

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 25 October 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

Cllr Stephen McCabe - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

Graham Otto - SGN, Margie McCallum

Apologies:

Jessica Curry, David Madden, Dale McFadzean, Cllr Jim MacLeod - Ex Officio Member, James McColgan - Ex Officio Member, Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member, Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member, PC Willie Gorry, PC John Jamieson

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the 25 October 2016 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 27 September 2016

The Minute of the 27 September 2016 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson and PC Gorry were not able to attend the meeting but had provided the Secretary with a crime report which the Secretary read to the meeting. Six crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded since the last KCC meeting. There had been two thefts by housebreaking, one theft of oil from a storage tank, one poaching incident, one road traffic act offence and one historic sex offence.

Residents were requested to be vigilant and pass on details of suspicious vehicles or activities to john.jamieson4@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

4. Gas Mains Replacement Work Programme for Kilmacolm

Graham Otto of the Scotia Gas Networks (SGN) team apologised that SGN, in his holiday absence, were not represented at the last two KCC meetings. He outlined the progress made on the Gas Mains Replacement Work Programme for Kilmacolm. Work was currently ongoing in Cargill Avenue, Myrton Avenue and Belmont Road and was scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2017. The work remaining after that would be in Barclaven Road which was likely to be highly disruptive to vehicle movements.

Unfortunately in two separate incidents some of SGN's expensive specialist equipment had been stolen.

The Vice Chair thanked SGN for the improvements they had undertaken at the Kilmacolm Primary School as part of their Community Action Plan. The results were greatly appreciated by the School.

5. Inverclyde Town & Village Centre's Project

The Chair relayed the apologies received from Fiona Maguire - Riverside Inverclyde - and Gillian Smith - Ironside Farrar - for their non attendance at the meeting. It is the intention that their proposals for the Village Centre improvements would be presented at the November 29 KCC meeting. A meeting at the Community Centre with Fiona Maguire and Gillian Smith to preview their proposals had been arranged for 11:00 am on Wednesday 9 November 2016. The Chair and Secretary would attend and the invitation was extended to the other members of the KCC.

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The Secretary tabled the 2016/2017 Budget v Actual Report for October which showed a breakdown of the 2016/2017 adopted budget and the year to date expenditure. The expenditure to date was shown as £332.87. The forecast deficit for the year was shown as £216.

7. Planning/Licensing

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

- *16/0269/IC - Ardroy Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BA - Erection of single storey pitch roof wrap-round extension*
- *16/0227/IC - Migdale Finlaystone Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RZ - Alterations to and conversion of redundant agricultural buildings, together with associated works, to create single residential dwelling with associated curtilage*

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

The Chair, Secretary and Helen MacConnacher had visited David Cairn's Windyhill residence for a presentation of a proposal for the construction of a garage to replace the existing car port.

The Secretary reported that the Environment and Regeneration Committee would, at their next meeting, be considering a proposed Tree Preservation Order at Wateryetts, Finlaystone Road.

The Secretary informed the meeting of the festive season licensing arrangements proposed by Inverclyde Licensing Board. The Kilmacolm licensed premises can - during the period 11 December to 2 January 2017 - extend, if they so wish, their opening hours to 1.00am Sunday to Wednesday and to 2:00am Thursday to Saturday.

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

The Chair, Secretary, Alda Clark and Edwin Fisher had agreed to meet with Willie Rennie - Inverclyde Council Environmental & Commercial Services Manager on-site at the Kilmacolm Cemetery to appraise the aspects causing concern. The meeting was scheduled for 14:00 on Friday 28 October 2016.

The Secretary would report to Inverclyde Council the blocked drains on the Port Glasgow and Bridge of Weir Roads. He would also request that they consider erecting bollards at the 'Wild Rose corner' to prevent vehicles driving onto the pavement and damaging the shop awnings.

It was suggested that the KCC consider making a donation to the fund set up to acquire a community access defibrillator to be installed at Birkmyre Park. The Secretary will obtain details of the proposed defibrillator acquisition and management from the Birkmyre Park Gym Facility Manager and report back to the KCC.

Concern was raised that - unbeknown to the KCC - a petition from the Kilmacolm Traders to remove the existing 'Disc System Parking Regulations' was to be discussed by the Environment and Regeneration Committee at their 27 October 2016 meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary would request that Stephen McCabe propose to the Committee that they neither accede to nor reject the petition without consulting the KCC.

8. Kilmacolm Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition & Raffle

Following discussion it was agreed that the KCC would not organise a Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition this year. Consideration would be given to arranging a Best Dressed Window Competition in 2017 at a time other than the mid-winter months.

A 2016 Christmas Hamper Raffle will be organised by Alda Clark and the members were requested to make contributions to the hamper. The raffle draw will take place at the Kilmacolm Christmas Tree Lighting Up festivities. The charity that would receive the proceeds of the raffle will be decided at the next KCC meeting.

9. Kilmacolm Primary School

The Secretary would agree with the Kilmacolm Primary School Head Teacher the wording of the inscription on the KCC Shield which is to be presented to the School. The shield will be awarded each year to the winning School House.

The KCC members were invited to tour the newly refurbished Kilmacolm Primary School on Thursday 3 November 2016. The suggested names for the School Houses would be revealed during the visit.

10. Virgin Media

Virgin Media representatives will attend the next KCC meeting to outline their current network investment in Kilmacolm and their work schedule.

Virgin Media had confirmed they are not able to provide any help, advice or support to the KCC in their pursuit of a proposal to introduce a community access WiFi service in the Village Centre.

11. Next Meetings of the Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 29 November 2016 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 31 January 2017 - 7:30pm