

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 May 2009 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

1. Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Iain Couttie
David Goddard
Margaret McLeese
Maisie Galbreath
David Scott
Jan Johnson
Colin McGinn

Attending:

Cllr Fyfe, Const Jackie Fallon and Const Greg Spence

Members of the public:

Sandy Gibb Stuart, Linda Monaghan, Hazel Lochray, Anne Findlay, Margie McCallum.

Apologies:

Stephen Hampson (Vice Chairman), Robin Gordon (Treasurer), Helen Cook, Janice Crean, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Wilson and Cllr McCabe.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 28th April 2009 was approved with one amendment...

Item#14. (AOCB) spelling of "Ian Bell" should be "Iain Bell".

3. Matters Arising

- Flower tubs now on display around the Village, but noted not as many takers this year. Quarriers not pursued yet.
- Road repairs still ongoing.
- Holly Trees House application granted.
- Charles Rennie McIntosh Head-Stone – No update.

4. Police Report

Crime figures for May'09:

- **14 crimes as follows...**
 - 5 vandalism 1 drugs related, 1 bop, 1 assault, 1 theft, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 3 breaches of bail, 1 breach of section 57 act (formerly trespass)
 - 40% detection rate on these.
- Recent spate of car vandalism (especially Finlaystone Rd and Hillside Ave area) but notoriously difficult to detect.
- Crimes should be reported to allow the Police to do their job. The Local Police phone number: 01475-492500

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not able to attend the meeting but a brief report was presented as follows...

- Balance stands at £796, having paid out to Quarriers Play Park Appeal.
- 2009/2010 grant should be in progress.
- The accounts will be ready in June, in time for presenting at the August meeting.

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

- West Glen Rd pavement outside the Park is being looked into. Some of the footway is private and Inverclyde Council is investigating.
- Number of road repairs being done. "Rhino patching" being tried as a more effective solution and is claimed to be more cost effective.
- Opposite Duchal Avenue, centre of Lochwinnoch Road has a ridge. An issue as cars are forced out to the middle of the road when passing the parked cars.
- Gryffe Rd opposite St Columba's School – over-hanging ivy from the 'railway wall' impeding passage along the north-side carriage of Gryffe Rd.

7. Parks

- Birkmyre Park Gym had a very successful 1st birthday party.
- Birkmyre Football/Rugby – Regeneration Committee has approved dual use of the front pitch for rugby and football.
- Putting-green at Birkmyre still being reviewed and may be reopened, but development of tennis courts on hold until next year. Jan Johnston to email David McCorkendale for an update.

8. Planning

New planning system and legislation, a meeting has been organised in Greenock Municipal Buildings for Wednesday 3rd June (6.30-7.30pm).

Planning Applications, Weeks beginning 1/05/09 and 8/05/09

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| ▪ 09/0082/IC | Haven, Auchenfoil Road. | Relocation of access to proposed new buildings |
| ▪ 09/0089/IC | The Stables, Auchenbothie | Extension to dwelling house |
| ▪ 09/0093/IC | The Manor, Houston Rd | Installation of CCTV cameras, gas lanterns at entrance gates, erection of play equipment, summerhouse, garden room gymnasium, garden shed, 2.4m high timber fencing, replacement of timber fascia and soffit boards with upvc. |
| ▪ 09/0105/IC | Cairns, Glencairn Road | Formation of chimney flu (in retrospect) |
| ▪ 09/0081/IC | 11 Craigends Avenue, Quarriers | Erection of timber garage |
| ▪ 09/0098/IC | Lynncroft, Lochwinnoch Rd | Extension to side of house incorporating raised balcony area. Looks quite close to neighbour but not KCC issue. |
| ▪ 09/0116/IC | Plot 2, Avenel, Knockbuckle Rd | Construction of house out with approved zone. Minor change – no objection. |
| ▪ 09/0009/LB | Cart Shed, Finlaystone | Demolition of cart shed and erection of new storage building with 2 residential flats above. |
| ▪ 09/0096/IC | Cart Shed, Finlaystone | Provision of new storage building with 2 residential flats above |

9. Youth Group

- The Youth Group finished for the summer.

10. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

- Public meeting will be held on 28th May in Kilmacolm Primary School at 7.30pm. PTA organising tea and coffee for the event.
- Invitations to tender building contractor in progress and decision will be made next month.

11. KCC Website.

- No update.

12. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Nothing major for Kilmacolm.

13. Correspondence

- "Kirkin' of the Council" 14th June, Well Park Mid Kirk, Greenock. KCC invited.
- Japanese Knotweed in Kilmacolm. Terribly invasive and requires a special treatment for eradication. Let us know if you are aware of any new outbreaks.
- Forum of Community Councils still meets, next meeting Wed 3rd June at 6.30pm.
- Save Your Regional Park (Muirshiel and beyond) – Monthly newsletter from Windfarm objectors group.
- Various on IRH tea-bar.

14. Any Other Competent Business

- Allotments.
 - In March Hazel Lochray raised this matter and since an article appeared in the Advertiser a dozen positive replies have been received. Also three offers of land have been received: ground within a garden which would accommodate two allotments, a second of approx two acres on Smithy Brae and a third of a significant size just on the edge of the village.
 - At this point it was suggested that a cooperative or association be setup out-with KCC to take the venture forward. Hazel Lochray volunteered to coordinate and David Goddard agreed to relay the necessary information.
 - Sandy Gibb Stuart offered a level of sponsorship to assist the venture.
- Community Clean-up Saturday 6th June.
- Margaret McLeese asked if there was a local hill-walking club. A member confirmed the existence of the Gryffe Hill-walking club based in Houston who have a monthly walk.
- Scout Hut surrounds. David Goddard has spoken to Iain Bell
 - Japanese Knot-weed has been identified and plans are to eradicate it.
 - Support wall has fallen into disrepair and a repair is planned.
 - General wild-look is being addressed.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 30th June 2009 at 7.45pm
- No meeting in July
- Tuesday 25th August: AGM at 7.30pm followed by Regular meeting at 7.45pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Community Centre on

Tuesday 30th June 2009 at 7.45pm

AGENDA

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