

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis – Chair
Helen Cook – Vice Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Jan Johnston - Treasurer
Alda Clark
Edwin Fisher
Helen MacConnacher
David Madden
Dale McFadzean

Cllr Jim MacLeod - Ex Officio Member
Cllr Stephen McCabe - Ex Officio Member
Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

PC Willie Gorry, PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland

Apologies:

Jessica Curry

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the 27 September 2016 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 30 August 2016

The Minute of the 30 August 2016 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported on the six crimes in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village that had been recorded in September 2016. There had been three unforced entry house thefts, one hate crime, one shoplifting and one commercial premise break-in with the theft of money from the till.

It was requested that householders are advised to keep the external doors of their homes closed and preferably locked - especially at night.

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4. Gas Mains Replacement Work Programme for Kilmacolm

Members of the Scotia Gas Networks (SGN) team were not in attendance at the meeting to report progress on the Gas Mains Replacement Work Programme for Kilmacolm. The Secretary will contact SGN to establish if they will be attending future KCC meetings.

5. Inverclyde Town & Village Centre's Project

The Chair relayed the apologies received for Fiona Maguire - Riverside Inverclyde - and Gillian Smith - Ironside Farrar - non attendance at the meeting. He had, prior to the meeting, forwarded onto them three village centre improvement suggestions. These had been received from Colourful Kilmacolm, Kilmacolm Horticultural Society and the KNCC. It was the intention that revised proposals would be presented by Riverside Inverclyde and Ironside Farrar at the 25 October KCC meeting.

A request for community funding assistance for the set up of the proposed Kilmacolm Heritage Centre had been submitted to the KCC.

David Madden would submit a costed proposal for suggested enhanced village entrances signage and features for consideration.

It was agreed that the deadline for the receipt of costed proposals would be extended to the end of October 2016.

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The Secretary tabled the 2016/2017 Budget v Actual Report for September which showed a breakdown of the 2016/2017 adopted budget and the year to date expenditure. The expenditure to date was shown as £301.37. The forecast deficit for the year was shown as £219.

7. Planning/Licensing

The KCC members considered the following planning applications which had been validated since the last meeting:

- *16/0250/IC - East Of Corlic Hill Greenock - The continued siting of a 70 metre meteorological mast with associated anchor points for the purpose of collecting meteorological data over a period of two years.*
- *16/0241/IC - Puldohran Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BA - Alteration to driveway (time extension to planning permission 13/0280/IC)*
- *16/0238/IC - Inchbroom Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BA - Two storey extension to rear of dwelling*
- *16/0236/IC - Blackwater Farm Woodhead Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TF - Erection of holiday chalet (in retrospect)*
- *16/0226/IC - 27 Belmont Road Kilmacolm PA13 4LN - Single storey rear extension to house*

Subject to Approval at the October 2016 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council

The KCC were not opposed to the applications nor did they feel that they required any formal comment.

David Cairns had requested that he present to the KCC his proposal to erect a garage in the grounds of Windyhill. It was agreed that an on-site presentation would be the preferred option. The Secretary will agree the arrangements for such a presentation with David Cairns.

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

Cllr MacLeod had raised with the Inverclyde Council Environmental & Commercial Services Manager - Willie Rennie - the concerns about the condition of the Kilmacolm Cemetery. These concerns were expressed at the previous KCC meeting. Willie Rennie had visited the cemetery and in his report back concluded that he found little cause for concern as to the standard of maintenance there. His view was not shared by some of the community councillors. It was agreed that the Secretary would convey this opinion to Willie Rennie and request that he meet with Alda Clark, Edwin Fisher and the Secretary on-site at the Cemetery and appraise the aspects causing concern.

Concern was raised about the overgrowth of trees and bushes on parts of Port Glasgow Road and Lochwinnoch Road. The Secretary would investigate and raise any issues with Inverclyde Council.

8. Kilmacolm Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition & Raffle

The Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition and the KCC Christmas Hamper Raffle will be included on the agenda of the November 2016 meeting and the arrangements agreed.

9. Kilmacolm Primary School Redevelopment

It was reported that the Kilmacolm Primary School teachers and staff were very appreciative of the outcome of school redevelopment and complimentary that it had been completed on schedule.

The KCC have been invited to join in a tour of the redeveloped Kilmacolm Primary School on a date to be agreed.

10. Kilmacolm Centre Community Access WiFi

The Secretary had not yet had any feedback from Virgin Media on their offer to provide advice and guidance on the proposed establishment of a community access WiFi service in the village centre.

11. Next Meetings of the Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 25 October 2016 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 29 November 2016 - 7:30pm