there were 982 spaces enough for the next 25 years.

## Core paths

Haley Andrew advised that:” As the land is not in Council ownership, we are looking to establish who the owner is (my colleagues in property services will hopefully be able to let us know soon).

There is the possibility that if the landowner is agreeable, we could undertake work, using funding from another source (that one of the constituted local groups like the Community Council / Friends of Kelvin Valley could apply for). The Access Team here would assist in applying for money and providing advice on what work is required. One such fund is administered through Paths for all and details are available here: <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/creating-paths/local-people-local-paths.html> if you would like to consider this option, please let us know and we will help where possible.

Once land ownership is established, I will get back in touch with you.”

### **Action Jmckerral**

Jean Jones advised that she had spoken with NLC and the street and road signs in Kilsyth would be cleaned in the spring.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes last Meeting:** The minutes of the November meeting were approved, proposed by Charles Coulthard and Karen Claire Vos.

It was noted that the correct spelling for the twin town is Meulan- en – Yvelines.

5. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1717.68. The Project account is unchanged at £462.79. Dates are required for future meetings to ensure we can book the Halls.

### **Action Jmckerral**

6. **Toilets**

It was agreed that the Community Council approach the Coachman and the Scarecrow to establish their interest and response to participating in a publically available toilet scheme. Both have been contacted, by the secretary, regarding possible involvement in some sort of Scheme. Both are cautious and would have conditions, but in principal would be prepared to be involved in the project. Graham Patrick will arrange a meeting with James Johnston of the Coachman in Early Feb.

### **Action J Mckerral**

## 7. QR Codes

Total cost for the project £987.71. Bill has placed the order and has requested that details be delayed until January to give Bill time to do the Text for the signs and QR codes. The signs will be covered by Community Council insurance.

Robert Pender will be asked to download the information for each landmark as the basis for the commentary on the signs. Bill will write the text and circulate to KCC members for comment. If necessary John Gordon and Anne Russell will be contacted to ensure accuracy.

**Action Bill Craik**

## 8. Conservation Area and RBS Plinth

Martin Dickson has been contacted to establish progress on removal of the plinth at the Royal Bank.

Martin Dickson confirmed that the scheme for removal of the plinth was given approval at and will be included in 2015/16 budgets.

Martin is also checking the potential option to modify and update the hording at the Main St gap site. This would include having a map of the town and the location of any publically available toilets.

**Action Janet Mckerral**

Martin has also contacted ROC, regarding vacant property but has had no response. Martin has also been pursuing this issue, via Paul Kane (NLC) and had committed to update KCC for the meeting tonight, but no response has been provided. JMCK to follow up.

**Action Janet Mckerral**

All other conservation issues on his list should be discussed with DAVE SUTTON. Dave has been asked to liaise with us (BILL CRAIK). Bill Confirmed that he had done a walk through with David and agreed to copy KCC members in on the agreed action. The main issues were high level vegetation.

**Action Bill Craik**

## 9. Communication Project:

**Robert Pender** had provided and update Face book and Twitter pages are ready. Bill Craik will circulate. (Carried forward).

**Action Bill Craik**

Training will also need to be arranged.

Ideally KCC would like to send a summary newsletter to members of the Community or wider afield o sign up for it.

Scott will do a “cut and paste” of the minutes as a trial and circulate.

It was agreed that Scott would cost up having a card delivered to each household inviting people to sign up for receiving information – via email, face book and twitter. Scott’s office will do the administration once provided with a suitable one page summary. (Carried forward).

**Action Scott Johnston**

#### **10. Vacant sites / 47 Arden Grove**

As agreed at the October meeting KCC wrote to the Scottish Parliament regarding brown field and gap sites a response was received from the Scottish Government and has been circulated by the secretary. A copy is attached to the minutes.

It was agreed that Jean Jones would speak to Shirley Linton using the letter and Arden Grove as a test case.

**Action Jean Jones**

#### **11. Planning**

There were 7 planning applications and one licensing for consideration:

14/02256/FUL - 24m SMART metering mast at Cairnbog Farm Lime Rd

14/02404/FUL - Single storey side extension 23 Livingstone Park

14/0242/AMD - non compliance (time) of 11/0117/FUL development of retail and residential units at 95 Main St

Comprises 2 ground floor class1 retail units and 1 hot food unit and 2 flats above.

14/02422/FUL - installation of ATM unit in shop front Ballmalloch Rd

14/02164/FUL - retrospective permission to erect temporary offices at 20a Garrell Rd (Clyde Scaffold)

14/02448/FUL - Erection of dwelling house on land at Woodview High Barrwood.

14/02364/FUL - Single story rear extension The Orchard Tak Ma Doon.

There were no objections.

**12.History and Heritage:** There were no reports

### **13. Reports from other Organisations:**

Rotary Club Burns supper will be held on 30 Jan in the Coachman. Heather mcVey is the speaker.

The Town Twinning association AGM will be held on 6 Feb in Stirling Rd Bowling club.

### **14. Environment:**

There will be an event in Dumbreck Marshes on 7 Feb to help with scrub clearance – adults and children welcome – contact Jasmin Caulfield Greenspace development Services.

### **14. Website:**

There were 225 visits in November with 610 page views. In Dec there were 247 visits with 531 page views. The main topics were Environment, Colzium, What's on, and contact us. Most visitors were again from the UK, Brazil.

### **15. Correspondence - None**

### **16. A.O.C.B.**

Jean Jones advised that the consultation on traffic restrictions in Kilsyth would be reissued for comment, sometime in the next few weeks.

**Action Janet Mckerral**

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**Date of next meeting 18 FEB 2015 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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