

**Minute of Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

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

**Present:**

Stephen Hampson (Chair)  
Helen Cook  
Robin Gordon  
David Scott  
Maisie Galbreath  
David Goddard  
Robin Gordon (Treasurer)  
Margaret McLeese  
Colin McGinn (Minute Sec)

**Attending:**

Cllr Wilson and Cllr McCabe  
PC McIntyre & PC Duffield  
Sarah Green & Cathy McVey (CCTV Survey)  
Stuart Jamieson (IC Birkmyre Park)

**Apologies:**

Helen Calvert, Cllr McLeod, Janice Crean, Jan Johnson

**1. Welcome**

Stephen Hampson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minute of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 was approved.

**3. Strathclyde Police Report**

9 crimes reported in the Kilmacolm/Quarriers area for the period 1 – 24 November 2009:

1x theft of a motor vehicle, 1x theft by house breaking, 1x theft from garage, 1x drunk driving,  
1x driving with no insurance, 1x Breach of Peace, 1x vandalism, 2x common assault.

**4. Kidston Kids**

Kidston Kids is a mother & toddler group, catering for age groups - babies up to 1.5years of age and toddlers from 1.5yrs to 3yrs; prior to going to formal nursery school. The organisation is presently running at an annual loss and it is hoped to increase membership. A Puppet Show is being proposed, as a fund-raising event, and a request is being made for financial support, especially in the event of a shortfall in ticket sales.

A decision will be made on award or grant at the end of the meeting.

**5. Consultation of CCTV**

Cameras will require replacement in future and a survey is being carried out with community groups to ascertain the benefit. There is one camera at Kilmacolm Cross, which is linked into the Police.

- Does the camera make the Public feel safer?
- Are there better ways of spending the money?
- Is CCTV a cheap alternative to local Police?
- The Warden Service is excellent.
- Is there any point in one camera?
- Should the camera be relocated, say to the new Community Centre or at the Pullman?

In summary, yes, it does make us feel safer. More, or better located, would be desirable; mobile cameras might be more useful.

## 6. Birkmyre Park – potential upgrades

A plan is being proposed to convert the blaze tennis courts into a multi-use games area. This might include one tennis court, in common use with two basket-ball courts. This area would be fenced-in and possibly light, the surface would be 3G (all weather). The proposal is to make the best use of a dilapidated space. The area would be managed during gym hours, but open to the public out-with.

The proposal is the outcome of a meeting where locals were asked what they wanted; reinstatement of the putting and tennis was requested. The addition of basket/netball and floodlighting is a consequential advantage. The Birkmyre Trust receives revenue from various user groups including the Gym and Duchal, this allows surplus to be invested in such schemes. There would a modest charge for use during gym hours.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a couple of minor expenses and a healthy bank balance of £2,084.

## 8. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

### School traffic

- Inverclyde Council has agreed to the KCC suggestion for "20's plenty" at St Columba's Senior School. These will be sited sometime in FY2010.

### Street lighting, pot-holes, etc.

- Blocked drains at the foot of Wateryetts.
- Poor street lights on West Glen.
- A speed sign on exiting the Village on PG road has been reversed.

### Barr's Brae car park

- The over-hanging vegetation is to be removed when ownership of the bank of the burn has been established

## 9. Parks

### *Birkmyre Park*

- Covered elsewhere.

### *Market Place*

- Proposal to upgrade, but no specific detail.

## 10. Planning

Planning Applications for Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
(Not available at the October meeting)

- 09/0279/IC Mount Zion Church, Quarriers Village. Installation of additional 8 no. velux windows (also Listed Building consent applied for). KCC has expressed concerns
- 09/0281/IC Mount Zion Church, Quarriers Village. Erection of double garage. KCC has raised an objection.
- 09/0328/IC 2 Lyle Buildings, Lochwinnoch Road. Change of use from retail to retail plus café. It is understood that the venture for the cafe has been suspended although the change of use application is still being progressed.

Planning Applications Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November

- 09/0311/IC 7 Lodge Crescent. Construction of chimney on gable of dwelling house
- 09/0320/IC "Knockbuckle Farm", Florence Drive. Erection of extension to dwelling house
- 09/0356/IC "Millford", Lochwinnoch Rd. Erection of extension to ground floor toilet to rear of house

Planning Applications - Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November

- 09/0309/IC "Melmor", Florence Drive. Infill fencing, boundary planting with new boundary fence and gate. We objected back in June to a previous plan on grounds of retention of hedge as boundary being one of the conditions of original planning consent. This "new" plan shows fence behind hedge, but fence is already there hard against hedge which has not been maintained, and removal of fence now would probably destroy the hedge! Reiterate the previous objection.
- 09/0354/IC "The Corrie", Houston Rd. Demolition of derelict garden greenhouse, erection of bar, garden machinery shed and 2 garages. Timber built buildings shown, which would hardly be visible from outside the grounds.
- 09/0360/IC Port Glasgow Road. Erection of bungalow (in principle). This gap area along P.G. Rd was originally proposed in the Local Plan Draft of 2004 as development, but was contested and put into green belt. It would appear that nothing has changed since the last application and it would not seem appropriate to allow this now. The local plan is due for review in 2010. Maisie to reiterate.

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

#### 11. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

Board meeting and site visit, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The issue of access to the car-park and creation of a works-site will be raised.

#### 12. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Nothing of note.

#### 13. Correspondence

The proposed Circus will not be coming to the village apparently due to concerns over the ground conditions. KCC to mention our disappointment to Inverclyde Council and question why the proposal was rejected.

#### 14. AOCB

- New Local Development Plan presentation at the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010. Email ideas for discussion by 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010.
- No update on allotments. David will follow-up with Hazel Lochrie on formation of the committee.
- Agreed to join "Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland" at an annual cost of £20.
- "Beanscene" has applied for a "Premises License" – no objection.
- David Goddard gave an overview of ASCC Conference.
- Kidston Kids – £100 grant for the hire of the hall for the community organised event, the Puppet Show. Suggest they also make a formal application for a grant from KCC with business plan and other application they have made.

#### 15. Date of Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - at the Pullman
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - 7.30pm

**MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at **7.30pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 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