

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 29 September 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
David Scott

Attending:

Cllr McCabe, Sgt Danny Godfrey

Members of the public:

George Morris

Apologies:

Janice Crean, Jan Johnson, Colin McGinn, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Fyfe, Cllr Wilson

1. Welcome

Helen Calvert opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 25 August 2009 was approved.

3. Strathclyde Police Report

Sgt Danny Godfrey, who had been recently appointed to co-ordinate the Strathclyde Police community policing in Inverclyde Ward1 and Ward 2, gave a detailed account of the criminal activity in Kilmacolm and the community policing approach he intended to undertake in future.

A summary of the reported crimes in the Kilmacolm/Quarriers area for the period 1 – 29 September 2009 was given as:

4 cases of vandalism; 1 housebreaking – no arrest; 1 serious assault, 1 wilful fire raising, 1 alleged robbery, 2 breaches of the peace, 1 violation of the Communication Act 2003, 2 thefts and 1 road traffic violation.

The KCC was asked to provide Sgt Danny Godfrey with a list of potential 'crime/anti- social behaviour hotspots' in Kilmacolm which could be used in planning where to focus a police presence. Helen Calvert would compile a 'hot spot' list from the suggestions provided by the KCC members.

The illegal occupation of Balrossie and its resolution are still ongoing.

It was requested that the Strathclyde Police page on the KCC website be updated more frequently

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- The bank balance stands at £1,561.
- No outstanding accounts.

5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

The provision of safer crossing points in Kilmacolm had been discussed at a meeting of the KCC, the Kilmacolm Civic Trust and Inverclyde Council. Plans would be developed and communicated to the KCC.

The problems and potential risks to the Post Glasgow High School pupils, pedestrians and Port Glasgow Road users caused by the waiting and queuing for the school bus had diminished but had not yet been fully resolved. An alternative bus route was being considered.

A further complaint had been received from a Knockbuckle Road resident expressing concerns about the traffic congestion around St Columba's Junior School. This was in spite of the earlier response provided by KCC. Helen Calvert would reply in a similar vein to the previous response explaining that the KCC could do nothing further apart from bringing the concerns to the attention of the Strathclyde Police and St Columba's School. Mr George Morris agreed to relay the concerns to St Columba's Rector asking that parents and teachers adhere to the school's traffic management measures.

A reminder to residents about their responsibilities in regard to branches and hedges overhanging the pavements would appear in the October edition of The Advertiser.

The undergrowth encroaching on the car-park at the foot of Barr's Brae that is reducing the usable space has not been attended to by Inverclyde Council.

Concern was expressed about the banner hung on the railings on the pavement near to the Pullman. Helen Calvert will discuss its removal with the Pullman Tavern.

The public access to Knockmountain Woodland had been re-instated.

6. Parks

Quarriers Village

- The official opening of the play-area on Saturday 29 August was well attended.

Birkmyre Park

- The broken tiles on the shelter have been replaced
- The missing rainwater down-pipe at the shelter has not been replaced
- The inadequacy of the "screen-planting" around the car-park will be discussed when Helen Calvert and Stephen Hampson meet with Inverclyde Council in regard to the Birkmyre Trust.
- The football and rugby dual use of the Birkmyre pitches had been introduced.

7. Planning

Planning Applications since last KCC Meeting

- 09/0018/LB - Duchal, Stepends Road - Repair and maintenance of Duchal House and associated Buildings(LB consent)
- 09/0226/IC - Duchal, Stepends Rd - New residential development (in outline)
Duchal applications have been discussed by the KCC and response sent.
- 09/0019/LB - Community Centre - Refurbishment (Amendment to LB consent)
- 09/0259/IC - Community Centre - Alterations and Refurbishment (Amendment to planning consent)
Note – the Community Centre amendments are minor – there is planning consent for the project.
- 09/0289/IC - Longford, Castlehill Road - Alterations to rear extension and erection of raised terrace.

- 09/0185/IC - East Green Farm, Kilmacolm - Erection of new farmhouse - Matters Specified by Condition. *This was granted in outline in 2007*
- 09/0218/IC - Cottage 2, Faith Avenue, Quarriers Village -Change of use and alterations to outbuilding to form dwellinghouse.
- 09/0255/IC - 27 Leperstone Avenue - Formation of single storey rear extension.

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

Helen Calvert and Helen Cook had attended a meeting of the Houston Community Council which had discussed the "Haddockston Estate" planning application. Although the proposed planning application is under Renfrew Council it was agreed that KCC should raise objections as the plans are viewed as a breach of the green belt and have immediate impact on the boundaries and traffic volumes of Kilmacolm. Stephen Hampson will draft the KCC response for Helen Calvert's review and submission.

KCC had expressed their concern to Inverclyde Council that plans will no longer be displayed in the Public Libraries, but would only be available on-line and at the Inverclyde Council Planning office. The Inverclyde Council reply was along the lines was that there would be no return to the past practice and that there were benefits to be derived from the introduction of the on-line service.

Separate requests had been received from Inverclyde Council for them to address the KCC on the Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy. It was agreed that a special meeting of the KCC would be convened, possibly including the Kilmacolm Civic Trust, for Inverclyde Council to discuss both these topics which could impact on the community. Helen Calvert would arrange the meeting in conjunction with Inverclyde Council.

A copy of Inverclyde Council's *Draft Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Wind Farms* had been received for comment under copy of a letter dated 3 September 2009. David Goddard agreed to review the papers and circulate his comments to the KCC before the next KCC meeting.

8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

The main contract for the KNCC development had been awarded to Messrs Oglivie Construction from Stirling.

The initial 'lead-in'set up work on site should begin during October 2009. There will be some parking and traffic disruptions and inconvenience during the construction but this will be kept to a minimum

9. Inverclyde Council Minutes

Nothing of major interest or impact for Kilmacolm

10. Correspondence

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

11. Best Dressed Shop Window Competition – Saturday 12 September 2009

Seven shops competed for the Best Dressed Shop Window. The winner's trophy was awarded to Ardgowan Hospice Charity Shop and A&M Hairdressers and Etoile were Highly Commended.

It was suggested that consideration be given to awarding a cash prize to the winners of the 2010 competition. This will be discussed nearer to the event as the suggestion did not receive initial unanimous support.

12. Bins on Pavements

The Chair will write to Inverclyde Environmental Service expressing the KCC concerns about the environmental impact and Health and Safety issues associated with the current practice of traders keeping bins and other containers on the village pavements.

13. ASCC Conference

The annual conference of the Association of Scottish Community Council is to be held at the Scottish Parliament on 14 November 2009. Those KCC members who wish to attend to confirm with Helen Calvert.

14. Date of Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 27 October 2009 – **7:30pm**
- Tuesday 24 November 2009 – **7:30pm**

Note: No KCC meeting in December 2009

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on

Tuesday 27 October 2009 at **7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 25th August 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