



## **Minute of meeting held on 17 June 15 Burngreen Hall**

**PRESENT: Scott Johnston (chair), Jim Hutchinson, Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, Bill Craik, Charles Coulthard, Jean Mclaughlan, Kay Thomson, John Freebairn.**

**ALSO PRESENT: Alan Stevenson. Two representatives from Police Scotland and members of the public.**

**Apologies: Heather McVey, Jean Jones**

It was noted that Yvonne Donald apologised and also advised that she felt unable to continue as a member of the council and tendered her resignation.

1. **Police Report:** The police reported that there were 131 incidents during the month which resulted in 78 crimes being recorded. 51 of these had already been detected. Common categories of crimes included anti social behaviour domestic violence and disturbances post pub closures.

C in the Park didn't go too badly as the venue was more contained than in previous years. Later in the day things got a bit out of hand with 30 anti social tickets being handed out and there was one serious assault.

The issue of Quad bikes on the Couchees was raised with the police – as they appear to be going at speed and churning up the path ways, particularly along the “Avenue”. The Police need to be notified when the bikers are present and once they attend the site it is likely that their presence may deter the bikers.

Drug dealing on the “car park in the Sky” on the Tak Ma Doon is quieter as now dealers are aware that Police patrol the area.

## 2. **GP out of hours consultation**

The meeting was attended by Callum Campbell the Chief exec of NHS Lanarkshire and Calvin Brown Communications Manager who gave a presentation on the updated situation on the provision of GP out of hours service. A copy of the presentation they gave is attached to the minutes. There were numerous questions from the Council and the Public, the key points are:

- NHS cannot staff 5 centres as GPs will not work out of hours and they prefer to work in teams.

- Lanarkshire is one of the highest payers for GPs – but with an increasing number of family orientated Doctors most won't work at weekends etc.
- It was asked if Lanarkshire were actively recruiting Doctors and where were the Ads to be found?
- The Health Minister is undertaking a review (comments can be made via Scottish parliament web site) and this will be implemented in full by NHS Lanarkshire). The report will be available to KCC.
- If any more information is needed by the council NHS happy to provide this.
- Regarding the use of facilities which belong to adjacent Health boards – Lanarkshire has no control over these and it is fortunate that Glasgow have so far allowed access to acute services, by agreement.
- Callum hopes that cross boundary facilities will form part of the National Review.
- There is a need to widely publicise the numbers and locations of all the current services in Lanarkshire as many people are unaware of them
- Clear signage to out of hours locations required.
- Taxi facilities will be made available if necessary. (It wasn't clearly explained how this will work).
- The new model to provide Primary Care has been operated successfully elsewhere.
- Members of the Public and the Council re emphasised that Kilsyth wants East / West links and not to have to travel to unfamiliar parts of Lanarkshire.

A response has been received from the Health Council, regarding the Forum which was held during March to investigate how appropriately the consultation was conducted. A copy is attached to the minutes.

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

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

Road Works Airdrie Road - a progress report has been requested from John Ashcroft, but there has been no response.

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#### **Toilets**

Graham Patrick has held meetings with James Johnston of the Coachman to progress a scheme for Kilsyth. There were no further updates.

5. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1201.89. The Project account is at £462.89.

## 6. QR Codes

The Falkirk Sign Factory is no longer in existence and a quote 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 Anne Russell has been contacted and has forwarded our request to Ron Moorcroft, who will make contact.

It was also agreed that a grant should be sought from NLC Culture for up to £2000 to enable us to fund the work. (Ongoing)

Bill Craik agreed to meet with Robert Pender to extract some of the write up for the QR codes from the Website material.

To simplify the process it was agreed that the agreed locations for the QR codes should be emailed to all the members and each member should be allocated a couple of codes to produce a “first Pass” write up. The first “passes at QR codes” had been passed to Bill and Janet. Aim to complete during July and August.

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## 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.

Martin is awaiting some prices not only for the removal of the plinth at top of Main street but also the significant repairs required to the other two, which appear to be in terrible condition after such a relatively short space of time. When Martin has costs and timescales he will be back in touch. (Ongoing)

Bill Craik advised that Lorna Bowden has visited and is developing a programme of works.

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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. KCC will keep a watching brief. (Ongoing)

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## 8. **Communication Project:**

The Post card to be circulation in August to all households was circulated and it was agreed that:

- Scott would test the web site/ twitter/ face book with a summary of the minutes.
- Jmck would contact the uniformed organisations.
- The project account would be used to finance the project until it is depleted.

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## 9. **Vacant sites / 47 Arden Grove/Former Police Station/Health Centre**

A meeting had been held with Les Stevenson Planning Manager and members of the council on Friday 17 April at 11 in the “one stop shop” to discuss planning concerns regarding vacant sites and Arden Grove. In Kilsyth Jmck Charles and John will also attend. (Ongoing)

### **Ballmalloch Road**

Les has instructed officers to look at the site at Ballmalloch Road and to write to the owner to have the site tidied up; if that is unsuccessful, Planning will consider the use of a Section 179 Amenity Notice – (ongoing)

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## 10. **Planning:**

There were four applications for consideration

15/01166/FUL 12 Kelvin gardens- pitched roof and porch

15/00162/FUL 35 Johnston Av- double driveway

15/01057/FUL 20 Garrell Rd Change of use from vacant industrial unit to dance studio.

The council agreed that the application for the dance studio could not be supported for the same reasons as the Storehouse application last month. The area is zoned as industrial and should remain as such.

**Colzium view planning application 15/01124/Ful Inspire Scotland Change of use  
From residential/B&B to Children's residential home.**

The application to convert house at Colzium view into a residential home for young people was considered by the Council. Views were heard from residents and from Inspire Scotland, Brian Hill.

**Brian Hill Inspire presented the situation regarding the project:**

- Inspire was established nearly three years ago and the management team all previously worked with the Church Of Scotland and within the team there is over 100 years experience in working with young people in care. Brian was Head of Care
- They currently operate two homes in Lanarkshire already
- Young people come into care through the referral services and are 12- 18 years with most Children being 13- 15.
- The children are supported in the house and are expected to integrate into the local community – schools etc
- Generally all children are those who have been let down by adults and are being given the opportunity to rebuild their lives and achieve some emotional stability and develop good things in their lives.
- All children are fully risk assessed before they are accepted into the unit.
- There will be no children with criminal records
- The centre will be governed by the Care Inspectorate.
- Adults will supervise the children 24/7
- There will be max of 5 children but most likely 4.
- The children can come from anywhere – but hopefully mostly North Lanarkshire
- Staff workers will meet at a central point and travel in one car to avoid excessive parking in the area.
- There is a process involving a panel of 3/4 people who decide where children should be placed. Inspire do not pre select. Children are placed for a year and then it generally rolls over and children may stay as long as 5 years in the unit.
- Children do not stay beyond 18.
- Social workers visit every 4/6 weeks
- Children's families do not visit – so there is little extra car parking needed.
- Children will be taken to parks etc and on recreational activities like any other children of the same age

**Views Expressed from the Community Council and residents were**

- Facilities of this kind are much needed in the community, however they facility needs to be accommodated in a meaningful and acceptable way for the community
- Projects like this are required to make children part of the community.
- The lives of people will be disrupted and the safety and well being of residents will be at risk.
- The area is already congested and therefore parking could become an issue- but the premises are already a B&B with 10 rooms
- There are concerns about the amount of traffic – potentially y ambulances etc
- There are concerns that there may be young offenders and addicts using the facility.

- There is limited garden on the property – is this suitable for children – how will they get recreation?
- How will inspire protect the privacy of adjacent properties as the hedges have been removed and there is limited fencing.
- Are there opportunities for employment for new staff?

Both sides had the opportunity to fully express their views. The motion was put forward that:

It is recognised that the work is valuable, but that the location was perhaps not the best and that there were concerns by the residents as to how the home would interact with the residents and local community be supported.

However there was a counter proposal that this sort of facility is much needed and the planning application should be supported by the council. This proposal was put to the vote

The council voted with 5 votes in favour and there were 4 against, therefore no objection will be made to the planning application.

### **11. History and Heritage:**

No reports.

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

No reports.

### **13. Environment:**

Greenspace NLC had recently circulated a booklet of events and activities in the North Lanarkshire area. Despite all the countryside areas around Kilsyth and the network of linked paths – there was only one activity for Kilsyth which is scrub clearance in Dumbreck Marshes. A response is to be sent to NLC advising that the Community Council are disappointed at the lack of events and the dull nature of the one chosen. The response from Greenspace is noted below.

Thank you for contacting Greenspace Development.

We have a conservation day at Dumbreck Marsh in Kilsyth scheduled for Sunday 8 November 2015 in our Greenspace Diary 2015-16, available on our website at <http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=31573>, and hope this will be well attended by local people. In the past year, we have run two similar events at Dumbreck Marsh in June 2014 and February 2015.

Directly, we only run a limited number of public events each year, and many of the events that you see in the Greenspace Diary will be delivered by our partners in the specific areas where they operate.

Our Countryside Ranger Service provides formal and informal education opportunities, such as guided walks and talks, and we would welcome contact from any schools, colleges, church groups, youth and community groups who would like to enquire about a booking. The Rangers can be contacted on 01236 780636.

We are also seeking to develop and promote a range of health walks across Lanarkshire through our Get Walking Lanarkshire project. We are currently looking for more locations so if anyone connected with the Community Council is interested in volunteering as a health walk leader, with support and training from ourselves, please contact us at [getwalkinglanarkshire@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:getwalkinglanarkshire@northlan.gov.uk). As you have mentioned, Kilsyth has an excellent network of paths which could be used for such a programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything or have any questions.

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#### **14. Website:**

There were 206 visits in May with 507 page views. . Most visitors were again from the UK, Brazil. Topics were Kilsyth and Colzium, What's on, and History

#### **15. Correspondence**

##### **Post Office**

Communication regarding the proposal to resite the post office in 2 Backbrae st had been circulated. Comments to be passed on to the consultative body are:

- The proposed location is unsuitable as it does not allow for ease of access
- It will not facilitate wheelchair access due to restricted size
- It is too small to ensure privacy of clients
- Once post office counters move what are the plans for the sorting office?
- There are other more suitable buildings in Kilsyth.

The community council does not wish to frustrate the process but would like to meet informally with the appropriate representatives to explore the options and achieve a workable solution.

16. A.O.C.B. – The AGM minutes are available separately. The elections for the community council will be held in October when the council will be reconstituted.

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be sent to our new MP and that he should be invited to attend one of our autumn meetings.

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**Date of next meeting 19 August 2015 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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