



Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on 21 June 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, Jane Winters, Charles Coultard, Carol Sullivan, Alan Stevenson.

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Jones, Mark Carr and David Craig NLC

Apologies Heather Mcvey, Dot Clelland, Police Scotland

1. Police Report

There was no Police Report as the shift pattern this week prevented anyone attending.

The issue of “joy riders in Lidl car park was again raised by members of the Public Gallery and registration numbers for the main offenders were provided and will be forwarded to Police Scotland.

It was noted that discussions had already been held with Lidl and the problem is that the car park access is shared and also Lidl receive overnight deliveries.

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

Parking outside the dentist on the double yellows was raised again. The double yellows needs to be enforced by NLC enforcement.

2. Bullying in schools – presentation by NLC on Bullying Policy

Several members of the public attended the last meeting to raise concerns about bullying in Kilsyth schools, which they believed was not being dealt with in an effective manner. David Craig Education officer for NLC had been invited to explain NLC Policy and what schools should be doing. Copies of the Anti Bullying Policy were circulated to all present at the meeting.

David is Education Officer with NLC and covers North North Lanarkshire schools. He is supported by a team who are there to support and challenge schools in support of zero tolerance to Bullying. The policy produced in 2012 and revised in 2016, has resources for Parents, children, teachers and contains workshops and tool kits.

Individual cases will not be discussed and therefore it was not viewed as appropriate to have individual head teachers present.

Every school in N Lanarkshire (from Nursery to Secondary) will have in place its own policy and all incidents are recorded, and details sent to David. Analysis of the stats do not show any spikes in the trendline, nor do they suggest that Kilsyth is leading in any of the stats.

Instances of bullying should be raised initially with the head teacher of the school concerned as the first stage of the procedure. There is then the local Authority Complaints procedure as a next step and also parents can involve the school parent council

It was also noted that there is a separate policy for handling disciplinary action.

Feedback and Comments were made to David from

- Former head teachers
- Former pupils
- Member of Parent teachers council
- Parents
- Councillors

Key issues which David will feedback to schools arising from the discussions are

- Lack of feedback and communication on complaints raised
- Training of guidance staff
- Cascading full understanding of the policy to all staff in schools
- Pupil lack of confidence in guidance teachers ability to act on complaints (many raised the issues with pupil mentors (MVP)
- Guidance teachers ignoring complaints made by pupils
- Has the policy been implemented in private sector nurseries
- Better communication between primary and secondary on “known cases of bullying”

Davis will feedback these issues to the Head Teachers and arrange to come back to the KCC meeting in the autumn with an update. Leaving it till then will allow the new HT at the academy time to have his team in place.

If anyone has any issues or queries on the policy these can be sent to the Community Council secretary and relayed back to David.

Action J Mckerral

3. Matters arising/ General issues

There were no matters arising.

The Public Gallery raised concerns about the closure of the bridge over the Garrell at the high line. It is to be closed for 13 weeks over the summer holidays at the busiest time and when the new Clock is open.

Jean Jones advised that the repair works have now been postponed until the autumn. Details of the works to be carried out will be circulated by the secretary.

Action J Mckerral

4. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were approved, proposed by Amy Jarvie and seconded by Margo MacMillan.

5. Treasurers Report

The Admin account balance is £ 604.99 and the project account balance is £463.27. The accounts have been audited. Expenditure incurred included signs for the QR codes, Civic Week brochure and Web site maintenance contract.

6. QR Codes

Bill advised that the QR codes have been collected and look good and will be erected by Scott in the next few days.

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/Scott Johnston

7. Planning

Applications considered were-The undernoted applications were considered:

17/00959/FUL Victoria Park- Extension
17/00886/FUL Torvaig Tak Ma Doon – erection of dwelling house
17/00857/FUL Cavalry Park – Flue for woodburning stove

There were no objections.

8. History and Heritage:

Colzium clock will open on 3 July.

Colzium Museum will be open on the following dates – 6 Aug, 27 Aug and 24 Sept.

Access to Colzium via the main gate will be closed for 5 days next week for road repairs.

9. Environment

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

Action Jean Jones

The pathway along the Plantin is seriously overgrown and needs attention – this should be referred to planning as it comes under Dawn Homes remit.

The Grass at the site of the Old Health Centre also needs attention.

There is also rubbish which has been dumped at the rear of the Burngreen Hall which needs to be removed.

Action Jean Jones

10. Website

The number of visits in May was 448 visits and 721 pages. Visitors were mainly UK.

It was agreed that the “shared space campaign” information should be left on the web site.

11. Reports from other Organisations:

A presentation was made at the villages forum on 5 June by the consultants involved in the Town centre activities report. Gillian Farrar and Linda Wilson and Lorna Bowden attended.

Jean Jones has invited them to attend the August meeting. J Mck to confirm.

Action J Mckerrall

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. The annual Barge trip will be held on 5 August.

12. Correspondence

Information had been sent about the possibility of entering a competition to win outdoor Gym equipment – however unfortunately the Community Council does not meet the qualifying criteria.

The NLC archivist can now be contacted via twitter.

Copies of the Canal News were also made available at the meeting.

13. A.O.C.B

None

Date of next meeting 16 August 2017 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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