

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of Meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2011

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Tuesday 27 September 2011 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

Stephen Hampson – Chairman
David Goddard – Secretary
Robin Gordon – Treasurer
Alda Clark
Helen Cook
Jan Johnson
Helen MacConnacher

Attending:

Sgt Danny Godfrey, Sgt Paul Johnston – Strathclyde Police
D Page, A Bateman, K Shah – Page Park Architects
R Duncan – Dougall Baillie Associates
Colin McClatchie, James McAlpine – St Columba's School Board
Neil Sinclair, Kingsley Wood – Strathclyde Angling Association
Lord Maclay, Keith Jones; Margie McCallum, Maisie Galbreath, Ian McCallum

Apologies:

David Scott, Patrick Barry, David Madden, Margaret McLeese, Cllr Stephen McCabe, Cllr David Wilson, Cllr Jim McLeod

1. Welcome

Stephen Hampson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting

The published minute of the meeting held on 30 August 2011 was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that KCC's current bank balance was £2,412.12. There was a provision of £1,000 for KCC's donation towards the cost of providing a sculpture cycle rack for the Cargill Centre for which details were awaited from the KNCC.

4. Strathclyde Police Report

Sgt Godfrey and Sgt Paul Johnson presented the September crime report for Beat 76 - Kilmacolm/Quarriers - which was summarised:

- Thefts – 5
- Pedal Cycle Thefts – 2
- Theft/Housebreaking - 2
- Attempted Housebreaking - 1
- Vandalism – 1
- Theft from motor vehicle – 1
- Breach of the Peace - 1
- Common Assault – 1
- Stalking – 1
- Section 57 - 1

There were two detections - one of which was the apprehension of a person climbing into the Primary School quadrangle over the roof which was reported by a near neighbour.

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Sgt Godfrey appealed to the public to increase their vigilance and take precautions to counter the current spate of 'sneak in' thefts to households. Plain clothed and uniformed patrols were being stepped up in the Kilmacolm/Quarriers area.

Lord Maclay reported incidents of poaching in the waters in and around Kilmacolm and wished to heighten the public's awareness of such activity. Any suspicious riverside/waterside activity should be reported to the police who – in cooperation with the Strathclyde Angling Association and the bailiff – would deal with this illegal activity.

Lord Maclay also made the meeting aware that the incidence of livestock rustling was likely to increase given the rise in livestock prices.

5. Presentation/Consultation on St Columba's School Development at Milton Wood

Following an introduction by James McAlpine, Andrew Bateman of Page Park – the architects commissioned by St Columba's School - presented an outline design of the St Columba's proposed development at Milton Wood. He explained the background and drivers for the proposed development which is intended to improve the facilities of the school but not to expand the school nor increase the school roll. The proposed design takes account of the topography of the site and the views from the residential building along Gryffe Road. The design aims to integrate the development into the village whilst minimising the environmental impact. The inclusion of staff and some public parking is intended to relieve some of the current pressure of on-street parking in the vicinity of the school. This was seen as a positive contribution to the community.

Concern was expressed at the proposal to make part of the Avenue the main vehicular exit to the site and the access and exit for service vehicles. It was also of some concern that there was a lack of proposals for action to address the congestion caused by buses dropping and picking up on Gryffe Road.

There would be further public consultations and discussions with interested parties before more detailed design and planning.

The Chairman thanked St Columba's for sharing their thinking with the community.

6. Planning/Licensing

Planning applications for the period to 12 September 2011:

- *11/0220/IC- Plot 2 Houston Road Kilmacolm - Proposed erection of single detached dwelling house with attached carport and granny flat*
- *11/0223/IC - Lindores, Glencairn Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PB - Demolition of existing garage with the erection of extension to dwelling together with new insulated render, solar panels and alteration to widen vehicle entrance*

After discussion it was agreed that the KCC would object to the planning application for the dwelling proposed to be erected on the site of Plot 2 Houston Road on the basis that it would constitute overdevelopment in the conservation area. The Secretary would submit the objection.

The Kilmacolm Co-op had withdrawn their application to increase the shop space allocated to off-sales of alcoholic beverages from twelve to eighteen square metres. The KCC had opposed the application and the Chairman had submitted an objection to the Inverclyde Licensing Board on behalf of the KCC.

7. Inverclyde Community Council Elections

Eleven nominations had been received for the nine Kilmacolm Community Council councillor posts allowed under the 'scheme' adopted by Inverclyde Council. As a result of this an election would be held with voting taking place between 5pm and 8pm on Thursday 13 October 2011 at Kilmacolm Community Centre. Eight of the current community councillors – which includes some of those recently co-opted - would be standing for election to the newly formed Kilmacolm Community Council.

At the first meeting of the newly elected community councillors are required to:

- Adopt a constitution based upon the model constitution and standing orders agreed by Inverclyde Council
- Appoint office bearers – chairperson, secretary and treasurer
- Provide an up to date financial statement

It was agreed that this first meeting would take place on Tuesday 25 October 2011 in the Kilmacolm Community Centre starting at 7:30pm. David Goddard – regardless if he was elected or not – undertook to convene the meeting and to provide for consideration a draft Kilmacolm Community Council constitution based upon the model constitution and standing orders.

8. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

The drain in the vicinity of the Cross Café had been unblocked.

Work on the requested changes to the parking provision on the Bridge of Weir Road in the vicinity of the 'safer' crossing was to go ahead.

Concern was expressed about the branches and foliage that are obstructing the pavements on Bridge of Weir Road. It is the responsibility of the property owners to ensure that the pavements are not obstructed by plantings in their property. The Secretary would establish with Inverclyde Council the actions required to resolve the problem.

Evelyn Campbell informed the meeting of the problems and dangers caused by the motor vehicles parking on both sides of Broomknowe Road. The Chairman would alert Inverclyde Council of the concerns at his planned meeting with the Corporate Director: Regeneration and Environment.

The resurfacing of the pavement on the south side of Lochwinnoch Road and the Pullman access road and parking area had been completed to a high standard and Inverclyde Council was praised by Helen Cook for their remedial work.

There was a need to repaint a number of the yellow and double yellow lines around the Village which it was felt would lead to a greater adherence to the intended parking regulations and restrictions. The Secretary would pass on this request to Inverclyde Council.

There were a number of instances of vehicles being parked on the curb on the entry/exit to the Cargill Centre car park. This was a danger to pedestrians and drivers entering Lochwinnoch Road. The Secretary would discuss the problem with the KNCC Chair and agree a resolution.

The Secretary would enquire of Inverclyde Council when they were to commence on the plans for a safer crossing on Lochwinnoch Road in the vicinity of the Cargill Centre.

9. Parks and Open Spaces

The general upkeep of the West Glen Road Park was considered to be at an acceptable standard.

10. Inverclyde Council Minutes/Reports

There were no items of particular interest to Kilmacolm/Quarriers.

11. Kilmacolm Primary School Parent Partnership

Following the last meeting the Chairman had informed the Kilmacolm Primary School that the KCC would not appoint of a community councillor to join the Parent Partnership until after the election but offered that a community councillor could attend their October meeting on an ad hoc basis. It was agreed that the KCC would not be represented at the next KPS meeting but a community councillor would be appointed to attend subsequent meetings. The Chairman would advise KPS accordingly.

12. Next KCC Meetings

- Tuesday 25 October 2011 – Kilmacolm Community Centre – 7:30pm