



Minute of the meeting held on 16 November 2016 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Scott Johnston, Janet Mckerral, Margot MacMillan, Amy Jarvie, Charles Coultard, Bill Craik, Jane Winters, Kay Thomson, Jim Hutchison

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Jones, Alan Stevenson, Norrie Inness ROC

Apologies, Jean MacLachlan, Dot Clelland, Carol Sullivan, lyndsey Bastion Heather McVey

1. Presentation By Norrie Innes – ROC on the old Cooperative Building

Norrie Innes attended the meeting and presented his floor plan for the new project, which is called KAaD- Kilsyth Art and design. The key points arising were:

- Norrie outlined the basis of the development of the CO - OP building in the main street, as being three phases the café at the south end , the mid section flatted development in conjunction with CVHA, and the North end being a flexible space for incubation start up businesses and festival/art/pop up facility.
- No financial information or business plan was presented to the Council.
- Clarification on the planning status was requested since the proposed plan was significantly different from previous plans and Norrie Had indicated a start date of Feb with completion by March.
- Norrie was asked to clarify the situation with CVHA - Norrie indicated that Clyde Valley had approval, but as far as KCC were aware the site was not in the forthcoming SHIP.
- The Total Sq footage allocated to the "arts centre" as it seemed a small area, Norrie to clarify the sq footage
- The Council also expressed the view that developing the whole building for housing would be a more appropriate development for Kilsyth Main ST
- The Council also queried the demand for such space, as at present poor transport links elsewhere would make the project reliant on Kilsyth population only. The sustainability of the project was questioned.
- Norrie confirmed that additional funding from other social enterprise bodies would be required and the other partners (currently involved in BAaD) would be involved

No financial information was provided, there was insufficient information to make any substantive comment on the viability and benefit of the project, but had concerns on the sustainability were discussed. The Community Council support the development of the site, particularly if the entire site was allocated to housing. It was also noted that the application required a high level of funding from leader, with even higher levels to come from other grant bodies.

2. **Police Report**

There was no police report

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of last Meeting**

The minutes of the September meeting were proposed by Charles Coultard and seconded by Amy Jarvie.

4. **Withdrawal of routes X86 and 24**

The campaign continues with letters having been received from MSPs and Transport minister and first bus. The Correspondence confirmed that future of the 4b will depend on financial performance rather than passenger numbers and will be reviewed after six months.

- First Bus believes that the current scheduling of services allows sufficient time for changes (10 mins) and transfers. Comments from the Public are invited and will be fed back to MSP J Hepburn.
- Correspondence to be sent to the Transport minister requesting involvement in the Transport Bill during the next session of Parliament.

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

Outdoor Gym

Dot Clelland advised that she may have a contact that could be approached to assist with the project.

Action Dot Clelland

Jean and Margot were unable to attend the Health Board annual review due to difficulties with transport.

Concerns were raised about the closure of the Croy Kilsyth Road at the same time as roadworks on the Dullatur road.

6. Treasurers Report.

The Administration account currently stands at £2064.50. The Project account is at £463.21

7. QR Codes

The QR codes have been given to the printers.

Groundwork for the location of the poles has been agreed with Willie Thompson (took over from John Whittaker).

Lynsey Bastion and Bill have been working through the codes and these are now converted to Publisher and are almost ready” to go”.

Scott will then arrange for ground work and positioning to be completed.

Action Bill Craik/Lynsey Bastion/scott Johnston

7. Planning:

There undernoted applications were considered:

There were no objections to the following

16/02080/FUL Change of use open space to garden at 27 Ladeside Dr.

16/02032/ADV ATM signage 39 Main ST

16/02143/FUL – Former Police Station

Plans were displayed of the proposed development on the Police Station site by Clyde Valley Housing Association.

The Community Council is very supportive of the development of the site for housing. However, it was agreed the proposed design and layout of the site is entirely unacceptable and aesthetically unpleasing. This is a key location in the town and therefore any development needs to reflect this in its design and quality.

See below the extract from our comments on the local plan submitted this year.

"The community council wishes the following comments to be noted in the consultation.

The site at Parkfoot Street is a strategic and Prime location in the heart of Kilsyth and it therefore of paramount importance that any future planning application recognises this and that the development

- Is sympathetic to the surroundings and recognises the importance of the location.
- Adds value to the community bringing benefit and enhancing the visual appeal of the centre of the town
- Is High quality with the use of appropriate natural materials and "fits with adjacent developments
- Is supportive of the existing commercial activities within the town, adding value to the community

In an ideal situation the Community Council would support residential development, including social housing as a priority."

The proposed design for the site does not meet any of these criteria.

While supporting the principal of the development of the site the Community Council objects to the current planning application on the basis of design and layout.

It was agreed to write to planning and to invite John Turnbull to the next meeting in January.

Action J Mckerral

11. History and Heritage:

The Heritage group will meet again on the 17 Nov and Margot will attend and will bring up the following requests

The courtyard fountain should be restored and brought back into use

The search should continue for a portrait presented by Col Boyle

Arrangements for "Whitehouse contents

Location/use for the seats which came from the Kings Theatre

Roman alters which went to the Hunterian has been found and will now go to Colzium house.

A bronze statue will also be restored and returned to Colzium,

The missing "provost Callaghan" has been replaced with an alternative picture provided by WM Chalmers.

Gibson paintings will be moved from North Lanarkshire and be put on display in the "clock theatre/ Colzium.

One of the paintings needs the frame restored and it was agreed that the community council would contribute to the cost and take the money from the Project fund. Margo advised that no definite cost had been provided to restore the "fisher Girl" but NLC

had indicated it could be up to £1000. Decision will be held over until costs are available.

There are also some artefacts from the Whitehouse which should be earmarked for Colzium, including the Cahiers Booth, with leaded glass and half a counter.

Margot to speak to NL and ensure the artefacts come back to Kilsyth

. Action Margot McMillan

Dot had produced copies of the Piper Paintings and an example was circulated at the meeting. Arrangements to have them displayed in Colzium or elsewhere will be followed up. Consideration will also be given to making smaller prints for sale for KCC funds.

Action Dot Clelland

Clock Theatre

Work is well underway and the car park and disabled facilities are complete. The Cafe is scheduled for completion in February, with the interpretation and Audio visual complete in April. The clock will open April to Sept. Total expenditure is £800k. Margo advised that the roof is nearly complete and the bell will be displayed inside.

12. Reports from other Organisations:

The Town Twinning will be bag packing on 3 DEC at COOP

The Rotary Club annual dinner is on 18 Nov in Coachman – Scott will take a table.

Villages Forum

Kilsyth and Villages forum next meeting is 5 Dec Lorna Bowden. Linda Wilson and consultants will attend to discuss the next plan.

13. Environment: No reports

14. Website:

The number of visits in October was 339 visits. Visitors were mainly UK, then Canada and the USA, but also included Chile and Finland. The most viewed topics were Colzium, landmarks and minutes.

15. Correspondence;

Communication had been received regarding dog walker accessibility to the new Colzium Clock facility. Lyndsey Bastion had advised (via email) that Parks with Dog friendly facilities were listed on a special dog owner's web site and that this generated more visitors.

KCC supported this and a request will be sent to NLC – Gillian Ferry

16. A.O.C.B:

There was continued concern about the crossing situation at Lidl/ Garrell rd. It was agreed to invite David Smart to our meeting and to undertake a site investigation. It was reported that David had declined to attend but advised that the survey is being undertaken.

Date of next meeting 18 January 2017 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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