



## Minute of meeting held on 19 August 2015 Burngreen Hall

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

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

**Apologies: Scott Johnstone**

1. **Police Report:** The police reported on the individual area that constitutes Kilsyth, in the central area there were 15 crimes of which 9 have been detected. Offences included drugs and house breaking. In the eastern area there were 4 drug related crimes and in the western area there were 20 crimes and 9 detections again drug crimes and house breakings. Police advised that most of the drug crimes involved local members of the community. The drug dealing was from within the town.

Some of the detections were as a result of an anonymous phone call which was followed up with a good result. Therefore the police reminded everyone that it is possible to report incidents and remain anonymous.

A report was made about a Yodel delivery van using the pedestrian access in the main to deliver parcels to Hassain newsagents. Access via the rear is restricted due to a locked gate. However it was felt that the driver could still park at the rear and deliver/uplift parcels using a trolley or go and collect a key if one could be made available.

The police were clear that only authorised emergency vehicles should have access to main St and will therefore follow up this incident.

A member of the public gallery raised concerns about the parking in front of Malcolm McArthurs. All the public parking spaces now have notices displayed indicating they are private parking spaces for Mcarthurs and not to be used by the public. Also company and employee cars are parked up the Station Rd to the main – causing a dangerous obstruction. Similarly they McArthurs cars are occupying all the spaces for residents in Maxwell place and impeding access for emergency vehicles.

The matter to be raised with North Lanarkshire Roads

**Action Jmckerral/ Jean Jones**

Parking outside the Dentist was again raised with The Police as it causes a lack of visibility as you approach the top of the hill at the Church. JJ advised that traffic orders for NLC are not yet published – but is aware that the issue needs resolved.

The issue of the signage at the Sheltered Housing on the Stirling Road was raised again from the Public Gallery. The Police advised that they did not have an issue but many felt it highlights the fact that there are vulnerable people living there. It was asked that Heather again raise the issue with NLC and ask for it to be monitored.

**Action Heather McVey**

It was also suggested that there needs to be a sign at the exit from the new health centre ‘to keep left’ at the exit.

**Action Jean Jones**

A member of the Public raised concerns about the safety of the road from Kilsyth via Croy to the “arches”. Mr Waters had already raised the issue with NLC who have advised that the speed limit is appropriate for a country road ie 60 mph. However the road is used extensively by HGVs coming from Kilsyth up to the motorway. The bend at the arches is dangerous and trees are obscuring the visibility. Members of the council agreed that vehicles often use excessive speed and agreed to write to NLC.

**Action Jean Jones/ Stuart McDonald**

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the June meeting were approved, proposed by Bill Craik and seconded by Charles Coultard.

3. **Matters arising/ General issues**

**Toilets**

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

It was also noted that once the Library reopens after its refurbishment there will be a toilet which is accessible to the Public i.e. library users.

4. **Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £841.60. The Project account is at £462.94. There is an outstanding uncashed cheque for £60 for Civic week.

5. **QR Codes**

The write up for the QR codes to be forwarded to Bill to complete the project by the end of Sept.

**Action All**

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

**Action J Mckerral/Bill Craik/ALL**

**6. 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.

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)

It was noted that all the issues regarding the town centre were dragging on – Martin is on sick leave and his workload is being picked up by Johnathon Smith.

**Action Janet Mckerral**

**7. Communication Project:**

The Post card to be circulated in September to all households. The BBs have been approached and it's likely they will agree but it needs to be finalised after they return from the holiday break.

**Action Janet Mckerral**

## 8. Attendance By Stuart McDonald MP

Stuart addressed the meeting and gave an overview of his background and association with Kilsyth. He has two surgeries per month – one in Kilsyth. He shares an office with Jamie Hepburn. He advised that he wants to see a town which is vibrant and growing with jobs, facilities and transport and will work hard to be effective and facilitate change. Stuart is happy to pick up issues on behalf of constituents and organisations.

Issues raised by members of the council were:

-Derelict sites – Bill briefly outlined the situation at Arden Grove. Bill will forward the papers and make the case to Stuart, which he will assess and take forward if possible.

- The Council expressed its concern about the out of hours facility being located at Hamilton, while the national review takes place.

Stuart will pick up the issue of insufficient signage to the out of hours facility. He will also feed into the National review the desire of constituents to be treated at the most appropriate facility – even if this is with another Health Board. Stuart also urged everyone to make their views about the National review known on the web site.

### **Action Jmckerral**

## 9. Planning:

There were four applications for consideration

15/01331/FUL rear extension 23 Monieburgh Cres

15/01315/FUL demolition of house and erection of 2 semi detached houses at 22 Mid barrwood.

15/01673/FUL Single storey rear extension 18 Monieburgh Cresc.

15/01537/FUL part demolition of public house and erection of 4x2 bed flats and 4x1 bed Curling Stane

The council objects to this planning application on the basis of

- The height of the development and the impact from the conservation area
- The location of the exit onto an already hazardous corner adjacent to low craigends
- The density of the number of units is high for such a small area.

The council has no object to the development of housing on the site – but the design needs to be more appropriate and access considered.

15/016575/FUL construction of run of river hydro electric scheme at Allanfauld farm.

Alan Macgergor and Glen Hydro attended the meeting to discuss the planning application to divert part of the garrrell burn from above the Lairds \loup into an underground pipe. The water will run down the pipe to exit just above Allanfauld farm and be run through a turbine to produce electricity. The scheme will produce enough power for about 280 houses and will be sold to the grid.

Water will only be diverted from the burn if there is sufficient flow of water. Generally water will not be taken in the summer.

The detailed plans were made available to the council.

There was one objection to the proposal but on a majority vote the council will support the planning application.

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

No reports.

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

No reports.

### **13. Environment:**

No reports

### **14. Website:**

There were 206 visits in the month 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**

Response to the Community Council letter regarding the proposal to resite the post office in 2 Backbrae Street received and was circulated, but basically did not answer any of the issues raised. The letter also highlighted that the sorting office had two years to run on the lease.

16. A.O.C.B. – The Annual Health Board review is to be held on 25 August in Bothwell. Margo and Jean are attending.

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**Date of next meeting 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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