

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 18 November 2009 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Alex Machray Jean McLachlan Margot Macmillan
Scott Johnson Jim Hutchison Charles Coulthard
John Freebairn Carol Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: Sgt. Stuart Murdoch [Part-time]
Members of the public
Councillor Jean Jones

1. APOLOGIES: Ian Jarvis John Smithson
Councillor David Key
Local Press – David Graham

2. POLICE REPORT: Sgt Murdoch reported that 40 crime reports had resulted in 22 reports being sent to the Procurator Fiscal. 15 crime reports involved cases of vandalism, 10 involved incidents of violence and 7 involved instances of disorderly conduct. A number of drugs and fireworks offences had also been investigated and a number of fixed penalty fines had been issued.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE:
No issues were raised. The Chairman thanked Sgt. Murdoch for attending.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
a. The Secretary to write to NLC complaining that a handrail on the path between Arnbrae Road and Westfield Road had been removed.
b. The Secretary to write to NLC complaining about the state of Garrell Road near the new soil screening works. This was despite the assurances given by the site operator.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
With minor corrections Charles Coulthard, seconded by Jean McLachlan, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 21 October 2009.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:

- a. The White House and Co-operative complexes. The community council has now taken a fallback position with Rokk dcm leading both projects. Work should start hopefully before Christmas. The Secretary will enquire if hand digging was being considered for the foundations at the White House.
- b. The alternative public toilet to replace the automatic toilet in King Street has been confirmed as the public toilet in the swimming pool building. Councillor Jones agreed to progress proper signage with NLC staff.
- c. The Secretary to contact Martin Dickson [NLC] to expedite the completion of the Coat of Arms project at Colzium Estate gateway.

7. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of October was £1508.05.

8. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of October was £782.63.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list was reviewed.

10. PLANNING:

- a. The weekly planning lists were reviewed.
- b. The Secretary to request a copy of the plans for the upgrade/provision of lift/ disabled toilets within Colzium House.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- a. Town Bridges. Members agreed with Richard Cartwright's proposal that the bridges within the town should be painted black with gold inlays.
- b. Stirling Road Project. Margot provided an overview of the project. This would include improvements to paths, repositioning of existing benches, using 3 additional seats ex Burngreen, planting of trees and snowdrops and the provision of interpretation boards. A number of partners would be involved, including the community council, Kilsyth branch of Rotary International and various departments within NLC. Scott, Margot, Jean, Charles and John Fairbairn agreed to meet before our Christmas Dinner to consider possible wording and material for the interpretation boards.
- c. Clock Theatre. The Secretary will provide members with the details of a

meeting being held on Tuesday 08 December. This was prior to a funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, to enable the refurbishment of the Clock Theatre.

The Secretary to write to NLC expressing our concerns that items may have been removed from the building.

12. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

- a. November 10th Event. Good feedback had been received after the latest event. This included the subject matter but also the involvement of various local groups. The evening also allowed the recent town in bloom awards to be recognised.
- b. The Secretary to confirm details of a meeting being organised to discuss our association with the Antonine Wall.
- c. The Chairman proposed that we call a meeting of all local voluntary community groups' leaders to consider how we might work in closer partnership for the overall good of the town and district.

13. OTHER REPORTS:

Rotary.

Charles expressed his thanks to all who had helped make the Annual Charity Dinner such a success with the magnificent sum of £6,400 being raised. A Burns Supper and Celidh were the next major events being planned.

14. WEBSITE:

Our website continues to attract worldwide visitors, the latest notable one being from Kazakhstan!

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- a. Jean McLachlan enquired if there had been any progress in getting the guttering cleaned/repared in the Main Street. Councillor Jones advised that mandates had been sent to all owners but no replies had been received.
- b. John Freebairn asked if all reports to be discussed at the meeting be circulated in advance.
- c. Final numbers were agreed for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16 December.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 January 2010 at 7.00pm.