

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 27 April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Stephen Hampson (Vice Chair)
Robin Gordon (Treasurer)
David Goddard
Colin McGinn (Minute Secretary)
Ian Couttie
Maisie Galbreath
Margaret McLeese
Helen Cook
Jan Johnson

Attending:

Cllr Fyfe
Helen MacConnacher – St Columba's School Board,

Members of the Community:

Stephen & Nicola Muir

Apologies:

Cllr McCabe, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Wilson

1. Welcome

Helen Calvert opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The published minute of the meeting held on 30th March 2010 was approved.

3. St Columba's School Development

No update.

4. Strathclyde Police Report

No Police were present.

Information provided by email from PC McIntyre

There were 4 crimes for the month of April:

- Vandalism in Whitelea Crescent
- Robbery in Overton Terrace
- Housebreaking with intent to steal from Kilmacolm Primary
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Quarriers Village

5. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £1,757.03 and there were no outstanding payments at the end of April.
- Request for annual membership to the Association of Community Councils of £15 was approved.
- The question of insurance was raised and it was stated that public liability was arranged through Inverclyde Council. Confirmation would be sought and reviewed next month.
- The accounts will be made-up to 31st March 2010.

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

- The budget for new pedestrian Islands/Crossings has been approved, but the plans are not quite ready for review.
- The “gateway entrance” to Bridge of Weir has been improved, being widened and better signage.
- Torr Rd, BoW scheduled to reopen July 2010.

7. Parks

Birkmyre Park

- New shrubbery has been planted around the car-park.
- The putting-green is open.
- Multi-use games area.

Stephen Muir asked if KCC could update on the plans for reinstatement of the old tennis court. David Goddard responded that it is to be a multi-use games area, surrounded by a fence, with low-level flood-lighting. This will be subject to normal planning approval. The facility would be charged through day hours if booked, but outwith these times would be available for casual free use.

Stephen was concerned about flood-lighting being detrimental to the ambience enjoyed at the Park. There are also concerns regarding lack of parking and no speed restrictions. The proposed facility may attract people from outwith; however, it was noted that there are already a number of other similar facilities planned for, and already available in, Inverclyde. The shelter is being misused and graffiti is now prevalent (worse on the south-side). Lighting is completely inadequate. CCTV is present on the north-side and might help is added to the south-side.

In response, Broomeknowe Rd is clearly much more used now than before, but will the multi-use facility exacerbate this; although that said, some traffic management would be beneficial. Floodlighting would go off at 9pm, therefore outwith midsummer it would be too dark to use after 9pm. Possibly the games area should be locked after the lights go off.

These are mainly operational matters and KCC will raise them with Inverclyde Council prior to the formal planning application, and also reiterate if necessary during planning.

There are also some broader issues such as lack of management, vandalism, loitering, lack of toilets, etc. These would also be raised.

Mr & Mrs Muir were encouraged to write to the Local Councillors.

West Glen Park

- Could the dog-bin be relocated? After discussion it was agreed that the best place for the bin is at the gate, where it is presently located.

Market Place

- Maisie reported that seating made from recycled plastic would cost from £600.
- It was noted that the area has been tidied up. However, it was pointed out that KCC had previously agreed not to provide funding for seating in this location. Further discussion followed at participating shops and no agreement/decision for the area was made.

General

- Flower tubs at participating shops due to go out towards the end of May, Helen Cook and Iain Couttie organising in conjunction with Masonic Lodge.
- A new seat is required at Glen Moss. Maisie to follow-up.
- Could KCC provide a seat at Elphinstone and/or Woodrow Court. This was previously discussed and there are issues with location, planning, safety...

8. Planning

The planning applications submitted since the last meeting of the KCC were:

- 10/0081/IC 8 Willow Drive - Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house
- 10/0110/IC 6 Westland, Castlehill Rd - Replacement windows
- 10/0086/IC 15 Beaulieu Crescent - Erection of rear extension to dwellinghouse
- 10/0098/IC "Craggsfern", Houston Road - Re-instatement of wall, pillars etc, new timber boundary fence (? retrospective)

Note: All applications can be viewed online, no plans are being sent to library.

9. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

The new development is looking good. However, it was noted that the car-park is being over-used by the contractors. Could we reiterate our initial request for parking, that being to keep the car park as free as possible.

10. Inverclyde Council Minutes/Reports

The "Pre- Plan" indicates a focus on the town centres of Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow, but not specifically mention Kilmacolm. A letter was written and a reply assures us that Kilmacolm will not be ignored. At a minimum, the redevelopment of the "Institute" should provide a means to improve access to bin storage for St James' Terr., etc.

11. Correspondence

- Pipe Band and Horse & Cart procession to the 175th Knapps Show.
- "Local Review Body" on 5th May.
- Riverclyde homes building new houses on Kilmacolm Rd, Port Glasgow.
- Invitation to Gourock Highland Games – Sunday 9th May 12-6pm.

12. AOCB

Iain C reported that there had not been any meeting of the Crime Prevention Panel in recent months, therefore there is no update.

Smithy Cottages have been boarded up following a spate of vandalism.

Someone accessed the courtyards in the centre of KPS and vandalism occurred. Helen Cook asked if there was any funding to rectify the damage.

"Knockmountain" gates are padlocked. However, this appears to be a temporary situation as others have found the access unhindered.

13. Date of Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 25 May 2010 - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 29 June 2010 - 7.30pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 25 May 2010 at **7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 27 April 2010
3. Strathclyde Police Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting
6. Parks
7. Planning
8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre
9. Extract of Inverclyde Council Minutes
10. Correspondence
11. Any Other Competent Business
12. Date of Next Meeting