



Minute of the meeting held on 20 January 2016 Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: |Scott Johnston Jim Hutchinson , Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, , Kay Thomson, Dot Clelland, Anne Mcdowall , Jane Winters, , David Gall, Charles Coulthard, Amy Jarvie, James McCormick, Jean Mclachlan

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Jones, Alan Stevenson and Police Scotland

Apologies: Heather McVey, John Freebairn, , Bill Moore, Carol Sullivan Bill Moore, Molly Keirnan

1. **Police Report:** Police Scotland reported that all in all the festive season had been relatively quiet with any incidents revolving around drinking, house parties, noise and youth gatherings. 46 crimes were reported with 28 detected. There were 5 assaults, all detected, and 6 drugs related offences all detected.

Rennie Road and Northfield continue to be problem areas.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the November 2015 meeting were approved and proposed by Margot Macmillan and seconded Charles Coultard.

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

Fly tipping at the end of west Burnside st next to the old sewage works has been highlighted by the public as an ongoing issue. Jean Jones to report.

Rendering is ready to fall off the old Coop building and is likely to cause injury. Jean Jones to advise Clyde Valley

Jean Jones is meeting with Ken Forbes Cemeteries manager to discuss the head stones and webbing issues.

James McCormick asked if the Community Council supported local initiatives such as the Food Bank. The KCC will be willing to help as appropriate and the Food Bank should contact the secretary with any requests for support.

Clarity was sought regarding procedures at the local schools in the event of children being bullied. Jean Jones and Jim Hutchinson outlined what the formal procedure should be, from internal investigation and resolution through to independent investigation and mediation if necessary. Jean Jones to send the procedure to James.

Action Jean Jones

Outdoor Gym

It was suggested that Kilsyth should be considering an open air gym. The gym is fitted with unmoveable vandal proof equipment.

David Gall had investigated the possibilities and there are a number of companies who provide equipment and the cost would be around £10k plus installation.

David and Jean Jones met with John Whittaker who advised that NLC will help to maintain the Gym, but that there would be no funding available from NLC.

- The ideal location for the gym would be Burngreen next to the children's play area
- It needs to be visible
- A location on the ash park or grass is better
- NLC will provide a letter of support
- WREN application to be completed
- Ellen Archibald will also liaise with Jean re potential funders and she could potentially help with completing grant forms
- Leader project also to be considered (but needs us to pay upfront) and Sports Scotland
- Francis O'Connor may also be a useful source of information

It was agreed that the project should be scoped out and pricing should include the base and fencing. Bids should then be sought on a turnkey basis from three suppliers.

Amy Jarvie reported that she had undertaken the survey of pupils at the Academy as to whether they would use the Gym and received good responses – around 24% of students would use the facility. Some had concerns about the weather. Some had no concept of what an outdoor gym was.

It was noted that Airdrie already has an outdoor gym and we should post a picture on our face book page and ask for likes.

Amy to send the details of the survey to David and use this as part of the grant submissions.

Action D Gall/Amy Jarvie/jean Jones/

4. Treasurers Report.

The Administration account currently stands at £1961.59. The Project account is at £463.04. There is will be £62 for next year's let and insurance and fees from Robert Pender still to pay.

5. QR Codes

The write up for the QR codes have been forwarded to Bill who has met with Haven signs and the project is progressing. (Ongoing) .

Action Bill Craik

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)

Action J Mckerral/Bill Craik/ALL

6. Conservation Area/ RBS Plinth/ Main St

Jean Jones will meet with Lorna Bowden to get an update on the Community engagement plan and advise that a delay in circulating the Town Centre report is unacceptable. Jean Jones (carried over).

Action Jean Jones

7. Communication Project:

The Post card to be circulated in the school week to all households. The BBs have agreed to distribute. It was agreed to make a donation of £200. It was agreed to modify PC to exclude reference to Twitter.

Action Janet Mckerral

8. Planning:

There were seven applications for consideration

15/02415/ADV - Facia at ATM 4 Market St

15/02350/FUL - single storey extension 6 Highland Park

15/02341/FUL - detached dwelling at Balcastle Farm

15/02541/FUL - Colzium House - renovation and development of clock theatre

15/02541/CLP - conversion of garage to habitable room 22 Curlers Loan

15/02503/FUL - erection of 4 dwelling houses - Former car park 33/52 Barrwood Road

15/02463/ppp - in principle erection of dwelling house Torvaig Tak Ma Doon Rd

All planning applications were discussed. Concern was raised about the access for the planning application of a dwelling house at Torvaig.

The application for proposed dwelling at Balcastle road is on greenbelt and KCC have already objected to previous applications for development in this area. It was agreed that an objection to this application will be sent.

Action J Mckerral

It was noted that the for sale sign had been removed from the Police Station. Jean Jones to check if there is any progress.

It was also agreed to write to Police Scotland Facilities and ask that they seek permission to demolish the building and soil and seed the site.

Action J Jones/J Mckerral

Woodend Farm

Complaints regarding activities at woodend are ongoing and the landowner is again quarrying large rocks and removing them from the site and digging up the area leaving paths disrupted.

Jean Jones will spoke to planning and SEPA who have now written to R Chalmers. The landowner has been given 28 days to respond and then may be asked to cease activities.

If activity continues a letter will be sent to HSE regarding the activities of the landowner and Tradstock – both have a duty of care and the site and activities are dangerous with large piles of unstable rocks and heavy goods crossing.

Areas around woodend farm also appear on the call for sites consultation and KCC need to ensure it formally objects when the full consultation is issued in spring. Other potential sites for development are on the website.

Action Jean Jones/JMckerral

Concern was raised that work to infill Beltmoss has not yet started. It was agreed to write to Pattersons for an update.

Action JMckerral

11. History and Heritage:

Much of the old interior of the Whitehouse remains in storage, held by the community council. It was suggested that some of this could be used by NLC in the new interpretation centre in Colzium.

Alan Stevenson will contact NL culture about these and the Piper Paintings.

Action Alan Stevenson

12. Reports from other Organisations:

Rotary Club will hold its annual Burns Supper on 29 Jan in the Coachman.

Town Twinning association will hold its AGM on the 28 Jan.

13. Environment:

Bug life have identified rare Mud Snails in the Kelvin Valley and are applying for lottery funding to run a schools project and programme of conservation. They have asked for support for the project and KCC secretary has already sent this.

14. Website:

There were 317 visits in the month of November with 663 page views. Most visitors were again from the UK, US and Canada. Topics viewed included Kilsyth and Colzium, What's on, and views of the minutes.

In December there were 258 visitors with 502 page views.

Other requests via the web site were from the Sub aqua club looking for accommodation for a meeting. They were directed to the Health centre that has meeting facilities.

15. Correspondence – See environment

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16. A.O.C.B.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the dentist on the highraigends asking them to advise patients to park off road in any of the adjacent parking areas.

Action JMckerral

Date of next meeting 17 February 2016 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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