



## **Minute of meeting held on 21 November in Burngreen Hall**

### **PRESENT**

**Charles Coulthard, Bill Craik, Margot Macmillan, Lynsey Bastian, Alan Stevenson, Anne McDowall, Jean McLachlan, James McCormack, Janet Mckerral,**

### **APOLOGIES**

**Kay Thomson, Heather McVey, Jean Jones, Amy Jarvie, Dot Clelland, Jim Hutchinson**

### **OTHER ATTENDEES-**

**David Boyd, Mark Kerr, Jim McKenna Community Alarms**

#### **1. Police Report**

There was no Police report.

#### **2. Community Alarms**

Jim McKenna from NLC Community Alarms attended the meeting and provided members with an update on resources currently deployed by NLC.

Community Alarm staff currently operate out of two locations in North Lanarkshire Coatbridge and Motherwell – this gives staff a considerable distance to travel to Kilsyth and area. However from next week a further location will be opening in Cumbernauld at the Ambulance Station in Linsey Mill Road. This will save staff time when returning to the depot for meals etc. It also makes sense to collocate the facility next to the Ambulance service as there is a lot of interaction with them, depending on the case load and circumstances. It is hoped that this new facility will speed up the response in Kilsyth.

Jim advised that he was not aware of any issues relating to the speed of response in Kilsyth area.

Calls are answered in Coatbridge and are dealt with in accordance with the National protocol, which means if an alarm is activated and the user does not respond the team must visit. Calls are prioritised thereafter.

Demand peaks as people getup/ go to bed. There are usually 3 out of 5 vans active at any one time. Sometimes a double crew is needed depending on user and situation. Vans are now to be fitted with riser chairs to make lifting easier. 12 of these chairs have been purchased.

During a year there are on average 350 000 alarm activations – some can be faults in equipment doors etc, some activations are misuse and some are abuse of the system, but each activation needs “human” involvement. The oldest user is 107 and the youngest is 7.

There are 41 front line staff on three shifts and five vans.

The service is looking to use technical support from NLC to carry out fitting and checks on equipment to free up time of front line operatives who currently have to do this work.

Community Alarms also work with other services including the SFRS who often attend in situations where smoke detectors have been active. Currently it is however the role of community alarms to reset smoke alarms, but this will come under review to establish if equipment stores are better places to repairs/checks/resets.

There is currently a review being undertaken by the IJB (Integrated Joint Board) regarding sheltered housing and Community Alarms. The review will consider the aims of the service, how it is shaped and what resources are needed. The Final report is due in March 2019.

It was agreed that Jim would come back and report to the Community Council once the report had been delivered.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes and Matters arising**

The Minutes of the October meeting were proposed by Lynsey Bastion and seconded by Alan Stevenson.

The Defibrillator is now in operation at the Coachman.

One of the local shopkeepers is investigating the local interest in a “shop watch” scheme, to discourage shoplifting in the Town.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

There was no report from the treasurer.

The current treasurer Amy Jarvie advised that due to work commitments she will no longer be able to attend future Community Council meetings. Amy has advised that if necessary she is prepared to continue as treasurer. Amy on behalf of the Council, thanking her for the valued contribution she has made since joining as a student.

It was agreed that Lyndsey Bastion would take on the role of treasurer. Bill Craik will arrange the transfer of the books etc.

### **5. Correspondence**

Citizens Advice Bureaux in Cumbernauld had advised that the AGM was to be held in Dec, if we wanted to send any representatives. There were no nominations.

Restorative Justice is holding an open day on 3 Dec and representatives of the Community Council are invited. RSVP anyone interested to contact the Secretary.

A letter of thanks had been received from Friends of Colzium for the donation to their recent open day.

HM Fire Service Inspectorate has requested feedback on how we view the Local Service provided by the Fire Service. The Secretary will respond advising that we enjoy the full support of SFRS in the Local Community.

There will be a North Locality Information Fayre in Cumbernauld town centre on the 19 Jan from 10am to 3pm. There are visits planned from a large number of local services and voluntary organisations.

## **6. Planning and Environmental issues**

There were no significant planning applications before the council.

### **Police Station site**

It was reported that some members of the Council had met with Clyde valley Housing Association who had presented a revised set of plans for the development of the old Police station site. These plans were much more sympathetic to the adjacent conservation area and would be being discussed with the planners before going for approval.

### **Kilsyth and Kelvin Valley Framework and Action Plan**

The plan will be presented on 3 Dec at the Kilsyth and Villages Forum in St Patricks School, at 7pm. All are encouraged to attend; The Steering and Stakeholder group will need to be established to drive the action plan.

Lorna Bowden will attend the meeting. The action plan can be viewed on the website.

### **Other issues**

The Old Sewage works site at the end of the industrial estate does not belong to Scottish Water, and therefore Bill Craik will discuss the need for enforcement with NLC as dumping is out of hand. |Water.

Concern was expressed about the work being undertaken at the Scarecrow, apparently without planning permission, which involves scaffolding on the Main street and a yellow storage container in market sq , taking up two parking spaces.

A question was also raised about the very large sign at Woodend farm for the Cross butchers, but as it is private land this is permissible.

## **7. Local Issues**

**NLC Roads issues** – ongoing, concerns were again raised about the road from Kilsyth to Blackwood circa the railway arches. However most of this stretch belongs to East Dunbartonshire.

### **Dog Fouling**

Correspondence regarding Dog fouling circulated by the Chairman has also been passed to Friends of Colzium and Kilsyth Villages forum

### **Health Centre statistics.**

There were 303 "did not attends" in Sept. This is 1/5 . This figure should be highlighted as people walk into the Clinic.

Bill Craik has met regularly with the Practice manager. A new system of appointments has been introduced. 48 hr appointments have gone; people can call anytime for a routine appointment. Where possible, text messages will be sent as a reminder. Emergency appointments can be for the same day, but the receptionist will need an indication of the problem.

Kcc website will show the latest newsletter from the HC and signposting.

The practice (one of the few) still does house calls for the young the elderly and the infirm- but it is at the GPs discretion.

### **Parking**

Alex Ramsay has taken on responsibility for parking enforcement and traffic wardens – but having only just taken on the role has not yet made any impact.

Parking at Ballmalloch Primary continues to be a major concern.

### **Jeffrey Memorial/ Bandstand**

Both in need of repair/ cleaning and repainting. Mark Kerr to discuss with NLC and restorative justice.

### **War Memorial – Burngreen**

It was noted that the War memorial was in a poor state of repair for the Armistice service – with old wreaths still left from the previous year. Bill Craik and Jean Jones will discuss with Chief Ex and ensure a cleanup for next year.

### **Fire Service.**

SFRS reported that during the last month there were 10 local incidents and requirements for special services of water rescue for a woman in the Farrell Burn. SFRS were also involved in animal rescue in Cory, when 20 cattle escaped. There were 5 false alarms and 23 Call outs to support Kirkintilloch/ Cumbernauld. There are vacancies for two fire fighters and the jobs are on vacancy board on the website.

## **Car Park at “factory Shop”**

Mud continues to be a problem, but this is not an NLC issue as the ground is privately owned. BC will write to the owners.

### **Street cleaning.**

Street Cleaning will be undertaken in cycles along with the grass cutting. Mark Kerr will clarify the exact details.

A representative from NLC will be invited to the meeting early next year ahead of the summer programme of maintenance and gardening.

## **8. Projects**

QR codes now completed.

## **9. History and Heritage**

Anne Russell has 45 engraved cups and trophies relating to Kilsyth Horticultural Society, passed to her from the Sneddon Family. It was agreed that these items should be kept and the Community Council would take charge. Bill Craik will organise.

## **10. Website**

In October 295 and in September 304 visits, with 94 looking at Landmarks.

It was agreed to remove the item on “shared space” from the website. A local photographer will supply some new photographs and the on the website will be updated.

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

Friends of Colzium Christmas Dinner 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Coachman £17 or £24, deposit of £10 – Margo has the tickets.

Rotary Club Carol Concert will be at the Burgreen bandstand on 17 Dec.

## **12. A.O.C.B - none**

**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 16 January 2019 at 7pm in BurnGreen Hall Kilsyth**

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