

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 16 September 2009 in Burngreen Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones
Barry Hodge, Business Partner and Ronnie Chalmers
Members of the public
Local Press

1. APOLOGIES: Ian Jarvis Councillor David Key

2. POLICE REPORT:
No Police Report was available.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE:
No issues were raised.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
No issues were raised.

5. PROPOSALS FOR LAND AT WOODEND FARM:

- The Chairman introduced Barry Hodge and his business partner, along with Ronnie Chalmers. Barry gave a brief overview of the plans already agreed for developments at Woodend Farm and then presented draft proposals for other parts of the farmland. A question and answer session then took place. The Chairman thanked Barry for bringing the proposals to the community council at an early stage. Barry and team then left the meeting. Thereafter, a vote was taken on whether we should support the proposals in principle. This resulted in a 5:5 split vote and the Chairman's casting vote meant that we decided not to support the proposals as presented.
- The Secretary to advise Barry Hodge of our decision.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Margot Macmillan, seconded by Jean McLachlan, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 19 August 2009.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:

- Tenders for work at White House and Co-op complexes had been received by NLC. Scott/Alex attending meetings of partnership formed to facilitate the restoration of both sites. £665k had now been earmarked for Kilsyth following the successful TCRF application by NLC.
- John Smithson to speak with Martin Dickson at NLC to expedite the placing of our Coat of Arms on the entrance wall at Colzium Estate.
- It was agreed that a small project should be started to develop the area known as “The Old Man’s Rest”, now part of the conservation area. Other possible partners and funding to be investigated.
- Councillor Jones agreed to deal with Horizon Housing on replacement for clock at Parkfoot Street.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of August was £1585.30.

9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of August was £782.55.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence lists were reviewed.

11. PLANNING:

- The weekly planning lists were reviewed.
- 2 planning applications were considered and following discussion members decided not to comment on either.
- Agreed to confirm that NLC will not permit any work by Taylor Wimpey at Cavalry Park until a Section 75 tripartite agreement is finalised. [SEPA expected to grant permission soon for civil works along the length of the burn within the site].

12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- Margot reported that she and Fiona Murdoch had been invited to attend the Scotland in Bloom awards ceremony on Monday. Expectations are high that Kilsyth will receive an award.
- A discussion took place on NLC’s performance on waste recycling.

13. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

- 207 visitors attended the recent “Open Doors” event in Colzium House and Estate. Catering in the tearoom was provided by Alex Graham.
- Restoration of the garden area within Colzium House has been passed for consideration to the LEADER group already seeking funding for the refurbishment of the Clock Theatre.
- The Chronicle will run a series of articles on “Kilsyth at War and Peace” leading up to our event on Tuesday 10 November.
- The Secretary agreed to draft a flyer for the event.

14. OTHER REPORTS:

Kilsyth Rotary Club

- A charity dinner was being arranged for 6 November in Kilsyth Academy.
- A different Christmas project was likely to take place.

Kilsyth Lennox Golf Club

- The International Carnival was on schedule to take place next year.

15. WEBSITE:

- 67 different territories have now accessed our site.

16. CHRISTMAS DINNER

- A booking to be made with the Coachman Hotel for Wednesday 16 December at 7.30pm.

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

- A number of suggested improvements will be added to the funding application for the Local Area Development Programme.
- Enquiries to be made as to why the service buses no longer stop at the entrance to Colzium Estate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2009.