



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, John Smithston,

ALSO PRESENT: Heather McVey, Jean Jones, Alan Stevenson, Sgt Corbett, Carol Carter.

There were also a large number of people in the Public Gallery.

Apologies: Bill Craik, Cheryl Marie Healy

1. **Police Report:** The Meeting was attended by Sgt Corbett, who provided the up to date crime report for the period since 21 Jan to 18 Feb, advising that 273 incidents were reported and 52 crimes recorded of which 36 had been detected. 12 re 10 RTAs. The Police continue to work with North Lanarkshire in resolving problems of noise and disturbance and make regular joint visits to problem properties.

Sgt Corbett advised that he was moving into a different role with Police Scotland and that Sgt Andrew Dobbie (originally from Kilsyth) would be taking on responsibility for Kilsyth. The Community Council wished Sgt Corbett every success in his new role.

2. **GP OUT OF HOURS - CONSULTATION**

Carol Carter addressed the meeting regarding the proposal to change the out of Hours GP Provision which would mean residents of Kilsyth having to travel to Hamilton or Airdrie. Carol is on Kilsyth and Villages Forum and is the representative to the NHS consultation. The main points from Carols report and those from members of the Public Gallery were:

- There was only herself representing Kilsyth (we were allowed two reps to cover the number of people represented)
- The nature of the consultation did not allow for the expression of alternative views as it was a tick box pro forma. It was also designed to ensure the outcome was what had already been predetermined.
- Kilsyth makes up 2% of the Lanarkshire population so it should not be too difficult to make alternative arrangements for the Northern residents of North Lanarkshire.
- Links in Kilsyth go East to West not North to South – Historically and currently our NHS links are to Glasgow hospitals and Stirling/larbert. We see

- no reason why we cannot access these facilities for GP out of hours. There are facilities in Larbert, Stirling, Stobhill and other Glasgow hospitals/Clinics.
- The Consultation was not fit for purpose and there is insufficient community involvement.
 - NHS – have written to Queenzieburn confirming that taxis will be provided but will be means tested.
 - NHS is investing £7.8m in a new Health Centre – this could be used for Out of Hours Service.
 - If GPs are not happy to use this facility because of safety/ security could they use the space in the cottage hospital as this is manned 24/7.
 - GPs are not prepared to work outside normal working hours and their contract does not call for them to do so – the failing is with the contract drawn up by the Scottish Government.
 - The Proposal to use Airdrie/ Hamilton is not sensible as these two locations are within a few miles of each other – and not spread across the area.
 - Can Kilsyth Drs be asked to consider undertaking a local arrangement to provide out of hours facility?
 - Concern was expressed that currently the local services do not provide for wheelchair access.
 - Complaint should be made to the Scottish Health Board regarding the consultation process.

It was noted that the Community Council had already written its letter of objection to the NHS executive, Scottish Minister for Health and the Scottish Health Council.

An individual letter has also been produced and copies were made available for members of the Public gallery to sign. Copies of the letters will be available in Cants Millars and the Cross Butchers. Copies of the letter are also on the website. Details of the arrangements for objecting to the proposal will also be in the Chronicle (Subject to their agreement).

3. **Matters arising/ General issues**

New Health Centre

It was reported that there had been no response from NHS Lanarkshire regarding the issues raised at the last meeting:

- 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.
- What will happen to the old centre – how will it be maintained to avoid an eyesore? Will be demolished and land sold? Graham agreed to come back to KCC with a response.
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Graham Johnston to be asked to respond.

Action Jmckerral

Core paths

Update to be sought from Haley Andrews re progress on Path adjacent to Cavalry Park

Action Jmckerral

Bus Times

Out of date timetables are being displayed at all the bus stops in Kilsyth,

NLC will display the timetables if they are provided with them – but it is the bus company's responsibility to provide accurate information.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes last Meeting:** The minutes of the January meeting were approved, proposed by Charles Coulthard and seconded by John Smithston. It was noted there should be an amendment: that "the out of hours service in Cumbernauld is now closed".

5. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1717.68. The Project account is unchanged at £462.79. Bookings have been made for the Hall for all this year to march 2016.

6. **Toilets**

Graham Patrick met with James Johnston of the Coachman and had a positive meeting. Graham will formulate some proposals based around the Perth and Kinross scheme and discuss with NLC.

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.

In Bills absence a meeting has been arranged with R Pender for 12 March

Action J Mckerral

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. KCCwill keep a watching brief.

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. Ongoing Jmck to pick up during Bills absence.

Action J Mckerral

9. Communication Project:

Robert Pender had provided and update Face book and Twitter pages are ready. Bill Craik will circulate. (Carried forward). A meeting has now been arranged for 12 March.

Action J Mckerral

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.

Scott had costed up having a card delivered to each household inviting people to sign up for receiving information – via email, face book and twitter. However the costs would be £150 for printing 6000 cards but around £ 3680, making it too expensive. However it was agreed that KCC would contact BBs and Scouts and request their involvement. The cost could maybe be reduced to 10p per delivery.

Action Scott Johnston

10. Vacant sites / 47 Arden Grove

Jean Jones has been in discussion with Shirley Linton regarding Arden Grove and detailing the response received by KCC from Scottish Parliament as a test case.

It was noted that a further response had been received this week from The Scottish Government via Jamie Hepburn.

JMckerral to circulate.

Action Jean Jones

11.Planning:

There were two applications for consideration

15/00066/FUL - Split level side extension 77 Highcraigends

15/00165/FUL - Single storey side and rear extension 20 ladeside Drive

There were no objections.

It was noted that there was no planning report for week commencing 16 Feb.

A watching brief is to be maintained re Beltmoss quarry as they have started to remove 70kt of material. There is concern that this could breach the recent planning approval timescale for infill. Alan Stevenson to forward details.

Action Alan Stevenson

12.History and Heritage: There were no reports

13. Reports from other Organisations:

The Town Twinning association AGM will hold a Spider Drive on 27 March in Stirling Rd Bowling Club at 7.30pm.

14. Environment:

There will be an open day at Dumbreck Marsh on Sat 21 Feb from 12.30 to 3.00pm to help with scrub clearance – adults and children welcome – contact Jasmin Caulfield Greenspace development Services.

14. Website:

There were 344 visits in January with 110 page views. . 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. (Ongoing)

Action Janet Mckerral

Kcc had been approached by C in the Park regarding publicity for the brochure. Kcc cannot endorse private individual events but would be happy to support with an article similar to Civic Week.

Action Scott Johnston/Janet Mckerral

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

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