

# **KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minute of Meeting: Tuesday 26 June 2018

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## **Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm Community Centre**

### **Present:**

Mike Jefferis - Chair  
Helen Cook – Vice Chair  
Edwin Fisher– Treasurer  
Helen MacConnacher  
Alda Clark

### **Attending:**

Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member; PC John Jamieson, - Police Scotland;  
PC Kirsty Dominic – Police Scotland; Helen Calvert – KNCC; Margie McCallum;  
Gerry Boyce – Kilmacolm Twinning Society;

### **Apologies:**

David Goddard – Secretary; Dale McFadzean; David Madden; Frances Hughes  
Fulton; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; Cllr Christopher Curley –  
Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP -Ex Officio Member;

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair opened the June 2018 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

### **2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 29 May 2018**

It was pointed out that the name of the secretary – David Goddard should be included in the list of apologies. Subject to this being changed, the minute of the 29 May 2018 meeting was approved.

### **3. Police Scotland**

PC Jamieson introduced PC Kirsty Dominic as his new partner meaning that the village had its full quota of beat officers.

He reported that there had only been three crimes committed in the previous month; 2 thefts – one of which was a domestic theft within the home and one dangerous driving. In answer to a question he stated that the monitoring of the speed through the village would continue.

### **4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service**

Inverclyde Community Wardens were not able to attend the meeting to report on anti-social behaviour.

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## **5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances**

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the June 2018 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed no change from the previous month.

## **6. Planning/Licensing**

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

- *18/0012/TRE – Harebells 5 Knockbuckle Lane Kilmacolm PA13 4JS – removal, crown lift and reduction of 7 no. trees (4 no. Chestnut and 3 no. Spruce)*
- *18/0014/TRE – Junction of Porterfield Road and Rowantree Road Kilmacolm – Removal of 7/8 Cyprus trees*
- *18/0166/IC – 29 Churchill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NA – Erection of a conservatory*
- *18/0173/IC – Coralea Pacemuir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JJ – Proposed erection of rear deck and installation of Velux window to rear roof slope*
- *18/0176/IC – 1 Drumpellier Place – Coffee Shop Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HE – Proposed storage building and erection of fence within rear courtyard*
- *18/0177/IC – Torridon Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF – Erection of a two storey dwelling house (amendment to planning permission 17/0160/IC).*
- *18/0186/IC – Weardale Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JU – New two storey extension to residential property for a family room, master bedroom and cinema room. Interior alterations to existing. New hard and soft landscaping*
- *18/0187/IC – Duchal Stepends Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RS – Alterations to existing farm building to provide housing for biomass boiler district heating system*

The only application that the Community Council opposed was the 18/0176/IC 1 Drumpellier Place. This coffee shop is in the conservation area and the courtyard at the rear of the building is common ground for use by the various flat owners. The erection of a building and a fence would be out of keeping with the open aspect of the area. The chair will write to the council planning board to state the objection.

The chair then highlighted to those present that the outcome of the Pre-Determination Hearing that took place in the Greenock Town Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June was that planning permission for the proposal to build at the Knapps and North Denniston was unanimously recommended to be refused. Gladman failed to appear at the meeting where they could have

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been questioned on their proposal and all of the councillors thought that this was disrespectful to the council and to the 1300 or so villagers who had commented on the proposal. The recommendation would be presented to the full Council Meeting to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. (Note: the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June refused planning permission.)

The chair then informed the meeting that Taylor-Wimpey had a public consultation event in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. This meeting is the opportunity for the community to express their views on matters they consider to be important to any proposed development on that sight; a second meeting will be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 between 3pm and 8pm. The second event is to allow Taylor-Wimpey to come back and to set out their thinking on, and response to, the community comments. This, along with evolving technical work, will allow them to show the community what is intended to be included in a forthcoming planning application. Taylor-Wimpey would really welcome the community's attendance and participation at both events. The chair pointed out that the land in question is designated Green Belt land with a Local Nature Conservation Site running through it.

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

It was stated that some work had been carried out in West Glen Park to tidy up the area in the north-west corner of the site. There is a burn that runs along the western edge of the Park and there is some concern about the safety of the stonework through which the burn is running. The community council will contact the relevant department at Inverclyde council to inspect and repair if necessary.

The long-awaited work on the drainage on the Rugby Pitches in Birkmyre Park have begun and will be progressing over the summer months.

### **8. Village Centre Improvements**

The application for the Christmas Lights has been completed and will be submitted.

### **9. Kilmacolm Community Council – Member Vacancy**

The chair stated that an advertisement has been placed in the Gryffe Advertiser for July and a further advertisement will be placed in the August edition, as well as the Greenock Telegraph. Once applications have been received the council will decide at the August Community Council meeting.

### **10. Any Other Competent Business**

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- **Heart Stroke Training.** Two sessions of training were held in the community centre on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Over thirty people attended and a second series has been set up for September.
- **Kilmacolm Twinning Society.** Gerry Boyle from the Kilmacolm Twinning Society requested assistance from the Kilmacolm Community Council with regard to sending a delegation to MÉRIGNIES on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was to fulfil an invitation from the mayor of MÉRIGNIES to attend their local celebration. It had originally been sent to the Kilmacolm Golf Club Captain but nothing had been done about it as the Captain had recently changed and the club now have their own competition on the same weekend. The Golf Club have now appointed a twinning champion who will be responsible for ensuring that any invitations or correspondence is attended to. The chair pointed out that the Community Council did not have funds to be able to support this request but felt that it was important that the Twinning Society should be supported. He said that he would contact the Inverclyde Council to ascertain whether any funds could be made available to support this event.

### **11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council**

- Tuesday 28 August 2018 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 25 September 2018 – 7:30pm