

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 7.30pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

Stephen Hampson - Chair
Helen Cook - Vice Chair
David Goddard - Secretary
John Watson - Treasurer
David Madden

Attending:

Sgt George Robertson; Mike Jefferis; Carol McAliece; Margie McCallum; Janet McKay; Stuart McKay

Apologies:

Alda Clark, Jan Johnston, Helen MacConnacher, Dale McFadzean, Jon Ventham, Cllr Jim MacLeod - Ex Officio Member, Cllr Stephen McCabe - Ex Officio Member, Cllr James McColgan - Ex Officio Member, Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the 31 March 2015 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting - 25 November 2014

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

3. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting - 24 February 2015

The minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting held on 25 February 2015 was approved.

4. Police Scotland

John Watson reported on the 11 February 2015 Community Policing Team meeting to which representatives from Inverclyde community councils had been invited.. Although only four community councils were represented at the meeting it was thought to be useful and helpful and there was some informed discussion on community policing matters. Subsequent to the meeting there had been two email communications to community councils from Inspector Damian Kane outlining the community policing '*modus operandi*' and the interaction with the communities it served. The last of these communications outlined the structure of the community policing teams and the contacts for each of the communities. It was the intention - which was confirmed by Sgt Robertson - that the appointed 'Neighbourhood Officers' would attend the meetings of the community councils and would also make themselves available after their attendance at the meetings to discuss any crime and policing related concerns with members of the

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community in private. This was welcomed by the KCC and agreed that at the appropriate time these arrangements should be publicised - probably in the Advertiser.

The only recent reported crime of significance was a break-in at a Quarriers Village outbuilding where a quantity of tools was stolen.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Treasurer had circulated to the community councillors a copy of the 2014/2015 budget which showed a £608.35 expenditure to date and a forecast expenditure for the year of £1,396. This would result in an estimated deficit of £36 for the year having received the grant of £1,281.74 from Inverclyde Council. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Kilmacolm Twinning Association in this financial year.

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

The Secretary would follow up on the reported concerns about the potholes in Knockbuckle Road between the junctions with Broomknowe Road and Lochwinnoch Road. He would also report the pothole hazards at the far end of Knockbuckle Road before its junction with Netherwood Road and those at the Kilmacolm Cross. The KCC had previously requested that the 'safer' pedestrian crossings be more distinctly marked. The Secretary would follow this up and also report the hazardous nature of the replacement surface of the pedestrian bridge across the N75 cycleway.

7. Planning/Licensing

The KCC members considered the following planning applications that were validated since the last meeting.

- *115/0074/IC - St Columba's School Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4EQ - Erection of multi use games area*
- *15/0058/IC - 18 Myreton Avenue Kilmacolm PA13 4LL - Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling.*
- *15/0043/IC - The Kilmacolm Institute Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HA - Installation of plant machinery within plant enclosure and installation of 2 No ventilation grilles on rear elevation*

There had been operational problems with the Inverclyde Council Planning Portal and the members had not been able to display and review all the planning documents supporting applications *115/0074/IC* and *15/0043/IC*. It was agreed that the Secretary would request that Helen MacConnacher review these applications once the display problems were resolved and relay to the KCC members any concerns she had in their regard. There was no objection to or comments on the application *15/0058/IC*.

Carol McAliece, Janette McKay and Stuart McKay - Leperstone Avenue residents raised a number of concerns in regard to planning application *14/0409/IC - Off Leperstone Avenue Kilmacolm - Construction of new road and creation of development platforms with associated servicing and groundworks*. Their

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concerns had been exacerbated rather alleviated at a meeting they had attended the previous week with Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council planning officials. Their main concerns were that insufficient consideration had been given to the potential flooding of existing properties that could result from the planned groundworks. It was confirmed that some of the KCC members had - at an informal meeting on 27 January 2015 - considered the application and at that time had no objection to the application as presented. It was agreed that the Chair would raise the residents' concerns with the Inverclyde Head of Regeneration and Planning

8. Kilmacolm Heritage Centre

In a letter addressed to the Chair Jim Wood had requested that he address a meeting of the KCC on his ideas for the establishment of a Kilmacolm Heritage Centre. It was agreed that the Chair invite him to attend the April meeting.

9. Youth and Criminal Justice

The Secretary would pass onto Jan Johnston the KCC request that she attend the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice event at the University of Strathclyde on Wednesday May 6 2015.

10. General Election 2015

The Chair advised the meeting that John Watson will be a nominated Inverclyde constituency MP candidate in the forthcoming General Election.

11. KCC Meeting Tuesday 28 April 2015

The Vice Chair - Helen Cook - will chair the April KCC meeting in the holiday absence of the Chair.

12. Dates of Next Meetings of the Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 28 April 2015 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 May 2015 - Annual General Meeting 7:00pm
- Tuesday 26 May 2015 - 7:30pm - Monthly Meeting