



## **Minute of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 in Burngreen Hall**

**PRESENT: Scott Johnston, Janet Mckerral, Margot MacMillan, Kay Thomson, Jim Hutchison, Lynsey Bastion, Bill Craik. Amy Jarvie, Jean McLachlan, John Freebairn, James McCormack**

**ALSO PRESENT: Jean Jones, Mark Carr and Police Scotland**

**Apologies Jane Winters, Charles Coultard, Heather Mcvey, Dot Clelland, Carol Sullivan**

### **1. Police Report**

PC Cole and Cloherty reported that the new community Policing team was now in place. Officers were out and about on foot and on bicycle and were patrolling identified trouble spots. The team is settling in and will update on progress at the next meeting.

During June Police will be paying particular attention to adults buying drink for underage children. The campaign is “you are asking for it”. There has already been one prosecution. It is part of the effort to tackle youth underage drinking. People buying for teenagers will be charged.

During last month there were 27 crimes of which 14 have been detected. Area such as Colzium has been marked for extra attention and patrols. Extra patrols were also requested for St Pat’s playing fields where older drinkers were reportedly picking on younger children.

Barriers at Colzium entry could solve some of the problem – Jean Jones advised that NLC were looking into this as part of the Clock Development.

KCC to write to lidl re putting a barrier across their car park to deter the car cruisers.

### **2. Matters from the public gallery – Bullying in schools**

Several members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns about bullying in Kilsyth schools, which they believed was not being dealt with in an effective manner, leaving parents with the problem of finding alternative schools for those affected.

There was also a lack of clarity on NLC policy on bullying as several members of the public had been unable to obtain a copy.

Where bullying continued out with the School, teachers are unable to deal with this and it becomes a Police matter

The Police advised they were sympathetic to the problem and have offered to do anti bullying workshops in schools. Not all schools in Kilsyth had taken up the offer. The Police also advised it was a difficult issue for them to deal with as often there was no evidence and where social media is involved there is often no traceability.

It was agreed that the education officer (David Smart) and Head teachers should be invited to the next meeting to discuss the problem and to provide clarity on the policy. Elected members will also lend support to the request.

### **Action J Mckerral**

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

Heather Mcvey had met with NLC to discuss a coordinated approach to publicising events in North Lanarkshire. Bill Craik highlighted that in this year's Arts and Action there was nothing on in Kilsyth.

#### **4. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved, proposed by Bill Craik and seconded by Kay Thompson.

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

The Admin account balance is £ 1948.89 and the project account balance is £463.33. The accounts have been lodged with the auditor.

#### **6. QR Codes**

Bill advised that the QR codes are ready for delivery and Scott will arrange installation. Bill and Scott will liaise regarding a suitable date.

Bill advised that the write up for each of the QR codes is required for the website. Jim Hutchison gave permission to use any information on the History to be taken from his publication.

Bill to liaise with Anne Russell and Jim H regarding the text for the codes.

### **Action Bill Craik /Lynsey Bastion/scott Johnston**

#### **7. Planning**

Applications considered were-The undernoted applications were considered:

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**Woodend Farm**

It was reported that Councillors Jones McVey and Janet Mckerral ,met with Dez Murray and Les Stevenson regarding activities at Woodend. An enforcement order will be issued effective from 1 June. Any activity after that date should be reported to NLC Planning. The owner does have the right to appeal.

It was also noted that the three brownfield sites which continue cause concern are Main St, Ballmalloch Rd and the old Scythe site.

#### **8. History and Heritage:**

Correspondence had been received by Margo from friends of Colzium who are looking for KCC to support their grant application to upgrade the entrance / gateway and signage into Colzium. The signage will state what the amenities are and will be in keeping with other signs in Colzium. KCC gave its full support to the project.

Colzium clock will open bank holiday weekend.

#### **9. Environment – Fracking**

This topic had been discussed at the Villages form and a document will be sent as part of the consultation highlighting issues for concern and consideration. Bill will circulate the response.

It was agreed that members of KCC should make their own individual responses to the consultation.

#### **Garrel Burn**

Jean Jones to clarify the work being done in the Garrell Burn (By consultants) and what the remit is.

**Action Jean Jones**

#### **10. Website**

The number of visits in April was 299 visits and 709 pages. Visitors were mainly UK. 25% of visitors were new to the website. Glasgow then London and Surrey, The most viewed topics were Colzium, What's on and Hairdressing. 46% of visits were from mobiles.

Dementia support group activities to be added to the website. Jim Hutchison had visited the group and they appear to be a group providing good support and value to the community.

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

A presentation will be made at the villages forum on 5 June by the consultants involved in the Town centre activities report. Gillian Farrar and Linda Wilson will be there.

It was agreed to invite them to make a presentation to KCC on 21 June.

**Action J Mckerral**

It was noted that the Town Twinning will go to France at the end of the month and that next year is the 50 Th anniversaries. Historical archive material is being prepared and it was noted that the archivists at NLC had been very helpful.

**12. Correspondence**

See History and Heritage.

**13. A.O.C.B**

Civic week – it was agreed that KCC would take a page advert in the brochure, details as per previous year.

Congratulations were expressed to the elected members following the recent elections.

A note of thanks to be sent to Alan Stevenson for his input into KCC and express the hope he would continue to serve as a co-opted member.

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**Date of next meeting 21 June 2017 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

**Chairman: Scott Johnson**

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