



## Minute of meeting held on 18 March 2015 Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT: Scott Johnston (Chair) Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, John Freebairn, Jim Hutchinson, Charles Coulthard, Katharine Thomson, Jean Mclachlan,**

**ALSO PRESENT: Heather McVey, Jean Jones, Alan Stevenson, Sgt Andy Dobbie, Amanda McCann, Adam McManus.**

**Apologies: Bill Craik, Cheryl Marie Healy, John Smithston**

1. **Police Report:** The Meeting was attended by Sgt Dobbie who introduced himself as the new Sergeant in charge of Kilsyth. Sgt Dobbie has been in the Police for 23 years and has worked in Airdrie and Cumbernauld. He is originally from Kilsyth. PC McManus reported the crime figures for the month. There were a total of 110 calls, 61 crime reports and 32 detections. Crimes included drug related charges, mobile phones and vandalism. Special patrols have been covering Colzium and Tak Ma Doon Road to for drug deal

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**

The meeting was updated on progress, discussions and meetings regarding the proposed changes by Lanarkshire NHS to the provision of GP OUT OF HOURS service.

- The Margot and Jean attended a consultation held by NHS in Cumbernauld regarding the proposal, and made the case that Kilsyth should be permitted to use services in either east or west as these were closer and where we had links for transport. It was felt that the consultation was for NHS to justify the Changes (which it appears they are intent on implementing) and to justify the “correctness “of the consultation and not to listen.
- Margo also made a great play of handing over a bag containing 350 letters of objection.
- At the consultation Margo also made the point that posters advertising the consultation were not adequately displayed around the town and also Charteris the Pharmacy received their notice on the day the event. There were no posters

in the library as theirs was received after the event. The Health Centre had two posters.

- It was stated at the meeting that NHS Lanarkshire would not prevent us from going to Larbert or elsewhere. But it was felt that this is too open and that we need a firm policy. The Community Council will keep pushing for this.
- The Health Council vets the consultation process at each stage and their guidelines must be adhered to. Gillian Ventura is the Lanarkshire Representative on the Scottish health Council.
- The Proposal to use Airdrie/ Hamilton been was also questioned as to its record in road traffic accidents especially at night and there were 11 accidents one serious near the centre of the one way system.
- Over 500 letters have been hand distributed to local residents, businesses etc in Town and are have been signed.
- The consultation does not close until 6 April and KCC will continue to canvass.
- The Scottish Health Council is holding a forum to review the process of the consultation on 26 March and 2 April. Margo and Janet will attend.

It was noted that the New Health Centre is expected to open on 29 April with handover on the 31 March.

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

#### **New Health Centre**

It was reported that there had now been a response from NHS Lanarkshire regarding the issues raised at the last meeting and the response is noted below:

1. The footpath to Garrell Vale will be reinstated by our contractor
2. Once current health Centre is vacated our intention will be to dispose of it and we would either board up or demolish it while that process takes place.
3. The traffic arrangements at Airdrie Road have been approved by NLC Roads department as part of our planning application process
4. We would intend to issue a newsletter locally in advance of the new Health Centre opening in April

It was agreed that a further letter should be sent regarding item 2. Leaving the building empty and boarded up at the centre of the conservation area is not acceptable.

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. Ian Jarvis is liaising with the council who are in touch with Taylor Wimpy.

**Action Jmckerral**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes last Meeting:** The minutes of the March meeting were approved, proposed by Margot MacMillan, and seconded by Jim Hutchinson. It was noted there should be an amendment on page 2: that “the Scottish Health Board should read Health Council.

4. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1717.68. The Project account is unchanged at £462.79. It is estimated that once revised bank statements have been received that the admin account balance will be £1430.99 after cheques are cashed for expenses etc.

5. **Toilets**

Graham Patrick has held meetings with James Johnston of the Coachman to progress a scheme for Kilsyth. It was also noted that in Dunblane the publically available toilets were in the library. Alan Stevenson to follow up to see if our library could be used.

**Action J Mckerral/ A Stevenson**

6. **QR Codes**

The Falkirk Sign Factory is no longer in existence and a requote for the signage for the QR Codes will be required.

Margo and Janet met with Robert Pender on 12 and he agreed to prepare addresses for face book and twitter these can be used in QR codes also.

Text for the codes is required – Jim Hutchinson may be able to help but at this stage cannot commit. If necessary John Gordon and Anne Russell will be contacted to ensure accuracy.

**Action J Mckerral**

## **7. Conservation Area and RBS Plinth**

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

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**

## **8. Communication Project:**

Following meeting on 12 March Robert Pender will provide new Face book and Twitter pages. are ready.

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. The costs would be £150 for printing 6000 cards. 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**

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

Jean Jones has been in discussion with Shirley Linton regarding issues around planning Les Stevenson Planning Manager, has offered to meet with members of the council to discuss the issues and concerns are planning. It was agreed that Les should be invited to one of our meetings.

**Action Jean Jones**

## **11.Planning:**

There were six applications for consideration

15/00241/FUL Potting shed Craigmarloch Nursery

15/00438/FUL Rear Dormer 74 Arden Grove

15/00449/FUL Rear Extension 49 Strone Gdns

15/00337/FUL Alteration and subdivision of house into two flats 54a Anton Cres

15/00279/AMD Additional 7 Houses Dawn Homes Barrwood Quarry

15/00340/FUL 4 shop units (One building) 89-91 Main ST

There were no objections.

It was noted that the council positively supported the Main St development.

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. There is still no bond in place between Pattersons and NLC and there are no drainage proposals. Alan Stevenson to Pursue with NLC and ask for update.

Jean Jones provided an update on behalf of Clyde Valley Housing regarding local developments:

- Old red sandstone Burngreen – due to start April
- Kirkland's – due to start April
- Wilson and Garden – planning still to be submitted but it is included in the SHIP
- Old Police Station – no funding- but will try again next year.

It was agreed that Police Scotland should be asked about their intentions for the site.

### **Action /J Mckerral**

## **12. History and Heritage:**

Margot Macmillan asked for an update on the Stain glass window made by the Lunch Club. Jmck/ Jean Jones advised that the window is complete and will be "Hung" in Colzium.

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

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

## **14. Environment: No Reports**

## **15. Website:**

There were 336 visits in February with 773 page views. . Most visitors were again from the UK, Brazil. Topics were Kilsyth and Colzium, What's on, and History

## **15. Correspondence**

Correspondence had been received from the Mental Health Charity asking how they could make more impact about what they can provide in the Community – as currently they find engagement hard. The letter will be passed to Yvonne Donald who has expertise in this field.

An email had also been received inviting Council members to a forum at INEOS Grangemouth on Fracking on 19 March.

16. A.O.C.B. - None

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**Date of next meeting 15 April 2015 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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