



Minute of the meeting held on 21 February 2018 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: , Janet Mckerral, Jim Hutcheson, Margot MacMillan, , Amy JarvieJohn Freebairn, James McCormack, Alan Stevenson, Jane Winters, Kay Thomson, Carol Sullivan, Charles Coulthard, Dot Clelland, Anne McDowall

ALSO PRESENT: , Heather Mcvey, PC Gregor Mackie, PC Lynne Cole.

Apologies lynsey Bastion, , Bill Craik Scott Johnston, Jean McLachlan, Jean Jones, Mark Kerr,

1. Police Report

During the previous month there were 50 crimes of which 16 had been detected. The main issues this month were common assaults (some serious) all of which were detected. There were 15 reports of vandalism, mainly in the Main St and included the Police Station, Ladbrooks and Barber. CCTV requests have been made to view and the youths have been identified and all incidents are in the process of being detected.

The speed gun has been utilised in Queenzieburn and the tickets issued. Warnings were also issued at the Stirling Road. The speed gun will be used in a different location next month. It was requested that the Police cover the Howe Road crossing where motorists are not respecting the speed limit.

Issues of Child disorder relating to 13 year old (drink and drugs) were also dealt with during the month. Hate crimes (youths) have been referred to the Children's reporter.

Community Police were also involved the following initiatives in the month

- Stay Safe at the Rainbows
- Cyber talk – Kilsyth Primary
- Cyber bullying- Holy Cross
- Racial Incidents – Queenzieburn
- CO- OP Surgery – developing community relations, proactive information gathering.

Other issues raised by the Public again included parking in the Main St (flower shop) Parking at the Parkburn Rd at the corner of the A803 is becoming a serious issue causing traffic to back up along the main road as the bus cannot turn the corner to get up the hill. Also

vehicles are parking in the Bus bay at Townhead. The Police will target this. Parking is a council issue; the police can only act on vehicles using the no entry.

Harassment of residents in the Main St is an ongoing issue. The Police recognise this as a problem and have identified two youths and are in discussion with Social Work, Parents and housing. It is recognised that this needs resolved and there is Multi agency input, including the school. The Academy has also been proactive in walking some of the local Streets to maintain a presence.

2. Matters arising/ General issues

Gregg Orrock had met with members of the council last year and the details were covered in the October minutes. The Academy is keen to be involved with the local community and it was suggested that representatives from KCC could visit the school and let pupils know what we do. Amy agreed to facilitate and will cover, the things we cover at KCC, with an explanation of each item. She cover her own experience and encourage others to become involved.

Action Amy Jarvie

Concerns were raised regarding the general cleanliness of the Town Centre. The Main street has not been swept for some considerable time , bins are not being emptied and litter is not being picked up. Places like Matears close are a disgrace. Vegetation in the Ardire Road car park requires to be cut back.

Specific problems can be reported to NLC via their App, which picks up your location and allows for ease of reporting faults/ issues.

Heather will check with NLC(William Thomson) and get clarity on what the cycle for cleaning should be.

Action Heather Mcey

Concerns were expressed on the lack of gritting on some roads during the winter weather. The NLC service plan is online for comment and members should list those streets where there is a challenge.

Bill Craik to be asked for assistance through the Rotary for an annual clean of the High Line.

Action Janet Mckerral

Amy Jarvie will liaise with the Girl Guides and establish if they will do litter picks within the Community.

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John Turnbull to be asked for an update on the amendment to the plans for the old police station and for an update on other developments in the town.

Action Janet Mckerral

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were approved, proposed by Amy and seconded by Margo.

5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer advised that the balance in the accounts is £ 577.38 in the Admin Account and the project account balance is £463.51. Not included in the above figures is the annual grant of £1043.

6. QR Codes

Bill advised that the QR codes have now been erected in Colzium. Work on the narrative for the codes for the website is continuing and a budget of £300 was agreed for using the services of Robert Pender. Bill has been liaising with Robert to import all the information onto the web site.

Action Bill Craik

7. Planning

The following applications were considered and there were no objections.

Single Storey Side Extension

11 Gateside Avenue Kilsyth Glasgow North Lanarkshire G65 9BW

Ref. No: 17/01873/

Single Storey Rear Extension and Raised Deck

13 Curlers Loan Kilsyth North Lanarkshire G65 0AX

Ref. No: 17/01851/FUL

Residential Development Containing 25 Units (16 x 2 Storey Cottage Flats and 9 x 2 Storey Houses)

Former Royal British Legion Register Road Kilsyth Glasgow North Lanarkshire G65 0DS

Ref. No: 17/01845/

Conversion of Attached Garage to Bedroom with Shower Room

Redburn 74 Stirling Road Kilsyth North Lanarkshire G65 0PT

Ref. No: 17/01808/CLP

Rebuild Existing Overhead Electricity Line on an Alternative Route

South Barrwood Road Kilsyth North Lanarkshire

Ref. No: 18/00077/CNS |

[Single Storey Side Extension and Detached Garage](#) 

5 Victoria Place Kilsyth Glasgow North Lanarkshire G65 9AQ

Ref. No: 18/00041/FUL

Single Storey Rear Extension | 61 Laird's Hill Place Kilsyth Glasgow North Lanarkshire G65 9EX 17/02000/FUL |

Kilsyth Academy Balmalloch Road Kilsyth Glasgow North Lanarkshire G65 9NF - Improved Sports Pitch Provision (Replace an Existing Blaise Pitch with a Multi Use Games Pitch and Existing Grass Pitch Refurbishment) 17/02051/FUL

8. History and Heritage:

The Annual Snow Drop Festival was very successful this year with 71 visitors to the house on Saturday and 65 on Sunday. There were over 100 visitors per day to the walled garden. Organised walks attracted 31 people on the Saturday (which was too many as people at the back could not hear) and 10 on the Sunday.

It was noted that Visit Scotland did not contain any information about the festival. Culture NL should collaborate with Visit Scotland to ensure Visit Lanarkshire dovetails into VS.

9. Environment

There were no reports.

10. Website

The number of visits in November was 471, December was 344 and January was 413.

11. Reports from other Organisations:

The Town twinning will be hold a beetle Drive on 23 March in the Bowling Club all is invited. It will also be the 50 anniversary year for the TT this year and events are being planned.

Civic Week

Civic week will celebrate 50 years this summer. Amy and some of the other members of Civic week are putting g together a documentary and would like volunteers from the Council to say a few words and even appear in the video. The work will take place in April.

12. Correspondence

Proposals to increase the limit for free school transport for primary and secondary.

NLC had circulated a correspondence confirming that following the consultation, there will be no change to the qualifying distance for free school transport. The existing arrangements for Kilsyth will continue.

Leader Funding and LAP

LEADER is a European Union Community Initiative which aims to promote economic and community development in rural areas.

Under the Scheme there is Grant provision for **Rural Enterprise** and **Farm Diversification** projects within eligible rural areas in the Falkirk, East Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire Council areas.

In North Lanarkshire, the eligible rural areas include:

- **Croy**
- **Kilsyth**
- **Banton**
- **Queenzieburn**

There is circa £380,000 of Grant funding remaining in the KV&F LEADER Budget. This will be available until the end of March 2019.

Grant intervention levels for Projects are now set at between 50% and 90%, to a maximum of £100k (in grant award). Feasibility studies can be 100% grant supported.

To be eligible, projects must contribute to key themes of the KV&F LEADER programme which include:

- 1. Heritage, Tourism and Leisure**
- 2. Community Services and Facilities**
- 3. Local Business and Employment**

LEADER can support new-start business activity as well as existing / expanding businesses.

We are keen to ensure that North Lanarkshire area businesses benefit from the Grant fund and secure a fair share of the remaining Budget.

To date, one north Lanarkshire business has applied for and secured funding from the Kelvin Valley & Falkirk LEADER programme – Burnhead Bothies, Kilsyth

www.burnheadbothies.com

(as featured on the promotional Flyer for the event). The Farm Diversification enterprise secured a £25,000 grant award in 2017.

The purpose of the Funding event is to raise awareness of Grant availability amongst the target geographical audience and to provide guidance and support to applicants.

This will help encourage / increase business activity and jobs within the local rural economy. The local area partnership (LAP) takes place next week. The LAP is looking to engage with

more community groups. All elected members in the area participate. The meetings take place approximately quarterly and alternate in venue between Cumbernauld new Town Hall and St Patrick's Primary in Kilsyth.

The recent council budget has been allocated Cumbernauld and Kilsyth just over £1 million to be distributed on local projects, mostly of a capital nature. The criteria for this will be discussed at the meeting. In the past investment has gone into core pathways to make our countryside more accessible, streetscaping, local play areas, creating of car parking and so much more.

13.A.O.C.B

Call for One way routes in the BackBrae (carried over)

It was agreed that this was a much wider issue as there were many streets in Kilsyth where parking/ passing is an issue. This will form an agenda item at the next meeting and a large map of the town will be used to draw proposals.

Action S Johnston

Swimming Pool

There are proposals to cut the opening hours of the local Pool to a single shift. This will affect groups using the pool. It was highlighted that no decision has yet been made and comments can be made to NLC.

It was also noted that if this is part of the proposed budget cuts no notification had been received from NLC.

Closure of Bridges on Canal at Bonnybridge and Twechar

Due to lack of funding the opening bridges which are deemed unsafe will be closed to navigation, meaning that there will be through passage on the Forth and Clyde Canal. This will possibly mean closure of the Marina at Auchinstarry.

These minutes are issued unapproved and will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Community Council.

Date of next meeting 18 April 2018 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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