

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 30 June 2009 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

1. Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Helen Cook
Iain Couttie
Janice Crean
Maisie Galbreath
David Goddard
Robin Gordon (Treasurer)
Stephen Hampson (Vice Chairman)
Margaret McLeese

Attending:

Cllr McLeod

Members of the public:

Mrs Findlay

Apologies:

Jan Johnson, Colin McGinn, David Scott, Cllr Fyfe, Cllr McCabe, Cllr Wilson.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 26 May 2009 was approved

3. Police Report

Members of the Strathclyde Police were unable to attend the meeting and no Police Report was therefore tabled. Subsequent to the meeting Inspector MacDiarmid tendered apologies that the officer designated to attend the meeting had been called to an emergency. The following Police Report was forwarded by Inspector MacDiarmid after the meeting.

INCIDENTS/CRIME

Strathclyde Police received 147 calls over the period 30 May to 30 June. From this 22 crimes were recorded - they are broken down as follows:

*2 x Housebreakings
1 x attempted house breaking
2 x theft from motor vehicles
2 x Assaults
6 x vandalisms
4 x traffic offences
2 x Frauds
2 x Shop Lifting's
1 x explosive substances act(minor crime)*

On Sunday 27 June we ran a Police initiative on the cycle track tackling off road motor bikes. Two traffic Officers on off road police motor bikes patrolled the path all Sunday afternoon between Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm - all quiet no offences detected - still a worth while exercise as it both reassures the public and sends out a clear message to would be offenders.

Main complaint this month is the new play park at Birkmyre - youths congregating drinking vandalism etc. This only came in last weekend and will be addressed over the next few weeks - will report back at next meeting

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- Bank balance stands at £1654.
- First payment - £700 – of the 2009/2010 grant from Inverclyde Council has been received.
- The 2008/2009 accounts have been prepared and submitted to Inverclyde Council. These were distributed at the meeting and will be tabled for approval at the KCC Annual General Meeting.

It was proposed that the KCC should consider funding – in an amount of about £240 - tennis coaching sessions for Kilmacolm children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to be involved in the sport. Maisie Galbreath agreed to approach the Kilmacolm Tennis Club to establish whether they would support and administer such a scheme and provide the necessary equipment.

It was agreed that the KCC should make a donation of £100 to Sustrans to part fund the equipment required by volunteer rangers to maintain the sections of the National Cycle Network within the Kilmacolm Community Council boundaries. David Goddard agreed to pursue this with Sustrans.

It was suggested that the KCC consider offering – if required – some financial assistance to those organisations that use the Community Centre and are faced with additional rental costs as a result of their temporary re-housing whilst the Community Centre is re-developed. Cllr MacLeod thought that it would be a better option if these organisations approached the Inverclyde Council's Grants to Voluntary Organisations Fund for any financial assistance they required. Helen Cook agreed to make those organisations who may wish to make a grant application aware of the Fund and provide them with the contact details - application forms can be requested by contacting Willie Wilson, Community Services Manager on 01475 715555 or by e-mail at willie.wilson@inverclyde.gov.uk. Awards for All Scotland also makes grants to help people take part in arts, sport, social, environmental, health related, educational and other community activities.

5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

- The responsibility for the maintenance of the West Glen Road pavement outside the Park is still to be established. Inverclyde Council is investigating.
- A formal response was still awaited to the concern expressed by the KCC about the condition of Netherwood Road and the impact of the additional traffic as a result of the Auchenbothie Mains 'housing development'.
- A request will be made to Inverclyde Council to attend to the deteriorating state of the Pullman Tavern access road and car park
- Helen Calvert would write to Inverclyde Council to convey the KCC and KCT's concerns about traffic conditions and parking facilities in Kilmacolm and request an early meeting with representatives of KCC and KCT to discuss suggested solutions in order that IC Roads department can be prepared to make corrective actions once the new Community Centre development is finished.

6. Parks

- The putting green at Birkmyre Park was now 'open for business' but this had not been widely publicised. Thanks were given to Janice Crean for her involvement in the re-establishment of the facility
- Work had started on the erection of the rugby pitch floodlights
- Development of the Birkmyre Park tennis courts site was still under consideration
- Part of the surface of the Birkmyre Park new play area had been vandalised and would be repaired
- KCC's contribution to the Quarriers Village play area development had been well received and would be acknowledged on appropriate signage.

- Margaret McLeese was in contact with Historic Scotland in connection with the planned demolition of the cottage at Kilmacolm Cemetery. There was also comment that if the cottage was demolished could that result in more burial space?
- Janice Crean was still pursuing the preservation and restoration of the Rennie McIntosh headstone but it was proving difficult tracing the relatives of those buried at the site.

7. Planning

Helen Calvert and Maisie Galbreath had attended a meeting where the new planning policies and procedures had been outlined. The KCC and KCT would be playing more significant roles in the planning approval process once the legislation was enacted. It means that effective collaboration between the KCC and KCT needs to be confirmed and maintained.

Planning Applications since last KCC Meeting

- 08/0290/IC - 3 Hatfield Court - Formation of new one and a half storey extension.
- 09/01142 - Plot 1 Houston Road - Variation of previous consent to cover minor changes in elevations, levels, surfacing etc etc.
- 09/0122/IC - Cottage 14 (Overton) Quarriers Village Installation of air conditioning unit [plus Listed Building consent]
- 09/0132/IC - 21 Leperstone Avenue Erection of single storey extension to front, side and rear of dwellinghouse
- 09/0157/IC - Melmor, Florence Drive - New timber boundary fence and gate
- 09/0159/IC - 2 Craigbet Crescent, 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 - L B consent for demolition of outbuildings and alterations as above
- 09/0004/cP - Gruinart, Port Glasgow Road - Certificate of Lawful proposed development in respect of erection of conservatory at rear of house

An objection to the timber boundary fence at Melmor had been lodged as there was an obligation to replant the hedge.

8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

- A public meeting – where the plans were presented - was held on 28th May in Kilmacolm Primary School – about 50 attended
- Options are being considered for the re-housing of the Day Centre during the re-development
- From the fifty Contractors who registered an interest in undertaking the KNCC development six have been invited to tender
- It is anticipated that the on-site development work will commence in September.

9. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Nothing of major interest or impact for Kilmacolm.

10. Correspondence

- An invitation to attend the Association of Scottish Community Councils Regional Meeting in Paisley Cathedral on Saturday 22 August 2009 had been received.
- The Inverclyde Forum of Community Councils is seeking representatives for the Community Council Working Group. It was considered important that the KCC were represented – Helen Calvert agreed to represent the KCC.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- **Allotments**
 - David Goddard and Hazel Loughray had visited – in the company of the owners - two of the sites being offered for allotments. Both were considered suitable but they require a varying degree of work and expense to provide vehicular access and parking and establishing a usable water supply.
 - Contact had been made with the people who had registered an interest in acquiring an allotment to ascertain whether they would be willing to help establish a Kilmacolm Allotment Society. Only about half of the people had responded.
 - Hazel Loughray was attempting to establish whether planning permission would be required to use the land for allotments
 - David Goddard undertook to establish whether the 'land locked' piece of ground next to the Guide Hut could be a potential allotment site.
- **Kilmacolm Community Clean-up Saturday 6 June.**
 - Although there were only a few participating volunteers on the day the Kilmacolm Community Clean Up was a success
- **Best Dressed Shop Window Competition**
 - It was agreed that this year's competition would be held on Saturday 12 September and the theme would be *Homecoming*. Helen Cook and Iain Coultie to make usual arrangements for notifying shops, organising children's treasure hunt & prizes etc.
 - Jan Johnson would be asked that the KYC arrange a Hamper Raffle.
 - Helen Calvert would invite three judges.
 - Because of the KNCC development there would be limited space to accommodate a full band. Helen Cook would establish whether a limited number of band members could perform whilst judging was taking place.
 - Note of event to go in September's Advertiser
- **Public Toilet**
 - The problems of a lack of public toilet facilities in Kilmacolm will be exacerbated during period of the KNCC development
 - Although there would be toilet facilities in the KNCC these would not be available for a year or more
 - Margaret McLeese undertook to write to Inverclyde Council – on behalf on the KCC - to explain the problem and attempt - with Councillors' support - to get a resolution. One solution was possibly to establish toilet facilities on the Market Place/High Street site that previously housed a 'mini playground.

12. Date of Next Meetings

- KCC Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 25 August 2009 – 7:30pm
- KCC Monthly Meeting - Tuesday 25 August 2009 – 7:45pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Community Centre on

Tuesday 25 August 2009 at 7.45pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 30 June 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