

## **Kilsyth Community Council**

Minute of meeting held on 19 August 2009 in Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT:** Scott Johnson Alex Machray Jean McLachlan  
Margot Macmillan Jim Hutchison Charles Coulthard  
Alan Stevenson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Jean Jones Councillor Mark Griffin  
Community Police (Part time)  
Members of the public  
Local Press

**1. APOLOGIES:** Ian Jarvis John Smithson Councillor David Key

### **2. POLICE REPORT:**

Constable Neil Grant presented a short Police Report. 927 incidents had been reported in our area, 161 crime reports had been completed and 67 reports had been sent to the Procurator Fiscal since our June meeting. There were no serious crimes to report.

### **3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE:**

Greater awareness of Community Officers was requested.  
The Chairman thanked Neil for attending the meeting.

### **4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

George MacDonald had advised Margot that he had removed various items from the British Legion Club, which was now closed.

### **5. PROPOSAL TO CLOSE KING STREET AUTOMATIC TOILET:**

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to NLC, expressing our strong opposition to this proposal, confirming that this is the only toilet available 24 hours per day in the town centre.

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Charles Coulthard, seconded by Jim Hutchison, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 17 June 2009.

### **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:**

The Secretary confirmed that all actions from the last meeting had been completed.

## **8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:**

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of July was £456.50. The Treasurer also advised that the annual administration grant of £1134.00 had now been received from NLC.

## **9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:**

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of July was £782.55. The projects account financial books for 2008/2009 had been checked by Alan Stevenson and John Smithson.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

We had received a request from Kilsyth Community Church to use our Coat of Arms as part of a portable display. It was agreed that Margot should confirm our granting of this request, reminding the church of the conditions attached to the use of the coat of arms.

The Secretary had received a letter from John Swinnie, sent to all community councils, advising that a new model constitution, system for establishing community councils, standing orders and a code of conduct for community councillors had been sent to all local authorities with a recommendation for implementing nationwide. It was agreed that the Secretary should try and obtain a copy of these documents from NLC.

## **11. PLANNING:**

The weekly planning lists and licence applications were reviewed. The Secretary agreed to enquire regarding the times for The Curling Stone licence application.

The Conservation Area has now been extended to include the bridges at the junction of Stirling Road and Tak Ma Doon Road and the triangle of ground at the Old Man's Rest.

## **12. UPDATE ON THE WHITE HOUSE:**

Scott advised members that another meeting had taken place with interested parties. The NLC application for Town Centre Regeneration Funding had been largely successful and the planning applications for The White House/Fresh 'n Fruity sites and Co-op building had been granted. An urgent works notice had been served on Rockdcm for work on The White House site. They had now changed their position on the White House development. We await feedback from NLC to find out if we will be involved in establishing a Community Interest Company.

### **13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

Margot reported that the judging of Kilsyth as part of the Britain in Bloom competition had gone very well. The judges were impressed that many different groups were involved.

It was agreed that we should consider making the development of the Old Man's Rest area a small project for the community council.

### **14. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:**

The date for the next heritage/history event was agreed as Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm. Jim advised that different groups would be taking part on the theme of "Kilsyth at War and Peace".

### **15. OTHER REPORTS:**

#### Kilsyth Rotary Club

Charles advised that Ken Ramsay was the new President.

A charity dinner was being arranged for 6 November in Kilsyth Academy.

#### Kilsyth Lennox Golf Club

Alan reported that the number of visitors returning to the course was increasing. The competition run to coincide with Kilsyth Civic Week had gone very well.

### **16. WEBSITE:**

Nothing to report.

### **17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

#### a.Horizon Clock

Scott agreed to cost the replacement of the clock with a Coat of Arms.

#### b.Colzium Estate Coat of Arms

Scott agreed to check on progress with John Smithson.

#### c.MSP visits

It was agreed that our MSPs should be invited bimonthly to our meetings.

#### d.Missing members

The Secretary agreed to write to several members who had not attended our meetings for some considerable time.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 September 2009.