

**Minute of Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 25 May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

**(Subject to approval at the next meeting)**

**Present:**

Helen Calvert (Chair)  
Stephen Hampson (Vice Chair)  
Helen Cook – Part of the Time  
Janice Crean  
Ian Couttie  
Maisie Galbreath  
David Goddard

**Attending:**

Cllr McCabe, Cllr Wilson

**Members of the Community:**

**Apologies:**

Colin McGinn (Minute Secretary), Robin Gordon (Treasurer), Jan Johnson, David Scott

**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 27 May 2010 was approved.

**3. Strathclyde Police Report**

Strathclyde Police were not represented at the meeting and no Police Report was tabled. Helen Calvert will express the KCC's disappointment at the repeated non-attendance of the police at the KCC meetings, not receiving any apologies before the meeting and the absence of a written report when, for operational reasons, the police cannot attend.

Added to the minute following an email from PC McIntyre (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010)

8 reported crimes -

- 1 serious assault \_ Smithybrae
- 2 breaches of the peace at Duchal Road and Leperstone Dam
- 1 vandalism - Knockbuckle Road
- 1 careless driving
- 1 theft - Port Glasgow Road
- 2 Housebreakings with intent to steal at Kilmacolm Primary and the Scout Hall

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and no Treasurer's Report was tabled.

**5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting**

- The design work for the new pedestrian Islands/Crossings at Kilmacolm Cross was reported to be almost complete.
- Disappointment was expressed that the flooding that occurs on the Bridge of Weir Road in the vicinity of Porterfield Road was not considered sufficiently serious to be included in the road

flooding 'hot spots' identified by Inverclyde Council. Janice Crean who had investigated the causes of the problem would pursue this omission and request that appropriate action be taken.

- It was agreed that the KCC should – on behalf of Kilmacolm commuters – request Renfrewshire Council to alter the timing and sequence of the traffic lights at the Kilmacolm Road /Houston Road junction in Bridge of Weir to relieve the build up of the morning traffic travelling from Kilmacolm through Bridge of Weir. Helen Calvert will pursue this.
- It was requested that Inverclyde Council be asked to confirm that the land fill/road works at Scart Farm would not exacerbate the road flooding just inside the Inverclyde boundary.

## 6. Parks

### ***Birkmyre Park***

The KCC had - after the last KCC meeting – written to the Inverclyde Head of Regeneration and Planning setting out some of the perceived Birkmyre Park operational shortcomings and the anti-social behaviour of those using the park. The concern was expressed that these problems would be exacerbated when the Multi-Use Games Area opened and if appropriate operational management controls were not in place. The letter had been acknowledged but it had not been received in time to provide a formal reply before this meeting of the KCC.

Helen Calvert and Stephen Hampson at their next Birkmyre Park meeting with Aubrey Fawcett - Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment – will express the community concerns regarding the operation of the Birkmyre Park and management of its facilities – present and proposed – and seek solutions.

There was a suggestion that Inverclyde Council was neglecting its responsibilities to provide facilities that encouraged the participation of girls in sport and physical activities. This was not a generally held view by the KCC.

## 7. Planning

The planning applications submitted since the last meeting of the KCC were:

- 10/0091/IC Newstead, Castlehill Road - Single storey side extension
- 10/0002/CP Rowallan, Duchal Road - (Certificate of proposed lawful use) Demolition of existing store, formation of doors and roof lights – *Refused*
- 10/0127/IC Birkmyre Park - Proposed new Multiuse games area.
- 10/0136/IC The Lodge, Hazlemere Road - Renewal of existing Planning Approval
- 10/0146/IC -Westheath, Duchal Road, - Erection of new domestic garage

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

It was felt that there were no grounds to object to the renewal of the Lodge planning approval. There was, however, a worry that the approved plans were not available online and it was, therefore, not certain exactly on which plans the renewal was based.

In lively and lengthy discussion it was confirmed that the KCC viewed the proposed provision of the Multi-Use Games Area in a positive light. However there were serious concerns about the proposed floodlighting and its impact on the residents living in the vicinity of the proposed Multi-Use Games Area. Stephen Hampson would draft the KCC's formal response to the planning application that expressed these concerns and a request that an appropriate floodlighting cut off time limit be included in the planning consent conditions.

## 8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

It was reported that the KNCC development was progressing well. It was felt that the Village car park was still being over-used by the contractors although it was appreciated that materials and equipment needed to be loaded and unloaded onsite. Helen Calvert would again reiterate the KCC request that the contractors and sub-contractors keep the car park a free as possible.

## 9. Inverclyde Council Minutes/Reports

The Regeneration Committee approved in principle the disposal of the present Community Centre buildings. The site is likely to be advertised soon for redevelopment.

## 10. Correspondence

The KCC office bearers had been invited to attend the Kirkin' of the Council ceremony on 13 June. Unfortunately none of the office bearers are able to attend. Helen Calvert will thank Inverclyde Council for the invitation and express regret that the KCC will not be represented at the event.

## 11. AOCB

### ***Best Dressed Shop Window***

The date for Kilmacolm's Best Dressed Shop Window competition was agreed as Saturday 11 September 2010. The competition theme and the list of related tasks will be agreed at the next meeting of the KCC.

### ***Rennie McIntosh Grave Stone – Kilmacolm Cemetery***

Janice Crean is involved in the attempts to locate the family members who are the custodians of the grave stone. It was agreed to reimburse the travel expenses of the researcher who is leading the search for the surviving next of kin.

### ***Flower Tubs/Hanging Baskets***

The KCC sponsored flower tubs and hanging baskets would be delivered to the participating businesses on Wednesday 26 May 2010. Thanks expressed to Helen Cook, Iain Couttie and the Masonic Lodge for their efforts.

### ***KCC's Public Liability***

It was not clear whether KCC's public liability was covered by an Inverclyde Council insurance policy. Helen Calvert would seek clarification and the situation will be reviewed at the next KCC meeting.

### ***Kilmacolm/Quarriers Centenarians***

Councillor Wilson suggested that Selina Cooke – Inverclyde Council - could, if requested, pass onto the KCC any notifications she received of Kilmacolm/Quarriers residents who are about to reach their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Helen Calvert will make such a request.

### ***Freda and Simon Martyn Memorial Seat – Glen Moss***

David Goddard updated the meeting on the generous donations received – in response to the Wanton *Destruction!* article in The Advertiser - to replace the seat destroyed by vandals.

## 12. Date of Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 29 June 2010 – 7:30pm
- Tuesday 31 August 2010 – Annual General Meeting – 7:30pm

**MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 29 June 2010 at 7.30pm

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 25 May 2010
3. Strathclyde Police Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting
6. Parks
7. Planning
8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre
9. Best Dressed Shop Window Competition
10. Extract of Inverclyde Council Minutes
11. Correspondence
12. Any Other Competent Business
13. Dates of Next Meetings