



# Kilsyth Community Council

## Minute of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 in Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT:** Scott Johnston, Janet Mckerral, Jim Hutchison, Margot MacMillan, Bill Craik, Amy Jarvie, Jean McLachlan, John Freebairn, James McCormack, Alan Stevenson. Dot Clelland, Anne McDowall, Kay Thomson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean Jones, Mark Kerr, Heather Mcvey, Sgt Stephen Shanks, PC Kevin Cloherty.

**Apologies** Jane Winters, Dot Clelland, Carol Sullivan, lynsey Bastion, Charles Coulthard.

### **1. Police Report**

Stephen Shanks and Kevin Cloherty attended the meeting to answer some of the issues raised in previous meetings.

Stephen advised that the current shift pattern would sometimes prevent officers from attending the meeting, (tonight the officers were attending in their time off). In these circumstances information on crime reports and key issues would be emailed. On the times when shift patterns allowed (subject to emergencies) Police Scotland will attend. It was accepted that Police Scotland could not attend every meeting, but would make regular attendance.

Police reported on the areas of concern from previous meetings:

#### **Anti Social Behaviour – RBS/ Main St**

There is CCTV camera at the top and bottom of the town which the Police can access and it has 360 deg surveillance. However at present it is not operational due to a severed cable when the old police station was demolished earlier in the year. Town centre activities are aware of the camera issues and should have the problem sorted by 15 Oct. It was noted that there are also cameras at Garrell Rd and at the Market; these also need to be operational. Pressure to be put on NLC to rectify.

Action J Jones/HMcvey/MKerr

Police also advised that free Wi-Fi contributed to young people gathering. The Scarecrow has now locked their Wi-Fi access.

26 incidents had been reported since June, in the whole Main St. The Public are requested to call 101 or 999 to report disturbances or antisocial behaviour – using the Face Book pages does not get the issues reported. Calls need to be direct to the Police. Bill Craik will put this onto KCC page.

Action Bill Craik

Reporting disturbances will ensure bank becomes a Police “Hot Spot”.

Irrespective of the number of recorded calls – the issue still needs a higher profile and needs to be raised with senior Police Officers.

Police will also add Scarecrow to the sites to be supervised at “turning out “time.

Action J Mckerral

### **Parking**

Police advised that until the appropriate signs are in place the Police cannot enforce issues of vehicles in the Main St and parking outside the Dentist. It was recognised that Parking outside the dentist is a major safety issue.

Where the parking restrictions and signage is appropriate – i.e. double yellows – over 20 tickets have already been issued.

Mark Kerr has also spoken to the Dentist – and advised that only drop off is acceptable.

### **Other Crimes**

Two youths (12 yrs) had been arrested following the break-ins around the new Clyde valley Building site at Wilson and Garden.

## **2. Kilsyth and Kelvin Valley Local Plan**

The plan is now available for comment. The consultation is open for 6 weeks. KCC require making comment by the end of Oct. All to come prepared to the next meeting to comment.

Action All

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

### **Bullying in Schools**

David Craig has advised he will attend the November meeting to provide an update regarding bullying in Schools. David has relayed the concerns of the community to all the Head Teachers and has held discussions with all of them. He will also attend the first joint meeting of all the Kilsyth Heads and St Maurice’s. Interviews are taking place for the Head Teacher

of St Patricks and it is hoped the candidate will be in place by the end of October, The Depute has been appointed to the Academy.

Scott will meet with the Head of the Academy during October,

It was requested that David be asked to invite the appropriate person from social work along with him to the next meeting.

### **Action J Mckerral**

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

The minutes of the August meeting were approved, proposed by Bill Craik and seconded by Amy Jarvie. The correct spelling of Mark Kerr will be included.

It was noted that if minutes are being circulated before they are formally approved by the Community Council they should be marked draft/not approved.

Minutes can also be sent out as a PDF file to ensure better security.

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

The Admin account balance remains unchanged at £ 605.22 and the project account balance is £463.39.

#### **6. QR Codes**

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.

### **Action Bill Craik**

#### **7. Planning**

There was one application to be considered:

17/00951/FUL - Site west of Glen Marg - Tak ma Doon Rd - erection of two storey dwelling.

There were no objections.

#### **8. History and Heritage:**

Colzium House open days went well with 106 visitors on the 27 August. The next open day is 24 Sept from 10am to 4pm, with a guided walk at 2pm. £32.32 was raised for the Friends of Colzium.

The Cafe will close at the end of September until Easter. The garden will possibly be open at the odd time if there is a Gardner available.

## **9. Environment**

Environmental Services have been notified of a problem with Rodents and pigeons in parts of the Main St, around the gap site, West Burnside St and Police Station.

The problem is exacerbated by carryout litter and residents in the West of Scotland housing who throw food out the window.

## **10. Website**

The number of visits in July was 392 and in August it was 383. The main topics were KCC Colzium and links. Visitors to the site were from UK, Canada, China and S Korea.

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

The Town Twinning is holding a Halloween Beatle drive on 27 October.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **Parking and Speed restrictions**

Prohibition of waiting and loading is to be introduced on:

- High Caigends, Burngreen, Market Street, Main St.

It was requested that a restriction also be placed on the west side of the A803 and around the corner of Kingsway (opposite the council offices).

**Action J Mckerral**

It was noted that the proposal did not cover speed restrictions or traffic calming proposals and there are area of the town where one way systems/speed bumps should be considered. This will be discussed further as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Action J Mckerral**

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

Churches Together approached the Community Council to seek their assistance in having a notice board erected just off the Main St. It is easier on planning Regs if KCC apply on their behalf. It was agreed on the basis that KCC can display information if required.

It was also noted that there are two additional notice boards belonging to KCC which require some attention.

**Action J Mckerral**

**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 meetin18 October 2017 at 7pm in Burngreen Hall Kilsyth**

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