

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of Meeting: Tuesday 29 January 2013

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

Stephen Hampson – Chair
Helen Cook – Vice Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
John Watson – Treasurer
Jan Johnston
Helen MacConnacher
David Madden

Cllr Stephen McCabe - Ex Officio Member
Cllr James McColgan - Ex Officio Member
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio Member

Attending:

Sgt Danny Godfrey – Strathclyde Police, Sgt Debbie Quin – Strathclyde Police; Lord Maclay,
David Conway, Gillian Conway, Alan Dickson, Sandra Reid, Angela Smith

Apologies:

Alda Clark, Jon Ventham, Cllr Jim MacLeod – Ex Officio Member, Inspector Stevie Adams –
Strathclyde Police

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the January 2013 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed the attendees.

2. Minute of the Previous Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 27 November 2012

The minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting held on 27 November 2012 was approved.

3. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Extraordinary General Meeting – 18 December 2012

The minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Extraordinary General Meeting held on 18 December 2012 was approved.

4. Strathclyde Police Report

Sergeant Godfrey presented the police report for the Kilmacolm/Quarriers Village area for the four week period to 29 January 2013. There were sixty recorded incidents and six reported crimes - which represented 1.3 percent of the total reported crimes across Inverclyde. The breakdown of the reported crimes was given as one malicious mischief, three motor vehicle offences, one domestic housebreaking and one miscellaneous offence. Four of these six crimes had been detected.

The police were thanked for their quick response to reported traffic offences on West Glen Road.

The Secretary undertook to confirm that the 'Police Surgeries' which Inspector Shaw had scheduled would be held on the previously agreed dates.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The Treasurer reported that the KCC total expenditure for the year was £899.17. The Income for the year to date included the Inverclyde Council 2012/2013 funding of £1292.68 and bank interest of 35 pence. A surplus of £1,292.68 had been carried forward from the previous year. There were outstanding room hire and administrative costs and a budgeted donation of £70 to the Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Agricultural Society - allowing for these it was anticipated there would be a surplus of approximately £1,300 to take forward into 2013-14.

6. Kilmacolm Floral Displays

Angela Smith, who had recently been appointed the Royal Horticultural Society Development Manager for Scotland, addressed the meeting. In her view there were numerous opportunities to enhance the appearance of Kilmacolm through sympathetic plantings and floral displays. In order to make a success of these opportunities she felt there needed to be an involvement of a cross section of the Kilmacolm community and in particular the young people of the village. After discussion Jan Johnston agreed to try, on behalf of the KCC, to establish a group that would take on the responsibility for floral displays and plantings in and around Kilmacolm. Angela Smith would provide help and advice to the group.

7. Kilmacolm Twinning

The Secretary had, prior to the meeting, circulated email correspondence from Laurent Kochanski proposing that Kilmacolm 'twin' with MÉRIGNIES - a small French town about twenty minutes away from Lille city centre. There was general agreement that the 'twinning' proposal should be pursued and the Chair undertook to arrange a meeting of Kilmacolm village organisations and groups to establish whether there was sufficient enthusiasm and support for such a 'twinning'. The initial 'twinning' enquiry from MÉRIGNIES had been addressed to the Inverclyde Ward 1 Councillors and those Councillors who were present at the meeting confirmed that any decision to go ahead with a 'twinning' could be taken by the KCC.

The Secretary would inform Laurent Kochanski of the outcome of the KCC discussion and establish whether the Mayor of MÉRIGNIES was in full support of the proposal.

8. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

A request had been received by the Secretary for the KCC to make representation to Inverclyde Council to consider implementing measures to reduce the risks of accidents on the stretch of the A761 alongside the Knapps. It was agreed the Secretary would request Inverclyde Council to undertake a risk assessment and inform the KCC of the findings.

9. Planning/Licensing

The local planning applications validated by Inverclyde Council in the weeks since the last meeting on 18 December 2012 were considered. The KCC were not opposed to the following applications nor did they feel they required any comment.

- *13/0001/CPL- 7 Overton Gardens Kilmacolm PA13 4DS - Erection of rear extension*
- *13/0004/IC - Woodside Care Home Law View Road Quarriers Village PA11 3FD- Extension of time limit for planning permission 09/0204/IC (change of use and conversion of care home to form 7 flats)*
- *12/0007/CPE - North Newton Farm Woodhead Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TE- Replacement of UPVC glazed window units and upvc roof covering*
- *13/0001/IC - 3 School Wynd Quarriers Village PA11 3NL - Removal of existing conservatory and decking and the erection of new rear extension and decking*
- *13/0005/IC - Tanglewood Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NN - Alterations and extension to dwelling*
- *12/0338/IC - West Rowantreehill Cott Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PD - Erection of double garage, alterations to driveway/parking area and patio, together with alterations to boundary wall and the provision of fence and gate*

It was felt by some that the design of the proposed extension as shown in the application 13/0025/IC – *Plot 2 Houston Road Kilmacolm - Alterations to design of dwellinghouse* - was inappropriate and unsympathetic to its green belt surroundings. A vote of community councillors to oppose the application was carried. Helen MacConnacher would lodge the KCC objection to Inverclyde Council planning officials.

The application 12/0357/IC - *Cairncurran Farm Auchenfoil Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TH - Erection of a single wind turbine with a maximum blade tip height of up to 53.7 metres and associated infrastructure* was discussed at some length. The objections and concerns raised by those in attendance who reside near to the site of the proposed turbine were heard. A vote of community councillors to oppose the application was carried by a single vote. Helen MacConnacher would advise the Inverclyde Council that the KCC were opposed to the application on the grounds that the turbine would constitute a distraction to drivers of motor vehicles on the nearby B788, the cumulative impact in relation to High Mathernock and other turbines and the possible impact of the generated noise levels on people, wildlife and farm animals.

The KCC had been notified by 2020 Renewables Limited that they proposed to develop a ten turbine Inverclyde Windfarm at a site in the Corlick Hill/Devol Moor area. The Secretary will invite the 2020 Renewables to outline their proposal at the next meeting of the KCC.

10. Parks/Open Spaces

Following a complaint the Secretary agreed to inspect the 'community' area at Lower Shells to assess whether a clean-up was required

11. Dates of Next Meetings of the Kilmacolm Community Centre

- Tuesday 26 February 2013 – 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 March 2013 – 7:30pm