



Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 15 April 2015 Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Jim Hutchinson (chair) Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, John Freebairn, Charles Coulthard,

ALSO PRESENT: Heather McVey, Alan Stevenson, PC Matthew Gibb, PC Amanda McCann,

Apologies: Bill Craik, Cheryl Marie Healy, John Smithston, Karen Claire Vos, Scott Johnston, Jean Jones, Katherine Thomson

It was noted that Karen Claire Vos and John Smithston had tendered their resignation. The Community Council recorded its thanks to both for all the work and commitment to the Council and offered best wishes for the future.

1. **Police Report:** Margo advised the Police that had received further communication regarding activities on the Couches in Kilsyth with regard to young people on 10 April. The Police were called 3 times in three hours and failed to respond to the call, despite previous assurances that the Police would attend the site at weekends.

Around 25 people had gathered and were drinking and subsequently set fire to the trees and bushes, resulting in the fire brigade having to be called out. Had the Police responded the fire brigade would not have been required.

Police explained that calls were given a grading where 1 is immediate and 5 is lowest.

The first call was graded 3 priority, but the second was 5. The officers will take the information to HQ and advise why there was not the appropriate response.

A question was also raised about the new signage at the Sheltered Housing in Stirling Road – it was felt that this just highlighted the location of vulnerable residents.

The Police were neutral as the sign can also lead emergency services to location quickly and highlight the need for people to be aware.

Heather has written to NLC to ask the purpose of the sign and will advise.

A question was asked about enforcement of parking bays for disabled – the Police advised that “Blue” bays were enforceable, but those painted on the ground were not. Parking across NLC is due to be harmonised and the Community Council will receive a copy shortly.

During the month there were 16 calls relating to the town centre area, mainly for disorder, housebreaking and vandalism.

The main areas were top of the Main st, Rennie Rd/ Brooch. It was suggested that the free wi fi made available at the top of the Main St may have contributed to youths gathering but there is no evidence for this.

For all three wards there were 59 Calls, 35 of which have been detected.

It was noted at the Local Area Partnership that apart from crimes relating to two parties (being dealt with through ASBOs) the general level of crime is down.

2. GP OUT OF HOURS – CONSULTATION

The meeting was updated on the response from Lanarkshire NHS to the provision of GP OUT OF HOURS service. A copy of the letter from Calum Campbell the Chief Executive had been circulated and the key points are

- Over 800 people sent letters of objection and they will ensure our comments are taken into account as part of the consultation process.
- Travel and transport considerations were taken into account when the proposals were developed.
- Locations selected were best able to meet the needs of Lanarkshire and the new Health Centre cannot do this.
- The outcome of the National review undertaken by the Scottish government is awaited, meantime health boards are expected to manage their own populations and local people are to be encouraged to use local services.

During discussion it was noted that the letter did not state residents could not use other health board facilities and that people should still “ push to be sent to the most suitable for facility for them. “People should stand their ground”.

Margo advised that the key points from the Health Council Forum which she attended were

- GP contract needs national level revision. GPs not participating in out of hours provision needs addressed.
- NHS must listen rather than assume they know best
- Cross boundary flows need to be taken into account
- Local Agreements already exist with other Health Boards
- Distance to travel/infrastructure and time to travel are also important
- There has been a failure to recognise the community structures already in place eg KCC/Churches/other groups young and Old
- Process suffered from a lack of awareness

It was agreed that a further letter should be sent to the health board and to Shona Robison advising that the response is not satisfactory and that we need to use the nearest most appropriate facilities, and more fundamentally what provision has been made now that Cumbernauld out of hours has closed.

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

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3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the April meeting were approved, proposed by Charles Coultard and seconded by John Freebairn.

4. **Matters arising/ General issues /**

Road Works Airdrie Road - a progress report is to be requested from John Ashcroft.

Action Jmckerral

New Health Centre

It was agreed that a further letter should be sent regarding the plans for the Old Building as leaving the building empty and boarded up at the centre of the conservation area is not acceptable.

Graham Johnston to be asked to respond.

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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 Wimpey.

Action Jmckerral

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

5. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1400.77. The Project account is at £462.89.

The accounts require to be sent to NLC auditors and it was agreed that they would be sent without the "internal audit" normally carried out.

Available toilets were in the library. Alan Stevenson to follow up to see if our library could be used. GP advised that the library is not suitable (only one toilet).

Action J Mckerral

6. QR Codes

The Falkirk Sign Factory is no longer in existence and a requote for the signage has been received and is £1287.00 .

Text for the codes is required – Jim Hutchinson agreed that the text for the relevant locations can be lifted directly from any of his various books. Editorial assistance will be required and if necessary John Gordon and Anne Russell will be contacted to assist. It was also agreed that a grant should be sought from NLC Culture for up to £2000 to enable us to fund the work. Heather to advise details as to how to secure funding.

Action J Mckerral/Heather McVey

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)

Margo advised that we need to ensure the plinth with the poetry is preserved and moved elsewhere.

Action J Mckerral

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:

The draft Post card for circulation to all households was circulated and it was agreed that:

- The back page should be simplified to accommodate the contact us details only

- The launch should in August as before holidays would get caught up in election mail
- The website needs tested for two months before launch
- Uniformed organisations to be contacted.

9. Vacant sites / 47 Arden Grove

Jean Jones has been in discussion with Shirley Linton regarding issues around planning Les Stevenson Planning Manager, has agreed to meet with members of the council on Friday 17 April at 11 in the “one stop shop”. Jmck Charles and John will also attend.

Other items to be discussed will be complaints about woodend Farm, Ballmalloch Rd, Main st and ask for an extension to the local plan.

Local plan is due for comment by 15 May, before the next Council meet – an extension is to be requested.

Action Janet Mckerral

10. Planning:

There were two applications for consideration

15/00495/FUL - Single Storey extension Shercon South Barrwood Rd

15/00605/FUL - Attic conversion ad rear dormer 14 HighBarrwood Kilsyth

There were no objections.

Action /J Mckerral

11. 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.

12. Reports from other Organisations:

There were no reports.

13. Environment: No Reports

14. Website:

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

15. Correspondence

All correspondence has been referred to in items above.

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

Date of next meeting 17 May 2015 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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