

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 7.30pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

Stephen Hampson – Chair
Helen Cook – Vice Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Alda Clark
Jan Johnston
Jon Ventham
Cllr Stephen McCabe - Ex Officio Member
Cllr James McColgan - Ex Officio Member
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio Member

Attending:

Sergeant Danny Godfrey – Police Scotland
Nicol Cameron; Fiona Campbell – Civic Trust
Margie McCallum; Andy McMillan

Apologies:

John Watson – Treasurer; Helen MacConnacher; Dale McFadzean; David Madden; Cllr Jim MacLeod – Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the April 2014 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 25 March 2014

The minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting held on 25 March 2014 was approved.

3. Police Scotland

Sergeant Danny Godfrey presented the community police briefing for the Kilmacolm/Quarriers Village area for the period from 25 March to 29 April 2014. There were eighty nine recorded incidents and three reported crimes during the period. One of the crimes related to a car crash on the Lochwinnoch Road, another to vandalism to a parked car at the Pullman and the third was a domestic disturbance.

4. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Treasurer had circulated to the community councillors a copy of the 2014/2015 budget which also showed projected total expenditure in 2013/2014 of £1,596.63 with a forecast deficit for the year of £121.82. A deficit of £276.00 is budgeted for 2014/2015 with a forecast carry forward to 2015/2016 of £1,061.94.

5. Planning/Licensing

The KCC members considered the planning applications that were validated since the last meeting. The KCC were not opposed to the following applications nor did they feel they required any formal comment.

- *14/0066/IC - Ardgour Woodrow Avenue Kilmacolm PA13 4QF - Extension to dwellinghouse connecting dwelling to garage and alterations to lean-to roof.*
- *14/0056/IC - Eversley West Glen Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PJ - Demolition of existing garage, erection of new garage with office/workshop over.*

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting Parks and Open Spaces

Concerns were expressed about the duration of the A761 road closure between Kilmacolm and Bridge of Weir and the lengthy diversion that had been put in place. The Secretary would attempt to get assurances from Renfrewshire Council Transport and Roads that the A761 would be opened over the May Bank Holiday long weekend.

The blocked drains on Porterfield Road and Rowantreehill Road had not yet been cleared. The Secretary would report these to Inverclyde Council Roads and request that the work to unblock the drains was undertaken.

Potholes on Churchhill Road, near the Primary School, and those on Knockbuckle Road and Netherwood Road were considered severe hazards and required urgent remedial attention. The Secretary will report these faults.

7. Kilmacolm Twinning with Mériqnie

The Chair explained that there would now be a formal signing of the *Kilmacolm - Mériqnie Twinning Agreement* at the Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Show on Saturday 10 May 2014. The Mériqnie First Deputy Mayor will head a delegation of five councillors who will visit Kilmacolm for the signing and other social events over the weekend. The *Kilmacolm - Mériqnie Twinning Society* will, together with members of the Mériqnie delegation, man a 'stall' at the Show. The French signing of the *Agreement* is planned to take place at the Bastille Day celebrations in Mériqnie during the period 12 to 14 July 2014. Helen Cook will represent the KCC at this ceremony.

It was agreed – in line with the budget - that the KCC would make its contribution of £150 to the *Kilmacolm - Mériqnie Twinning Society*.

8. Future of the Kilmacolm Village Centre

Fiona Campbell who is a Kilmacolm resident, a planning strategy official with Glasgow City Council and a member of the Kilmacolm Civic Trust had addressed a specially convened meeting that took place immediately prior to the main KCC meeting. Fiona Campbell had outlined the work and processes undertaken by a community group to identify and agree improvements to Byres Road in the West End of Glasgow which would benefit traders, shoppers, visitors and the local community,. She was of the view that improvement were required to the centre of Kilmacolm Village to make it a more attractive place to live, work, visit and travel through. She also thought that a set of agreed 'village design standards' for

any future building development and any street and walkways work should be evolved for Kilmacolm

The Chair invited the community councillors and those at the main meeting to consider the comments and views expressed in Fiona's earlier presentation. In discussion it was generally agreed that there was scope to improve the appearance and functioning of the Kilmacolm village centre. A 'community based' approach similar to that employed for the Byres Road project was felt appropriate to take things forward in Kilmacolm. As a first step it was agreed, after discussion, that the KCC would draft an article for publication in the June edition of the Gryffe Advertiser. This article would explain that the KCC and the Kilmacolm Civic Trust recognised that there was scope to improve the appearance and functioning of the centre of Kilmacolm and would appeal to those who shared this view to volunteer to join a steering group which would take the initiative forward. Expressions of interest should be submitted to secretary@kilmacolmcc.co.uk. The Chair would ask John Watson if he would draft the article.

Nicol Cameron – Chair of the Kilmacolm Civic Trust - explained that the Civic Trust had set aside funds to support the work of a 'steering group'.

Cllr McColgan would inform Inverclyde's Head of Regeneration and Planning and Head of Environmental Services that the KCC had agreed a way forward to create a 'vision' for the centre of Kilmacolm and that it was considered essential that their departments offered their services and support to the 'steering group'.

9. 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council will take place on Tuesday 27 May 2014 starting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be chaired by the Vice-Chair as the Chair will be unable to attend but he would submit his annual report to be presented at the meeting. The Chair again appealed to the community councillors to give consideration to filling the office bearer posts, including that of Chair.

10. Dates of Next Meetings of the Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 27 May 2014 – 7:00pm – Annual General Meeting
- Tuesday 27 May 2014 – 7:30pm