



Minute of the meeting held on 18 April 2018 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: , Janet Mckerral, Jim Hutcheson, Margot MacMillan, Amy Jarvie, Alan Stevenson, Kay Thomson, Carol Sullivan, Charles Coulthard, Dot Clelland, Jean McLachlan, Jane Winters

ALSO PRESENT: PC Kevin Cloherty, PC Lynne Cole, PC Stephen Shanks, Jean Jones, Mark Kerr, Heather Mcvey, John Turnbull Clyde Valley Housing Association

Additionally there were 35 members of the Public in the Gallery

Apologies Bill Craik , James McCormick, Scott Johnston, Carol Sullivan, Anne McDowall

1. Police Report

During the previous month there were 292 incidents, 75 crime reports, 26 of which had been detected. 51 remain undetected. Crimes included:

Break-ins and assault at Coop, Drug related crimes, a machete incident, indecent images at Kilsyth academy and a homophobic hate crime.

Talks have been held in local schools on respect. Alternative to violence workshops have been held and police are working with social workers to identify people to attend.

Adult protection meetings regarding vulnerable people in Kilsyth have also been held.

The local surgery will be held on 19 April at 6pm.

30 residents from Kilsyth Main Street attended the meeting to raise concerns about lack Police response to issues of youths in the Main St and about what action is being taken to solve the problem.

Residents advised that things are so bad they now feel terrorised and unable to leave their house when the youths congregate. Several of the residents are calling 4 times a night and still getting no Police response. Several residents have video and photographic evidence of what is happening. The response from the central call handling centre is poor with call handlers asking inappropriate questions and not knowing where Kilsyth is located. One resident made 9 calls in a two hour time slot. The children can be as young as 12 and have no respect and no fear. The Main St has become a no go area at weekends.

Residents were advised by Police to call 999 if the violence was escalating. Police advised that they can only go where they have been instructed, according to the priority.

Local residents questioned how priorities were set as the situation in the Main St is a known hot spot and problems have been increasing Things have become so difficult the Cooperative has had to employ security guards.

Police Scotland will take these concerns back and identify what can be done.

Police Scotland also encouraged residents to come to the next surgery.

Local Councillors have requested a meeting with the area Inspector to identify what is being done to resolve the situation and if the response is not satisfactory they will continue to escalate the problem.

Meanwhile residents should all write to their constituency MP and List MPs, challenging how Police Scotland is resourced and maintaining pressure to get a better response.

Action ALL

2. Matters arising/ General issues

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 a meeting has been arranged for 15 May with Mr Orrock and Stevenson, during study leave for the seniors. Amy will report back at the next meeting.

Action Amy Jarvie

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.

Action Amy Jarvie

Call for One way routes in Kilsyth (ongoing)

Scott produced a map of Kilsyth and it was used to identify areas of traffic concern. Several areas were identified as streets where one way systems could help and included

- Backbrae Street
- Livingstone Park
- Parkburn Road –extension of yellow lines
- Mid Barrwood
- High Barrwood
- Courthill Crescent.

In other areas of the town where one ways are not possible gaps need to be created to allow passing places. E.g. Garrell grove and Arden grove.

Police also need to be involved in enforcing “no parking2 on give way junction at Ballmalloch Road.

Plans to be finalised at the next meeting.

Action S Johnston

Jean Jones to arrange for disabled spaces in Ballmalloch Road which are not used/ or not NLC compliant to be burnt off.

Action Jean Jones

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

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

5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer advised that the balance in the accounts is £ 1236.41 in the Admin Account, as the grant had now been received from NLC, and the project account balance is £463.57. The annual grant was £1043. The annual insurance of £84.07 has been paid. It was also noted that NLC have requested the accounts for annual audit.

6. QR Codes (on going)

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 and Clyde Valley Housing update

The following applications were considered and there were no objections.

18/00386/FUL Two semi detached dwellings Woodend Farm Dullatur Road Westerwood Cumbernauld North Lanarkshire G65 0PZ.

Clyde Valley Developments

John Turbull provided an update on the developments taking place or planned for Kilsyth and these included;

- Newton St/ Church St, 44 properties now handed over and occupied
- Former social work building Burngreen , 4 properties, ongoing
- Register Road – former British legion site. Mixed site low rise planning permission end march. Traditional design, properties with back and front door.
- 95 Main St – opposite the old post office- 9 properties. Planning permission in place. Building warrant is also in place as the vendor has been very proactive, and therefore work could commence in a few months.
- Co-op building – John advised that discussions are now taking place with NHBC regarding the netting/state of the building as CV are getting nowhere with ROC.

CV have the capacity to put in 10 units on the ground floor but need the consent from ROC, who are not cooperating.

- Parkfoot st – Former Police Station due to commence autumn 2018. Planning in place.

John presented the plans which were currently lodged with planning authorities.

At the initial planning stage the Community Council supported the development in principal, but advised that the design was inconsistent with the look of the rest of the buildings in the conservation area, which are more traditional. KCC supported the project on the understanding that the design would be modified in accordance with suggestion made last year.

John advised that following that meeting discussions had been held with NLC planners who were reluctant to change the design other than amendments to accommodate acoustic issues from the Masonic

Members of the council expressed disappointment that the designs presented by John did not appear to reflect the councils comments, which were lodged and are on the NLC portal, and looked remarkably unchanged from the original design.

The Council requested that CV revisit the design and arrange for discussions/ consultations with the architect.

Action John Turbull

8. History and Heritage:

Curling Pond

Bill Craik had raised the issue of cleaning the curling pond and restoring it for use with W Thomson. Friends of Colzium have also offered to help. Meanwhile Volunteering action NL via Robert Stevenson will coordinate volunteers provided by Virgin Media. If NL cannot provide resource then volunteers will be acceptable and Friends of Colzium will coordinate next week.

Friends of Colzium

Friends of Colzium have arranged for several more items of Historical interest to be returned to the town, including a 1967 Kilsyth Rangers football, which will be on display in Colzium museum. A 1955 football will be on permanent display at summerlee.

There is a copy of an 1899 photograph of the Kilsyth School board and a copy of the first Kilsyth Parish constitution.

Friends of Colzium staffed the museum on 5 and 12 April, while NL did activities with the children. Friends of Colzium are trying to open the museum as often as possible.

Two representatives had agreed to attend the LEADER meeting in March – but this had to be postponed due to bad weather. No new date has been advised.

9. Environment

Concerns were raised regarding sewage escapes at the eastern edge of the Burngreen adjacent to Dawn Homes. Jean Jones will discuss with them.

Action Jean Jones

10. Website

The number of visits in March was 235, with 11 from S Korea.

11. Reports from other Organisations:

There will be an event on Friday in the Methodist Church from 10 to 2pm providing information to the community about support services and benefits available from various sectors.

The Town twinning will be 50 years old and 21 French people will arrive at the May holiday weekend 24/28 May. all is invited. Tickets £5. 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 put together a documentary with volunteers from the Council saying a few words and appearing in the video. The work will take place in parallel to the April meeting.

From 1974 to 1985 it was the Community Council who ran the Civic Week programme.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. A.O.C.B

It was noted that the road works at the foot of the town had overrun and JJ advised that they would be completed at the weekend.

Concerns were raised that the status of the Fire Station in Kilsyth is being downgraded. Heather advised no decision had been taken and had requested a copy of the transformation document and will share the information.

Action Heather McVey

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

Date of next meeting 20 June 2018 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth

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