



Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: |Scott Johnston, Margot MacMillan, Janet McKerral, Jane Winters, John Freebairn, Amy Jarvie, Carol Sullivan, James McCormack, Jim Hutchinson, Kay Thomson, Charles Coultard.

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Jones, Heather McVey, PC Stewart Marshall, PC Albert Croll

Apologies: Molly Kiernan, Dot Clelland, Jean Mclachlan, Alan Stevenson ,

1. **Police Report**

The Police reported 329 incidents last month, resulting in 78 crimes. There were 15 assaults (minor) and one serious, which is an ongoing investigation. 17 thefts and 11 incidents of vandalism are included in the figures. There were also 5 drug related offences.

The Police were asked to increase patrols around Colzium as youths were gathering in the children's play area and drinking heavily and leaving litter and debris.

Lidl car park was again highlighted by the public as an area for concern with "boy racers" using the car park for manoeuvres and loud music.

It was agreed that the Community Council would approach Lidl and ask them to consider a barrier or bollard system when the car park is not in use.

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 John Freebairn.

The amount in the admin account reported in the minutes will be amended – an extra zero had been added!

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

Stuart Grainger had been invited to attend the meeting but advised he was unable to attend and asked that we put our concerns regarding roads etc in writing.

It was agreed that he should be invited again advising that we wished to have a discussion regarding the options for a pedestrian crossing when members of the public could be present.

Action J Mckerral

Proposals for traffic restrictions in Kilsyth will be published in August to allow community councils to comment on the return from the summer break.

Plans for the new equipment for the Burngreen play park were circulated at the meeting and were commented on favourably.

Outdoor Gym

David Gall had advised that he is moving to Cumbernauld, but would still be prepared to assist with the green gym project. David will remain on the council as a co-opted member.

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 £1596.74. The Project account is at £463.09. The invoice for the postcards has still to be received.

Charles also reported that the accounts have been audited and have a clean bill of health.

It was also agreed that the accounts should be published on the website.

Action C Coulthard

It was agreed that the cheque for the BBs would be paid as a donation out of the project account.

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. JMck to contact Bill.

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

7. Planning:

There undernoted applications were considered and there were no objections

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

16/00936/PRA – Base Station at Allanfauld Farm.

16/00856/AMD – Amendment to House Types at Barrwood Quarry.

Local Development Plan

Comments are required by the 16 June from Community Councils – but the information provided by NLC was unclear as to how/ what comments were expected. The local plan includes “call for sites” and Woodend is included as new site for development.

It was agreed that further clarity was needed and that Shirley Linton should be invited to the June meeting and an extension should be sought.

Action J Mckerral

Auchinstarry

At some point in the Waterways Board would be happy to explore the possibility to develop the old stables at the canal subject to being given rights of access by Woodend Farm. Waterways Board would be happy to come and discuss possibilities at a future meeting. A date to be set in the Autumn programme.

Action J Mckerral

Beltmoss

No further action is required by the community council at this stage but a “watching brief will be maintained.

11. History and Heritage:

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. All who have attended so far have agreed it was good exhibition.

Anyone wishing to attend should call Anne Russell.

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

Town |Twinning

The Annual visit of the party from France will be from the 26 to 30 May.

The itinerary will involve a trip to Stirling a canal trip and ceilidh. There will be 15 visiting young people.

13. Environment:

There were no reports.

14. Website:

There were 364 visits in the month of April with 757 page views. These figures are up about 25% which suggests that the communication programme has had a positive effect.

Most visitors were again from the UK, USA and Canada. Topics viewed included Kilsyth and Colzium, What's on, and Health Directory.

Civic week will also be added to the website.

15. Correspondence

Margo advised that Elspeth McKenzie had been provided with information regarding The Sheiling and Elspeth and John Ferguson are now in touch with one another and Mrs McKenzie was very appreciative of the help in tracking down relatives and history of Kilsyth.

16. A.O.C.B.

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

Details of NLC care and repair package was circulated.

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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 has been sent to the Audit Commission who have acknowledged our communication.

Date of next meeting 15 June 2016 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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