

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 27 October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Helen Cook
Iain Couttie
Maisie Galbreath
David Goddard
Robin Gordon (Treasurer)
Stephen Hampson (Vice Chairman)
Margaret McLeese
Colin McGinn (Minute Sec)

Attending:

Cllr Tom Fyfe and Cllr Stephen McCabe
Sgt Danny Godfrey (Strathclyde Police)
Nicol Cameron (Kilmacolm Civic Trust)
Asa Brooks (IC Local Housing Strategy Officer)
Hugh Scott (IC Youth)

Members of the public:

Helen McConnacher and Sara Bishop,

Apologies:

David Scott, Jan Johnson, Janice Crean, Cllr David Wilson, Cllr Jim McLeod.

1. Welcome

Helen Calvert opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 29th September 2009 was approved.

3. Strathclyde Police Report

Reported crimes in the Kilmacolm/Quarriers area for the period 1 – 27 October 2009:

1 BOP, 1 theft of cycle, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 vandalism (Smithy Brae), 3 theft by house breaking, 1 theft, 1 dangerous driving and under the influence, 1 possession of knife and BOP.

Analysis of historic house breakings, between 30th September and 9th October, exhibits a pattern and the CID are now involved. Also some forensics have been recovered and presently under analysis.

A “Hot Spot” list has been developed and there is potentially an offer for some KCC members to actively assist on patrol. These have been identified as...

Parking around the schools, the Cycle track, shelter at Birkmyre Park, Balrossie, Shelter in Duchal Woods, the new Village Centre, Speeding on the main roads, the Pullman, the Cross at the weekends, St Columba’s Church steps, West Glen Park.

The additional Police presence in the Village has been noted and is very much appreciated.

4. Hugh Scott – Inverclyde Council Youth Development

Hugh spoke on the issues of Youth facilities in the Village. Hugh is investigating the re-opening of the Friday night Youth Club in Kilmacolm Primary School. Hopefully this can be started within the next three weeks.

To assist the re-opening of the Youth Club, a Public meeting will be arranged for Tuesday 10th November 2009 at 7pm to 'kick' this off and get folks involved.

It was noted that there is also a Youth Club on Friday nights at Port Glasgow High School. This is for the older kids, from 2nd year and older.

Email: hugh.scott@inverclyde.gov.uk

5. Inverclyde Council Local Housing Strategy

Asa Brooks (Local Housing Strategy Officer) gave a brief introduction of the Policy, which will be a five year strategy (2011-16), being created over a two year period. A document, "Local Housing Strategy Briefing.doc", was emailed to KCC members on 23rd October.

One of the main issues for Kilmacolm is affordable housing. It was suggested that future developments might incorporate affordable properties, either for rent or shared equity/ownership. Although it was also acknowledged that we are very protective of the green-belt, particularly since the Village has limited infrastructure; it is understood that some of the services, such as sewage, are already at capacity.

To enhance to consultation process there may be the creation of local strategy group. Would KCC like to have a representative, or just kept in touch - Margaret McLeese volunteered. It was also suggested that Kilmacolm Civic Trust be kept in the loop.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- 2nd payment from IC and the bank balance stands at £2,106.
- One bill to pay £23.50 for the remembrance wreath. (Note: Sunday 8th Nov'09)

7. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

School traffic

A letter was written to Mrs Perry (R.E. congestion at St Columba's School) asking her to attend KCC, but unfortunately she declined this offer.

Sara Bishop (St Columba's School Board) spoke on the issue regarding parking at the Junior School. The parents are asked each year to comply with the voluntary one-way system. The offer was made to "name and shame" those who are being deliberately difficult, record the offending registration number and report to the School or Local Police.

The option of a permanent official 'one way' system round St Columba's Junior school was discussed, but it was agreed that it could cause even more trouble, and would not be looked on favourably by surrounding residents.

Helen Cook commented that KPS involve the school kids in monitoring the traffic around the school; Mrs Bishop agreed to take this suggestion to the School.

KCC to make a request "20's Plenty" signage at the Senior School on Gryffe Rd.

Bins on St James' Terrace

No feedback yet

Street lighting, pot-holes, etc.

Report any issues on-line at IC web-site. This seems to very effective.

8. Parks

Birkmyre Park

- Screen-planting being addressed.
- Suggestion of the Netherlands National Circus to come to the Park for summer 2010. This seemed to receive a favourable response amongst the members. Send a reply to Ian Dyer (Inverclyde Council) for more details.
- CCTV has now been erected external to the gym (one directed to the play-park and one to the shelter).

9. Planning

Letter of objection about Haddockston has been acknowledged by Renfrewshire Council.

Planning officer to attend the January meeting to discuss the Local Development Plan.

David Goddard reviewed the "Windfarm document". There seems to be a drive to have broader interest taken into account when considering objections. A buffer zone of 2km around Inverclyde Communities and also Muirshiel Park will be enforced. KCC will make a formal response requesting that we are fully involved in the future development of a local plan.

Planning Applications since last KCC Meeting

- 09/0273/IC "The Yews", Bridge of Weir Rd. Alterations and extension to house, formation of dormer window and increase of height of boundary wall.
- 09/0294/IC 4 Myreton Avenue Extension to house.
- 09/0307/IC 1 Lodge Park, Kilmacolm, Erection of 2 storey rear extension
- 09/0304/IC 13 Craigends Avenue, Quarriers Village Erection of 2 storey side extension

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

10. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

The development started 26th October 2009.

There will be some parking and traffic disruptions and therefore some inconvenience during the construction, but this will be kept to a minimum. The builders will cooperate by ensuring they park their vehicles outwith the centre, it is hoped the shop-keepers will do likewise. The development will last 12 months.

11. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- Community Council review. Kilmacolm will remain 'as-is' but number of CC's in Inverclyde will not be finalised till later next year, therefore no CC elections till then.
- There will be a Christmas Lights switch-on in Quarriers this year. Unsure if KPS will be involved. Kilmacolm Christmas lights – not possible this year with new development.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence addressed to the KCC was circulated to various KCC members for attention.

13. AOCB

- Allotments – nothing to report.
- Crime prevention panel. – Invite Stewart Gailey to the February meeting.
- Meeting times – keep to 7.30pm start.
- Website – update time of meeting and minutes on-line.

14. Date of Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 24th November 2009 – 7:30pm
- Tuesday 29th December 2009 - at the Pullman
- Tuesday 27th January 2010 – 7.30pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 24th November 2009 at **7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 27th October 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