



## Minute of the meeting held on 20 April 2016 Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT:** |Scott Johnston, Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, Jane Winters, John Freebairn, Amy Jarvie, Bill Moore, Jean Mclachlan, Carol Sullivan, David Gall, Bill Craik, James McCormack, Anne McDowall

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean Jones, Alan Stevenson, PC Brian Lennon, PC Laura Anderson

**Apologies:** Molly Kiernan, Dot Clelland, Charles Coulthard Jim Hutchinson, Kay Thomson,

1. **Police Report:** The Police report did not highlight any major worrying developments; crimes included theft of metal from buildings and house breakings. Members of the public are reminded to keep windows closed – especially as we come into summer.

The Police will investigate an incident reported to them regarding youths at the RBS cash line who were intimidating users by asking about their credit cards and being antisocial.

There were no major youth disorder incidents and a few incidents in “scatter flats” of antisocial behaviour.

It was noted that scatter flats are used as temporary accommodation to house people who have been made homeless and are awaiting rehousing. Most Scatter flats (90) in Kilsyth cause no problems.

Jean Jones advised that a company providing health care solutions has been reported to the Data Commissioner and to David Bruce. The company operates out of Ayrshire and appear to have information regarding the medical history of individuals they are targeting. The company pressurises people to take expensive health care equipment on a free trial, but then locks them into an expensive contract. The company also creates the impression of associated with the Health Board and Social Work.

Jean has posted details on her face book page. Bill Craik will ensure details are posted on KCC page.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved and proposed by Margo MacMillan and seconded by Jean McLachlan.

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

KCC to send best wishes and thanks to Bill Moore, who has moved back to Ireland and will therefore, not be at future meetings.

A prompt response had been provided by NLC to the issue of litter around St Paricks School, outlining how the problem had arisen and the actions taken to resolve the situation. Mr F Weige, who raised the issue, has been advised.

NLC advised “What appears to have happened is that the developer of the new council houses on the former school site has removed what was the school site boundary fence, which has exposed a section of land that was within the building site and is now for all intents and purposes within the Open space. This leaves an area of unmaintained land within the open space adjacent to one of the paths leading to the school which is heavily littered.

Arrangements have been made to litter pick the area and in the near future we’ll sort out the ground and incorporate it into the open space/mowing regime. Additionally the fence that was removed formed one side of the fence surrounding the play area; the Play area maintenance team will make arrangements to re-instate a fence along the boundary of the play area in-keeping with the existing fence on the other 3 sides.

The other pathways adjacent to the school were clear of litter when I visited. “

#### **Glass Bins**

Some areas of Stirling Road/ Tak ma Doon Rd appear to be omitted from green bin pick up.

JJ advised that those concerned check the website and if they are covered residents should request a green bin and then report if not uplifted.

#### **Bogside**

Jean Jones advised that discussions are underway with Clyde Valley regarding the mound of earth and rubble at Bogside.

#### **Funding Workshop**

There will be a workshop in Burngreen Hall on Wed 3 May from 3.30 to 6.30 to look at the funding/ grant opportunities available to community groups.

#### **Outdoor Gym**

It was suggest that Kilsyth should be considering an open air gym. The gym is fitted with un moveable vandal proof equipment.

David Gall had circulated details of the costs from two providers. It was agreed to make a grant application and also to seek funding via Martin Dickson.

It was agreed to progress grant funding and a meeting will be arranged with Scott/David/Janet.

**Action J Mckerral**

#### **4. Treasurers Report.**

The Administration account currently stands at £1796.74. The Project account is at £463.04. The £73.04 for next year's insurance has been paid. Robert Pender still to be paid and also the BBs for delivering the post cards. JMck to ask Charles to raise invoice.

Charles is also preparing the accounts for audit.

#### **5. QR Codes**

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 to clarify the current status on quotes and benchmark with Sign of the Times in Kirkintilloch.

**Action Bill Craik**

#### **6. Conservation Area/ RBS Plinth/ Main St**

Bill has raised the issue of hanging vegetation in the main street with planners to attempt to get some action in removing it.

**Action Bill Craik**

Rotary have offered to sponsor a scheme of seasonal planting of the shrub bed across from the Coachman.

#### **7. Communication Project:**

The Post card had been circulated

## **8. Planning:**

There undernoted applications were considered and there were no objections

Home Bargains – request to extend floor space allocated to alcoholic beverages.

16/00739/FUL – Register Road – 1.5 storey extension.

16/00507/FUL – Garrell Road Renewal of permission for concrete batching plant

## **Beltmoss**

SEPA have been investigating apparent dumping of concrete sludge into the west side of the quarry, as Pattersons do not have a waste management licence to do this.

A drainage plan has been submitted by Pattersons and there is no immediate move to infill.

Alan to provide summary of any relevant concerns or issues that arise from the submission of waste management application.

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

Scott advised the meeting that NLC were unable to use the materials from the Whitehouse in their display at Summerlee. Alan Stevenson will raise with NL Culture and try to have them stored.

**Action Alan Stevenson**

Kilsyth Heritage group have organised an exhibition to commemorate the 140 anniversary of Kilsyth Primary school, supported by the Heritage Lottery and have offered some places to the community council for 21 June at 9.30. Places require to be pre booked.

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

Kilsyth and Villages forum

It was agreed that KCC would attempt to be represented at the Villages forum to ensure appropriate input into discussions about local matters not covered by the community council. Bill Craik will attend the next meeting on 6 June

## **13. Environment:**

It was noted that 47 Arden Grove had been put up for sale.

#### 14. Website:

There were 283 visits in the month of March with 564 page views. Most visitors were again from the UK, USA and Canada. Topics viewed included Kilsyth and Colzium, What's on, and Health Directory.

#### 15. Correspondence

##### **Bug Life**

Buglife are currently working on the project 'North Lanarkshire's Buzzing' that aims to create native wildflower grassland meadows in several parks across North Lanarkshire. For more information about this project:

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/campaigns-and-our-work/habitat-projects/north-lanarkshires-buzzing>. Additionally, through this project we are running 'bug walks' and other fun activities for all ages and abilities to raise awareness of the importance of grasslands and meadows for our invertebrates and other wildlife. These walks will train people in how to identify to species level the commonly seen pollinating insects and other bugs and this will ultimately help to improve the number of records of wildlife for the area. It will be a useful educational tool for learning about the natural world. I am contacting you to ask whether your group would like to take part in a walk or a range of activities. The first of these walks is happening on the 23 of July but is open to rearrangement if need be. It will be taking place in the Kilsyth area. A prospective site is Bogside Park next To St Patricks Primary school. Trapping equipment (nets, jars, etc) and spotting sheets will be provided by us. The event will last for 2 hours.

#### 16. A.O.C.B.

It was agreed to take out an advert in the Civic week brochure at a cost of £60.

There is a burst Mains at Colzium (ladeside) which has been ongoing for months and needs to be completed.

Stuart Grainger to be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue of the crossing at the Garrell Road.

Concerns were raised regarding the activity of both Kelvin Valley Honey and the Community garden projects, both of which have secured significant Government funding, but the community has seen no benefit, Communication about these concerns to be sent to the Scottish Parliament.

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**Date of next meeting 18 May 2016 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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