

KILMCOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Community Council Meeting (subject to approval)

Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 19:45 in the Community Centre

1. Present

Helen Calvert (Chairman)
Colin McGinn (Minute)
Iain Couttie
Maisie Galbreath
Robin Gordon
Helen Cook
John Hunter
Jan Johnston

2. Apologies

Stephen Hampson (Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Wilson, Cllr Jim McLeod, Bert Service, Inspector Graeme MacDiarmid

3. Attending

David Goddard (Sustrans), Cllr Stephen McCabe, Const Alan Dunsmuir, Const Irene McIntyre and one member of the public.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 27th November 07 was approved with one amendment:-

Item 4: Date change, should have read “Minute of 30th Oct’07 was approved...”

(An amendment to the amendments !!! oops)

5. Matters Arising

- Chairman and Vice-Chairman meeting with Inverclyde Council (quarterly meeting) held on 4th Dec to discuss the Birkmyre Trust.
 - Delayed opening date will now be May’08.
 - Groundmen’s sheds will be staying, but will not affect the DNS build. DNS has been asked by IC for an updated business plan; it is understood their build has now gone out to tender.
 - The climbing-frame & swings require upgrading; i.e. the surface does not conform to current standards as there is no soft-surface.
 - Prolonged closure of Pacemuir Rd to pedestrians, some suggestions made.
- Smithy Brae – Going to appeal.
- Police consultation (3rd Dec’08) – Relatively well attended and a number of issues raised.
- Roads
 - West Glen Rd pavement –reported, but no repair yet.
 - Lochwinnoch Rd pavement at Pulman – Problem highlighted but still to be fixed – barrier sticking out.

- Xmas light switch-on – Should KCC request some new lights for the Xmas tree?

6. Police Report

For the month Dec'07...

12 Crimes:

1 road traffic, 2 break-in to shed, 1 attempt theft of motor vehicle, 1 person drinking in public, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 2 other theft, 2 break-in to business premises, 1 vandalism

Incidents: Not available.

For the month Jan'08 to date...

12 Crimes:

2 breach of the peace, 1 assault, 2 vandalism, 1 break-in to business premises, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 2 road traffic, 1 other theft, 1 drinking in public, 1 theft of motor vehicle.

Incidents: Not available

- More calls than usual but mostly related to bad weather – trees blocking roads, alarm calls, flooding, etc....
- 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.
- Parking in the Village on double-yellows and corners is causing a hazard to pedestrians, can we do anything about it.
- Rugby initiative – Greenock Wanderers has offered to take twenty-two 14-16yo ‘wayward’ youths into rugby training who might benefit from this. Local Constables will consider some names, to be given to Ian Couttie.
- Initiative targeting the sale of alcohol to under-sixteens. Initiative is under way and random checks have been carried out in Kilmacolm, all passed.

7. Treasurer's Report

Paid for Remembrance Wreath = £78

Balance in the bank £1839

To Pay...

Invoice for web-site and Pullman.

Suggested spending...

Planting-tubs for the Village – **ACTION:** Helen Cook to investigate.

Seat for Cenotaph – **ACTION:** Ian Couttie to ask Inverclyde Council if this is allowed.

8. Roads, Pavements and Street Lighting

- No one presently goes round checking street lights. The Roads Dept now relies on the General Public to report any problems, but you need to have the street name and the identification number from the lamp-standard when calling the report.
- A lot of pot-holes as a result of the recent weather...
 - Craighends Rd, Quarriers.
 - Finlaystone Rd.
- Railings on West Glen Park adjacent to West Glen Rd require serious attention.

ACTION: Write to Parks Dept.

- Letter from Steven Hartley (Roads Dept), five possible locations for advisory speed signs. Cost still being investigated, can KCC contribute?
- Meeting with Steven Hartley, Roads Dept (01475-714837) is being arranged to discuss 'crossings' in the Village. Possible dates to be conformed... Thurs 30th Jan, Mon 4th Feb or Tues 5th Feb'08.

ACTION: Date to be arranged and emailed to KCC members.

9. Planning

- 7 applications over the period, but nothing causing concern.
- "Land adjacent to Knapps House" – Public Inquiry to be held on Tues 12th Feb 2008 in the Session Room Old Kirk, 10.00am (KCC has already written with their concerns.)

10. Youth Group

- Started again 18th January with about forty in attendance. Letter to The Advertizer and letter going to parents requesting for volunteers.
- Could KCC assist by 'lending' equipment?

11. New Community Centre

- Following resignation of the Chairman nominations are being sought from the community, a number of suggestions have already been received.
- KNCC has recruited one new board member, Fiona Scott, who has particular skills in fund-raising and business planning.
- At the Regeneration Committee meeting last Thursday, the proposal to ring-fence the proceeds of the sale of the Institute building for the new development was approved. With regards the sale of the garage and two shops, £100k will be allocated to fit-out the new library and the remainder of any proceeds will also go to the Project.
- Additional funding for the Project of £40k has been approved by Inverclyde Council from the 2008 capital budget. This will be used specifically to fund a Project Management Consultancy to work with KNCC to drive the Project to the next stage.
- The BIG Lottery application is planned for submission in March'08.
- Regular updates will continue to be provided in The Advertizer.

12. KCC Website

- A domain has been purchased www.kilmacolmcc.co.uk. Just awaiting details of hosting, some information will be posted and the site developed.
- An email address will be setup, e.g. info@kilmacolmcc.co.uk
- Colin McGinn will develop the new site.

13. Inverclyde Council Minutes

Pilot-scheme incorporating 5,200 households to collect food waste.
A Polling Station within Quarriers Village is to be identified.

14. Correspondence

- The Renfrewshire Heights SSI (special scientific interest) area has now been given SPA (special protection area) status.

- Maisie to ask NHS Community Engagement Team representative to our next meeting.
- Forum of Inverclyde Community Councils meeting to be held on Thurs 24th Jan'08.

15. Any Other Competent Business

- IRH bus not regularly used.

ACTION: Publicise locally - use it or lose it.

- McGill's new route via Braehead – timetables in Cross Café, Library, Village Centre.
- David Goddard asked what the focus areas were for the Community Council. The Chairman replied with the content of the agenda which is supplemented by any of the larger Village issues, i.e. Birkmyre, New Community Centre, major planning issues, etc...
- David offered his support and said he would take onboard any issues relating to the cycle-track. Presently there are maintenance issues with the Inverclyde portion of the track. However, the volunteers have to be commended for their continued efforts.

16. Date of Next Meetings

26th Feb'08 at 7.45pm – Regular Meeting

25th Mar'08 at 7.45pm – Regular Meeting

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Community Centre on
Tuesday 26th February 2008 at 7.45pm

1. Report Apologies for Absence
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 22nd January 2008.
3. Matters Arising
4. Police Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting
7. Pedestrian Crossing
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