

# KILMCOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Community Council Meeting (subject to approval)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 19:45 in the Community Centre

## 1. Present

Stephen Hampson (Acting Chairman)  
Colin McGinn (Minute)  
Iain Couttie  
Maisie Galbreath  
Robin Gordon  
Helen Cook  
John Hunter  
Margaret McLeese  
David Scott

## Apologies

Cllr Jim McLeod, Cllr Stephen McCabe, Jan Johnston, Helen Calvert, Bert Service

## 2. Attending

Cllr David Wilson and Cllr Tom Fyfe  
Local Police: Inspector MacDiarmid and Sergeant Nelis  
Members of the public – Woodrow Court & Elphinstone Court representatives, Mrs McCallum and David Goddard (Sustrans)

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January was approved.

## 4. Matters Arising

- Temporary path at Birkmyre former putting green has been provided, but lighting still has to be provided. **Matter of lighting to be raised.**
- Names for 'Rugby Club initiative' have been provided.
- Railings and land-slip on the pavement at Lochwinnoch Rd at Pulman still to be addressed.

## 5. Police Report

For the month Jan'08...

**88 Incidents**

**8 Crimes:** mostly vandalism, plus two thefts.

### • Change in community policing

- Inspector MacDiarmid outlined the realignment of Police resources to cover peak times. Inverclyde receives approx 35,000 calls per year which mostly occur Fri/Sat nights. One officer will be realigned to a pro-active unit to cover disorder at peak times, while one community officer will remain in the village. The main drive is to be able to respond to incidents quicker.
- Presently our community officer works 1 week dayshift, followed by 1 week backshift, therefore the Police are not in the village all the time; we presently do not have 24/7 cover from the local community policeman.
- In Kilmacolm (referred to as "beat76") from Aug'07 to Feb'08 there was 82 crimes

and 451 incidents; the incidents were 116 alarms, 92 traffic related, etc. The neighbouring beat of Upper Port Glasgow had 319 crimes and 1021 incidents. Both areas presently have the same level of Policing, this analysis justifies some redeployment.

- There is no change to the '999' system.
- Also, the remit of the community wardens has been extended to include Kilmacolm.
- In summary, Kilmacolm will have one part-time community Police Officer and a share of the pro-active response team. With present statistics it would appear that Kilmacolm in general does not have a high demand for a 'pro-active team', but the worry is that taking away the community officer may result in us having more need for the 'pro-active team'. Inspector MacDiarmid assured us the situation would continue to be monitored closely.
- Poster competition for P6/7 KPS & St Columba. The theme is to be "internet and mobile phone safety". KCC sponsoring prizes, one winner from each school. Inspector MacDiarmid was presented with a cheque for £100. Inspector MacDiarmid offered his thanks for support.
- David Goddard (Sustrans) is working with Inverclyde Leisure to organise a 10k run. Much of this will be run on the cycle track, but some assistance with the Police will be required for areas which will use the public Highway.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

After expenses balance in the bank £1658

KCC agreed to contribute £30 to the Agricultural Show.

Margaret McLeese asked if we could fund a seat for the benefit of residents of Woodrow Court making their way to the centre of the village but no suitable location has been suggested yet.

## 7. Roads, Pavements and Street Lighting

- Wateryetts House (Campbell Smythe), Finlaystone Rd – Trees and shrubs requiring maintenance. Danger of large trees over-hanging Wateryetts. Council have looked at the matter but do not consider it to be dangerous at present.
- The group fitting the new lights on Finlaystone Rd are guilty of litter-dropping. Also, the pavements lie in a poor state for quite some time; this may be a separate contractor.
- The Councillors agreed to follow-up these matters above.
- Toby-cap at the top of the Smithy Brae is still missing. **KCC to write.**
- Poor state of pavement at the bridge by the Pullman due to landslip. **KCC to write.**

## 8. Pedestrian Crossing

A letter has been sent to Inverclyde Council by email on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb'08 following our meeting earlier the same day. This letter makes various suggestions, all of which were discussed at a meeting with Inverclyde Roads and Planning. Rather than being a detailed solution to crossing problems, it is hoped that this leads to further community consultation prior to any plans being drawn up.

Various members of the Public (Woodrow Court & Elphinstone Court) made representation and were in the most part disappointed that the proposal for a crossing on PG Rd a couple of years ago did not proceed; the reasons for rejecting the proposal were discussed yet again. Discussion followed onto other potential improvements, most of which revolved around traffic calming and additional crossing islands. It may be possible to have some improvements implemented but it is hoped that once the Village Centre and other developments are finally under way then a full evaluation of traffic, pedestrian and road safety in the Village can be undertaken.

## 9. Planning

North Dennistoun Farm – certificate of lawfulness for four car garage. This may come up again at a later date if it is concluded that planning permission is required.

- 3 houses at the Lodge Hazelmere Rd – previously planning was granted for one house, but KCC objected to amended plans when altered to a multiple build, the reason being over-development. KCC objects on the same grounds to this third application, plus the build encroaches beyond the present building line. **KCC to write in objection.**
- 40 bed care-home in Quarriers (Reserved Matters) – a new building at Woodside Care retirement home. The existing building is not of the highest standard and the worry is that the new one will not be any better, but the main issue of public interest is the limited road capacity in the vicinity and the likely effect on it of an additional significant development. **Cllr Wilson to find out what the reserved matters are and feedback to KCC.**
- Other current applications appear minor.

## 10. Youth Group

- No report.
- **KCC to ask if the group is in need of any equipment.**

## 11. New Community Centre

- Still awaiting feedback from major funders.
- BIG Lottery application under review, but submission is still delayed.

## 12. KCC Website

- Still being developed.

## 13. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Council Tax frozen.

## 14. Correspondence

- None

## 15. Any Other Competent Business

- Jim Wood judging the Poster Competition.
- David Goddard (Sustrans) updated on the maintenance program of cycle track, especially the Inverclyde side of the track.
- Proposed 10K run for Sept'08 discussed again, suggested David Goddard get in touch with Mike Abrams. Local Police will advise on section which will require use of the Public Highway.

## 16. Date of Next Meetings

25<sup>th</sup> Mar'08 at 7.45pm – Regular Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> April'08 at 7.45pm – Regular Meeting

## **AGENDA**

Meeting to be held in the Community Centre on

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.45pm**

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