



## Minute of the meeting held on 16 June 2018 in Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT:** , Janet Mckerral, Margot MacMillan, Amy Jarvie, Alan Stevenson, Kay Thomson, Bill Craik, Scott Johnston, Jean McLachlan, Jim Hutchieson, lynsey Bastion, James McCormack, Jane Winters,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean Jones, Heather McVey, Mark Kerr

**Additionally there were 20 members of the Public in the Gallery**

**Apologies** Anne McDowall, Charles Coultard, Carol Sullivan

### **1. Police Report**

Due to shift patterns Police Scotland were unable to attend. However the undernoted report was provided by PC Kevin Clohetry:

Number of reported incidents: 340

Crime Reports: 59

Detected Crime Reports: 25 - **42% detection rate with continued enquires on others.**

Detected crimes include:

- **Assault x 7**
- **Drink Driving**
- **Theft**
- **Possession of an Air Weapon x 2**
- **Possession of a Knife**
- **Dangerous Driving**
- **Possession of Drugs**

Police Scotland will be holding an evening Surgery on Thursday 28 June at 6pm in Kilsyth Office, for anyone wishing to speak with the Police directly.

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

Jean Jones will raise the issue of littering and the state of the port –a- cabin at St Pats with the team coaches. Jean reported that the cabin is being moved.

Cars parked at Kirklands Crescent are an ongoing issue and it needs double yellows so Police can take action. Lynne will provide Jean with Statistics and she will raise with Roads dept.

**Action Jean Jones**

## **Health Centre - Appointments**

A number of residents from the Public Gallery raised concerns regarding the appointment system and telephone system currently operated by the Health Centre. These concerns included:

- The bottle neck created by the practice by being too specific about when people can call in for an appointment. This creates a self inflicted bottle neck with people queing at the front desk or holding on the telephone for 20 minutes
- The Health centre have not been responsive to peoples complaints – asking for detailed specifics – rather than accepting the concerns.
- The Practice are using the lines to dial out at peak incoming call times.
- There is no happy medium its, 48hrs or two weeks, this just encourages people to use A&E or take up emergency appointments.
- There are 1400 patients per GP ( low compared to some areas) so there should be appointments.
- There is insufficient staff at Airdrie out of Hours, which means people have to go to Hamilton.

It was agreed that the Practice will be invited to the next meeting to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue.

Members were also encouraged to write to their MSP. KCC will write collective concern to J Hepburn.

### **Action All**

## **Fire Station**

Following the meeting last month, more concerns in Kilsyth over the future ability of the Fire Service to keep the town safe. Members of the public attended the meeting to question the changes taking place at the fire station. The Public expressed concern regarding the apparent erosion of the service being offered out of the Kilsyth Station.

Paul Devlin ( Regional fire Chief) had been invited to attend the meeting, but was unable to attend. He will attend the Meeting in SEPTEMBER. Paul gave the following report:

Firstly thank you for your enquiry. Please can I take this opportunity to reassure you that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is investing in improving both fire-fighter safety and extending the service delivery model to better serve local communities and the changing risks. I appreciate there may be some apprehension both with the local crew and members of the community. However, be rest assured the last thing SFRS will do as an emergency service is put people at risk. SFRS is committed to evolving by introducing new technologies and improving outcomes in respect to serving our communities and protecting the safety of our frontline fire-fighters.

The plan as part of the wider SFRS transformation is to introduce a new generation Rapid Response Unit (RRU) to Kilsyth which will replace the current appliance. In addition the Incident Support Unit, currently based at Kilsyth, will remain there. The new RRU's have been designed to address fire-fighter safety whilst at the same time improve SFRS effectiveness in extinguishing structural fires, such as domestic and commercial premises. Although this is a new to the SFRS, 45 fire services across the world use this technology.

Unfortunately, I cannot confirm a date of when the new generation fire appliance will be coming to Kilsyth at this time. It is one of 36 RRU's being purchased this financial year with a further 40 in 2019/20 to 2020/21. The wider transformation of SFRS will take a number of years to fully implement the changes. These changes include the role of our firefighters to better equip and train them to deal with terrorism attacks, environmental incidents and attending medical emergencies, such as out of hospital cardiac arrests.

The Kilsyth appliances are crewed by local members of the community who have other primary employment. These individuals provide a valuable service to their community when they are available to respond. The current appliance has capacity for up to 6 personnel. However, there are many occasions the appliance will mobilise with only 4 firefighters, as this is the national safe crewing model.

There are also occasions when the Kilsyth appliance is not available due to personnel being unable to leave their primary place of employment, or on occasions when deployed to incidents out with Kilsyth. Where this is the case, any incident requiring SFRS attendance will be covered by appliances from surrounding stations.

In respect to your concerns about your safety within flatted developments, I would firstly reassure you that SFRS along with our wider community partners, such as Police and Housing, are committed to safeguarding our communities. I am more than happy to arrange for a free Home Fire Safety Visit to be carried out, during which our officers will provide home fire safety advice and check the common areas of flats.

The past ten years of our preventative approach has seen a significant increase in smoke detection within dwellings, which in turn has changed the incident dynamics and improved safety. Legislation in respect to early warning within the home has further improved the provision of smoke and heat detection systems, which are critical in raising the alarm at the very early stages of a fire and allow people to safely deal with the fire or evacuate their homes. Education and raising awareness of safety in the home, and areas surrounding your home, has been and will continue to be a primary focus of SFRS.

I have already committed to attending a future Community Council meeting and will confirm that in advance. I feel it is only appropriate as the Local Senior Officer, that I attend any initial discussions or presentations regarding the transformation agenda. I have requested access to one of the new RRU appliances for a number of dates, and my priority is for the local crew at Kilsyth to be the first to see it. On completion of this, I will make arrangements to have the vehicle available to attend community events, such as Community Council meetings.

Also attached to the minutes is a report and further analysis on Kilsyth incidents.

The public concerns raised included:

The ability of the proposed vehicle to cope with fires in flats ( and there are many in Kilsyth) it is understood that the vehicle proposed would not have been suitable for the recent Rennie Road fire. The current unit is fine.

- In the event a need for units with ladders – there is a 10 min delay if they come from Kirkintilloch or from Denny
- The proposed appliances carries a smaller 4 man crew, which is restrictive if breathing apparatus is required. There are concerns about crew safety.
- Kilsyth operates on a retained basis and is low cost to operate compared to full time units.
- There has been no consultation – the new equipment arrives in 2019
- There is no chemical control facility
- There is no water rescue facility
- The new proposed appliance is used else where but is not frontline ( backup only).
- Kilsyth has a high volume of call outs – can Paul provide the numbers- more than some full time stations.

It was confirmed that Paul Devlin will attend in September.

In the meantime members of the public should write to their MSP. KCC will also raise collective concern

### **Action All**

#### **Academy**

The Academy is keen to be involved with the local community council. Amy met with Mr Orrock and Stevenson, and subsequently made a presentation to a year 4 class. One person has expressed an interest in being involved in the Community Council. Further discussions will be held with a view to presenting to other classes after the exams.

### **Action Amy Jarvie**

Amy Jarvie will liaise with the Girl Guides and establish if they will do litter picks within the Community. It is hoped to do this Guide year – but if not it will go into next years programme.

### **Action Amy Jarvie**

A member from the Public Gallery asked why the feature in the Chronicle “ looking back” which featured old photographs from the archives had been stopped.

#### **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. John Ashcroft from NLC to be invited to the next meeting.

### **Action J Mckerral**

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

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

The following amendments stand – item3 , should read minutes of April meeting.

Item 7 date for this years doors open is Saturday 8 sept. Friends of Colzium are also arranging for information to be displayed describing the fossil trees in the Courtyard.

Date of the next meeting should read 15 August 2018.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer advised that the books are with the auditors.

Project account balance is £463.57. Administration account balance as of February is £1620.38, some cheques have been issued subsequently but the cheque book is with the auditor.

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### **5. QR Codes ( on going)**

Bill will liaise with Robert Pender to produce the “backup” data for the QR codes on the website.

### **Action Bill Craik**

### **6. Planning**

The following applications were considered and there were no objections.

Residential Annex and Replacement Detached garage: Avalon 10 Highland Park Kilsyth North Lanarkshire G65 9PN

Ref. No: 18/00867/FUL

BAM Nuttal plans for new office development have been approved. The council were delighted ( although the application falls under queenzieburn)

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## **Clyde Valley Developments**

Following the last meeting several members of the council met with John Turnball and the developers and architect of the Police Station site. The Community Council advised that the design was inconsistent with the look of the rest of the buildings in the conservation area, which is more traditional. 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

The developers advised that they were restricted by planners, the constraints of the site, number of units to be built and cost. However KCC advised that we were not seeking high cost alternatives – the site is at the edge of the conservation area and should be more traditional.

The developers agreed to reconsider options and will advise once plans have been developed.

Jean Jones had raised our concerns with senior planners, and at the next meeting , senior Planners will meet with KCC and CV and the developers.

## **7. History and Heritage:**

### **Curling Pond ( ongoing)**

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 will meet on 28 June at 7pm. Friends have a long list of items to consider for the future – including how to use the first floor annex.

Friends will man the museum on a volunteer basis during the summer opening of Colzium during activity days.

8 September is the open day.

## **8. Environment**

### **No Items**

## **9. Website**

The number of visits in May was 384 pages visited. The website will be updated to include what's on in Colzium during the summer and will include an article on the Garrell Burn.

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

The Town twinning was 50 years old this year and 21 French people came on the May holiday weekend 24/28 May and was a great success. Thanks were expressed to the Council

for the Soiree. It was an amazing evening in Colzium, with the presentation of an arch for the walled garden ( kindly erected by NLC). The French were amazed at the beautiful location.

### **Civic week**

A retrospective review of activities ( for learning) will be held next week.

The programme for the wee was well delivered with Pop –up concerts in the Band Stand. There was a full range of diverse music from traditional to the modern.

There are plans to encourage use of the Band Stand out with Civic Week and Willie Thomson is looking at ways it can be booked. It was also be freshened up.

### **11. Correspondence**

The invoice for the Civic week Brochure was presented for payment.

### **12. A.O.C.B**

**Note the change of venue for the next meeting!**

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

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**Date of next meeting 15 August 2018 at 7pm in St Patricks School Kilsyth**

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