

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Helen Cook
Ian Couttie
Maisie Galbreath
David Goddard
Robin Gordon (Treasurer)
Jan Johnson
Janice Crean
David Scott

Attending:

Cllr Fyfe, Cllr Wilson and Cllr McCabe
Fergus MacLeod and Ron Gimby – Inverclyde Planning Policy and Housing

Members of the Community:

John Nicol, George Stoddart, Hugh Wilson, Ian McCallum, Margie McCallum, Eric MacKinley

Apologies:

Stephen Hampson (Vice Chair); Colin McGinn (Minute Sec), Margaret McLeese; Cllr McLeod

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 24 November 2009 was approved.

3. Strathclyde Police Report

Members of the Strathclyde Police were not in attendance and no police report was tabled. The Chair would request that a report be submitted which would be published.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £2,003.76.

5. Inverclyde Local Development Plan

Fergus MacLeod and Ron Gimby of Inverclyde's Planning and Housing were introduced to the meeting. They had been invited to outline the processes that would be adopted in the creation and formalisation of the **Inverclyde Local Development Plan** (ILDLP) which will set out policies and proposals for land use and assessing development proposals within Inverclyde.

It was explained that the main changes to the Scottish local development planning system in the Planning (Scotland) include:

- The removal of the requirement to produce local plans
- A new requirement to produce local development plans
- Placing each planning authority under a statutory duty to update its local development plans at least once every five years
- Planning authorities are required to publish, and update, a development plan scheme which outlines its programme for preparing and reviewing local development plans

- Each local development plan is to be accompanied by an action programme, updated at least once every two years.

The ILDP will be developed in tandem with the new Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley area, of which Inverclyde forms a part.

As part of the preparation of the ILDP, progress will be marked by the following stages of public involvement:

Development Plan Scheme – This document sets out the Council's intended programme for the preparation of the ILDP and what is involved at each stage.

Participation Statement – This document sets out the Council's intentions in terms of the breadth, scope and timeframe for the public consultation and community and stakeholder engagement in preparing the new Plan. The Council will seek to update and continue to develop the Participation Statement as the new ILDP proceeds through the stages of Plan preparation.

The following key reporting milestones are included in the sequential stages of the process:

- *Monitoring Statement* – This document will consider changes in the physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the area that have occurred since the preparation of the existing Inverclyde Local Plan (2005). It is planned for spring 2011, to be published alongside the first major publication of the *Main Issues Report*. An interim *Monitoring and Update Report* on the current adopted Local Plan was approved in the spring 2009.
- *Main Issues Report* – This document will set out the Council's general proposals for development in the area and in particular proposals as to where development should and should not occur. Its preparation will be subject to extensive public consultation including the KCC. The Report will set out a series of alternative viable options for the Local Development Plan. The preparation of this report will take a year commencing in early 2010.
- *Proposed Plan* – This document is the finalised draft version of the Plan the Council wishes to publish as its Inverclyde Local Development Plan. It too will be subject to extensive public consultation which is scheduled to start at the beginning of 2013.

The approved Inverclyde Local Development Plan would not be adopted until mid 2014.

The KCC were thanked for their initial input to the process and requested to continue to pass on any concerns or issues and would be invited to make formal comment on the proposals next year.

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

It had been reported that the illumination of some of the recently replaced street lights on Bridge of Weir Road was obscured by overgrown trees. Cllr David Wilson undertook to have this investigated.

Concern was expressed about the flooding of the Bridge of Weir Road in the vicinity of the junction with Portersfield Road and it was doubted that it is as a result of fallen leaves blocking the drains. Janice Crean will investigate and report.

The Inverclyde Council were still to establish the ownership of the banks of the burn alongside the Barrs Brae car park. It was their view that the removal of the overhanging trees and bushes and tidy up of the car park area would not improve the car parking capacity. This was disputed by some of the KCC members present.

The requested vegetation pruning of the bank at the Pullman had been carried out but there had been a subsequent complaint that the pruning had been too severe. The 'clean up' of the bank had exposed the extent of the erosion under the Lochwinnoch Road pavement. The Inverclyde Council will be requested to attend to in the interest of safety.

There had been an unwelcome reaction by the Kilmacolm Civic Trust to the approach the KCC had adopted at a meeting that had been held with Inverclyde Environmental Services (Roads Network) to consider the options for improving the safety of the road crossing in the vicinity of the Kilmacolm Cross. It was felt this reaction was unjustified as the KCC had not and could not support the suggestion of a 'mini roundabout'.

7. Parks

Birkmyre Park

Some of the newly commissioned floodlights are to be re-aligned to reduce the impact on the surrounding residences.

It was unclear whether the proposed pitch drainage improved work had been approved.

There had been complaints about the amount of litter that had accumulated in the vicinity of the children's play area during the holiday period. It was confirmed that in the non-holiday periods the litter was cleared each day Monday to Friday.

West Glen Road Park

The amount of littering and dog fouling were a cause of great concern to users of the park. It was felt that the dog fouling could be reduced if the park's dog fouling bin was re-located. Cllr David Wilson would make this request to Inverclyde Council. He would also request that the Dog Wardens/Enforcement Officers visit Kilmacolm as a deterrent to the owners of fouling dogs.

Market Place

The pruning and tidy up of the area was welcome. It was not clear who owned the area that had in recent time housed small items of children play equipment. A suggestion that the KCC should fund the siting of a bench in this area was not agreed.

8. Planning

Planning Applications for week beginning 11 January 2010

- 10/0004/IC 1 Carsemeadow, Torr Avenue, Quarriers Village - Erection of rear extension to dwelling house

Planning Applications for week commencing: 28 December 2009 and 4 January 2010

- 09/0400/IC 14 Auchinbothie Gardens - Erection of a side extension and provision of sliding doors
- 09/0409/IC Disused Quarry, PG Rd - Erection of 3 No. dwelling houses with 3-car internal garages

Planning Applications for Week beginning 30th November 2009

- 09/0361/IC Burnside, Knockbuckle Road, Kilmacolm - Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse (amendment to Planning Permission IC/07/237)
- 09/0370/IC Sustrans Footpath, Gryffe Road, Kilmacolm - Replacement of non-compliant disabled access gateway with compliant gateway (in retrospect)
- 09/0390/IC 2 Craighends Place, Quarriers Village - Conversion of existing conservatory to sunroom

Planning Applications for Week beginning 16th November 2009

- 09/0371/IC Sustrans, Lochwinnoch Road - Replacement of non-disabled access compliant gateway with disabled access compliant gateway (in retrospect)

- 09/0041/CA 12 St James Terrace - Display of illuminated fascia signboard - (*Beanscene's Logo*)

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

The application for the enabling development on the Duchal Estate had been refused.

It was agreed that the KCC would not oppose the application 09/0409/IC- the erection of three dwelling houses at the site of the disused quarry on the Port Glasgow Road for consent in principle – but would respond that the granting of any planning permission would be subject to the provision of safe and adequate access to the anticipated traffic both ongoing and during the construction stages.

9. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

It was reported that good progress was being made on the Community Centre development. It was agreed that the contractors were doing their best to reduce the inconvenience to the community that such a large scale project could potentially cause.

10. Inverclyde Council Minutes/Reports

It was considered regrettable that such a successful – albeit limited - trial on the recycling of food waste had come to an end. It was the hope that an ongoing food waste re-cycling service could be provided for all Inverclyde households in the near future.

11. Correspondence

The Inverclyde Licensing Board had requested the Kilmacolm Community Council to give their recommendation whether to continue or not continue the curfew on entering licensed premises after 11pm. The KCC were unanimous that the present curfew should remain in force.

12. AOCB

Bus Service – Leperstone Avenue/Leperstone Road

A request was made on behalf of the residents of *Leperstone Avenue/Leperstone Road* that the route of #1 Bus Service be extended to reduce the distance that elderly residents needed to walk to alight and board the bus. Cllr David Wilson would make this request to STP.

Dial-a-Bus

Cllr David Wilson informed the meeting the Dial-a-Bus in the Kilmacolm area would be resumed in March.

Kilmacolm Community Transport

KCT have started a shoppers free bus service within the village on Mondays – this is in addition to their normal Thursday service

13. Dates of the next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 23 February 2010 – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 30 March 2010 - 7.30pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 23 February 2010 at **7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 26 January 2009
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