

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Community Council Meeting (*Subject to approval*)

Tuesday, 26th Aug 2008 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre

- 1. Present:**
- Helen Calvert (Chairman)
 - Colin McGinn (Minute)
 - Stephen Hampson
 - John Hunter
 - Margaret McLeese
 - Helen Cook
 - Maisie Galbreath
 - Iain Couttie
 - Jan Johnston
 - Janice Crean
 - Cllr Wilson
 - Cllr Fyfe

Apologies: David Goddard, Cllr McCabe, Cllr McLeod, Insp. MacDiarmid

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 28th June was approved, subject to one amendment...

The addition of Ian Couttie to the apologies.

4. Matters Arising

- Funds from the Millennium Committee will be used for upgrades to the Birkmyre Park. It was suggested that an extension to the disabled access path would be appropriate and a plaque sited in commemoration.
- The wall in the Village Centre hall has been repaired.
- Update KCC membership on web-site.
- BDSW
 - The theme is "The Olympics"
 - Judges will be Colin Brown, Trish Brown and Graham Robertson.
 - Help required from 9.30am on Saturday 13th Sept'08.
 - Jan Johnston will organise a hamper – donations to the Cross Café.
- Birkmyre Gym - The membership is now over 300, 3/4 of the target figure. The average weekday attendance for the Gym is currently over 100 a day - including both members and pay as you go users – and over 70 people, on average, use the Gym each Saturday and each Sunday. The average attendance is likely to be higher in the autumn/winter months.
- Japanese Knotweed - David Goddard has been in contact with one of the Inverclyde Environmental Officers who has given him an advance electronic copy of the Inverclyde information pack. It does adequately explain Inverclyde Council responsibility for this growing problem – no pun intended!

5. Police Report

A resume of incidents/crime for the last month: 12 crimes reported with 4 detections, a breakdown of crime is as follows:

- 4 x vandalisms
- 1 x domestic assault
- 3 x thefts

- 1 x careless driving
- 1 x breach of the peace
- 1 x dangerous dog act
- 1 x wilful neglect of a child

The most significant crime this month was the wanton vandalism to the house at "Den of Gryffe" which had 162 panes of glass broken. Extensive enquiry has been made into this crime however no persons have been charged at this time. It is strongly suspected that local youths were responsible, as the building site nearby also suffered from vandalism on the same night.

KPS suffered significant vandalism throughout the summer holidays. KCC to contact the Police for more information and corrective action. Helen Cook to email Insp. MacDiarmid.

6. Treasurer's Report

Received £217 income from flower tubs sales
 Invoice to pay, £404 to the Masonic Lodge.

7. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting & Parks

- Following two accidents, white lines have been repainted at the junction of Broomknowe & Castlehill Rd.
- Traffic survey equipment has been located on the main roads. Following the results at the end of September there will be a period of consultation.
- Pavement upgrades and major roads works in the village have been a great success.
- "Chain-road" at Birkmyre Park – a letter received from a local resident questioned why this section of Pacemuir Road was not put into use to relieve traffic congestion in Knockbuckle road. With no obvious cooperation from St Columba School there is a suggestion to open this road. However, following discussion, it was felt that the Park should not be compromised and more pressure should be placed on the School and the Police to manage the school parking problem. Stephen Hampson to compose a reply on behalf of KCC and also contact St Columba School and the Police.
- The Council is proposing to erect football goalposts in Birkmyre Park for a trial period. The area adjacent to the new car park area at the Pacemuir Road edge of the park – where the youngsters usually play on a Saturday. The suggestion of this "kickabout" area is to give the youth something to do and somewhere definite to kick a ball about rather than the car parks or play areas. Some local residents have expressed concerns, but it is after all a park where ball games are encouraged, and a trial period would ascertain any problems, but initially it was thought that the proposed area was maybe not suitable due to the proximity of the new car-park.
- Inverclyde Leisure is very supportive of reinstating the former tennis courts, but there are other priorities such as drainage on the main pitches which will have to be addressed first.
- Planning application for flood-lighting on the rear pitch, adjacent to Broomknowe Rd. The masts are 12M high with 2 x 2kw lights on each. It will not add to the beauty of the Park but it does support the general principles of the purpose of the Park. Chairman to respond to resident's concerns.
- Duchal Nursery new-build is on-going.

8. Planning

- Floodlights at Birkmyre Park noted above.
- "The Lodge", Hazelmere Rd – previous application for three houses withdrawn. KCC objected on grounds of over-development. A new application for three houses has now been submitted, the same concerns exist and a letter of objection was sent.
- "Glenrowan", Rowantreehill Rd – proposal for two houses on the site of one former house. KCC to review for the next meeting.

Cllr Wilson commented that "The Manse", Glencairn Rd is not in the conservation area therefore the grounds are not protected from development. KCC should consider raising this matter?

9. Youth Group

Start back 1st week September. Ralph Brown is going to act as care-taker.

10. New Community Centre

Stakeholder's meeting to be held on 3rd Sept'08 to update on the new concept.

It is hoped that the build will start March 2009 and last for approx 9 months.

11. KCC Website

No change to KCC web-site.

Can we get a link from Inverclyde Council Web-site to KCC.

12. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Noting of note

13. Correspondence

- Knockmountain Forest – Off Finlaystone Rd, but actually in Renfrewshire. Public access not to be addressed until later. Stephen Hampson to raise concern in a letter
- Kilmacolm Post Office to stay open.
- Greenock Arts Guild would like to present to KCC. To be arranged.
- Animation workshop for Kilmacolm Primary P4-7. Meeting Monday 15th Sept 1.30pm.

14. Any Other Competent Business

- Crime prevention – next meeting in Sept'08
- Invite representative of Inverclyde Council waste collection to KCC meeting. Or, visit the recycling site at our next meeting?
- 10K/3K/Round the Park Events 26th October 2008. Planning is in full swing. Looking at options for the trophies to be presented by KCC. The events are being publicised.

15. Dates of Next Meetings

30th Sept 2008 at 7.45pm – Regular Meeting

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REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Community Centre on
Tuesday, 30th September 2008 at 7.45pm

1. Report Apologies for Absence
2. Attending
3. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 26th Aug 2008.
4. Matters Arising
5. Police Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting, Parks
8. Planning
9. Youth Group
10. New Community Centre
11. KCC Website
12. Extract of Inverclyde Council Minutes
13. Correspondence
14. Any Other Competent Business
15. Date of Next Meeting