

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25th August 2009 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

1. Present:

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

Attending:

Cllr McCabe & Cllr Wilson

Members of the public:

Margie McCallum, Jim Anderson & James Archibald.

Apologies:

Janice Crean, David Scott, Cllr McLeod

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 30th June 2009 was approved

3. Matters arising

- Meeting held with KCT, KCC & IC Roads regards safe-crossings.
- Cllr Wilson enquired about the possibility of extending Kilmacolm Cemetery; however the response was not positive.

4. Police Report

Members of the Strathclyde Police were not in attendance, therefore no Police Report was tabled.

A question was raised about an apparent lack of Police response and presence. We are encouraged to report everything and therefore in return we expect an acceptable response from the Police. Conversation was initially triggered by a previous incident at The Cross Cafe, but then discussion moved to other issues of concern. However, it was noted that the Pullman is receiving "rapid-response" when required and "hot-spots" are being managed.

Ian Couttie was nominated to write a letter to Inspector MacDiarmid asking him to address our next meeting and also whether there is any arrangement for public consultation this year.

Crime figures added subsequent to the meeting...

July - 23 crimes

2 x Road Traffic Offences, 2 x Breach of the Peace, 4 x Assaults, 3 x Vandalisms, 1 x Wilful Fire-raising, 10 x crimes of dishonesty, 1 x drug offences

August - 20 crimes

3 x Assault, 5 x Vandalism, 1 x Breach of the peace, 2 x Road traffic, 9 x crimes of dishonest

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- Bank balance stands at £1648.
- Donation of £100 to Sustrans. A nice reply has been received and the "Legion XV11" has been painted.
- No outstanding accounts.

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

- A meeting was held with Civic Trust and Inverclyde Council regarding safe-crossings and parking. A copy of a summary of the meeting will be circulated to KCC members.
- A point was raised about the kids waiting on Port Glasgow Rd (foot of Woodrow Ave) for the school bus; the pavement is very narrow and there is no shelter. Demand at present at for 49 children. Cllr McCabe has raised this matter with the appropriate Council body.
- Lack of road naming – "Low Shells" and access lane to the rear of Glencairn Court, both West Glen Rd. Chairman to write to Council.
- Over-hanging hedges – a reminder to be placed in The Advertizer.
- Over-hanging undergrowth around the car-park at the foot of Barr's Brae is reducing the usable space. Letter to be written.
- The fence on the pavement at the Pullman has been damaged and is a hazard.
- Should there be public access to Knockmountain Woodland? Helen Cook to write.

7. Parks

- Quarriers Village play-area complete and to be officially opened on Saturday 29th August at the "Village Fun Day".
- Birkmyre Park
 - Are the broken tiles on the shelter to be replaced?
 - Also a rainwater down-pipe is missing from the shelter.
 - The "screen-planting" around the car-park has not made any great progress.
- What is to happen to the community space at Market Place?
- Public Toilets
 - Access available on basement level and first floor level of Community Centre.
 - The New Community Centre, when developed, will provide a facility. Will this be publicised with signage as a "Public Convenience"?
 - Toilets are available within the Leisure Centre at Birkmyre.

8. Planning

Planning Applications since last KCC Meeting

- 09/0131/IC "Craignure", Gryffe Road - Installation of access ramp to dwelling house
- 09/0190/IC "Thornclyff", Lochwinnoch Road - Erection of conservatory and new garage
- 09/0157/IC "Melmor", Florence Drive. - New timber boundary fence and gate. Letter of concern has been written.
- 09/0159/IC 2 Craigbet Cres, Quarriers Village. - Alterations and extension to house.

- 09/0174/IC “Greystones”, Houston Road. - Replacement windows, roof finishes, alterations to driveway, erection of gates, garage, garden store
- 09/0013/LB “Greystones”, Houston Road. - L.B. consent for demolition of outbuildings and alterations.
- 09/0004/cP “Gruinart”, Port Glasgow Rd. - Certificate of Lawful proposed development in respect of erection of conservatory at rear of house
- 09/0212/IC 14 Craigends Avenue, Quarriers Village. - Formation of extension and link to existing detached garage.
- “Woodside Care Home” – change of use and conversion to seven flats. No other detail.
- The “Duchal Estate” proposal still does not appear on the planning list. KCC has written a letter of conditional support due to the nature of the “enabling” development.
- 09/0539/PP – “Haddockston Estate”. Planning application is under Renfrew Council, but KCC should take an interest due to the proximity.
The development straddles Houston, Langbank and Kilmacolm communities. It was suggested that the three communities consult each other on this application. The deadline date for representations is 16th Sept’09.
The 9 hole golf course is to be extended to 18 holes and holiday cottages (numbering 40 semi-detached) built around Haddockston House. In the wooded area, off Gallahill Road, eight “enabling” houses are to be built.
A major worry is the very narrow nature of these country roads, which have no designated passing-places. The roads are not just used by cars, but also farmers with machinery, walkers, horses and cyclists. The proposed development will significantly increase the traffic.
Certainly a breach of the green belt and has immediate impact on the boundaries of Kilmacolm. What is the viability for such a scheme? While it may get planning support for leisure and recreation, if the venture were to fail in future, converting the lodges to residential would be fairly simple, which is of course another concern. Also, is there any guarantee that the enabling development will ensure that the rest of the project goes ahead.
Contact Houston and Langbank Community Councils.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ilwwcm/publishing.nsf/Content/pt-sw-planning-application-search>

Also see: www.haddockston.co.uk

Note: Plans will no longer be displayed in the Public Libraries, but are available on-line. This is of concern to KCC, especially when large plans are proposed. A letter will be written to Neil Graham.

9. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

- Contractor selected, but not yet appointed.
- Work on site should begin late September 2009

10. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- The year-long trial of “Food Waste” collection comes to an end (1st Oct’09). It will not continue in its present form since it has been deemed non-viable, although an alternative using the brown bins is being considered.
- Inverclyde Council is insisting on a 2km barrier between residential development and any plans for wind-farms over 20Megawatts.

11. Correspondence

- Circulated to various members.

12. Any Other Competent Business

- **Best Dressed Shop Window Competition**
 - Numbers of participants are low, but still going ahead.
 - The competition will be held on Saturday 12th September and the theme will be “*Homecoming*”. Meet at 9.30am (require about 2hrs)
 - Judges: Cllr David Wilson, Mrs Wilson and Rev Colum McGranaghan.
 - A raffle will be run in favour of Old Kirk Youth group. Helen Cook to organise.
- **Bins around the centre of the Village. Pressure should be put on them to be removed promptly. (discuss at next meeting)**
- **Also, empty containers outside shops for lengthy time (In particular, the Co-op)**
- **Allotments**
 - Planning permission is not required.
 - Preferred options are foot f the Smithy Brae and old ARP site.
 - Hazel Loughray to form a Kilmacolm Allotment Society

13. Date of Next Meetings

- KCC Monthly Meeting - Tuesday 29th September 2009 – **7:30pm**

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Community Centre on
Tuesday 29th September 2009 at **7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 25th August 2009
3. 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