

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 28 August 2018 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis - Chair
Helen Cook – Vice Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Alda Clark
Helen MacConnacher
David Madden

Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member

Attending:

PC John Jamieson, - Police Scotland; Jim Jacobs - Community Warden Service;
John Lindsay -Community Warden Service; Bill Crookston - Kilmacolm
Residents Association.

Apologies:

Edwin Fisher – Treasurer; Frances Hughes Fulton; Dale McFadzean; Cllr
Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; David Wilson - Ex Officio Member;
Ronnie Cowan MP -Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 27 March 2018

The minute of the 26 June 2018 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported that in the months of July and August 2018 seven
crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These
crimes included a hit and run road traffic offence, a sexual assault, an act of
vandalism, a theft of a tractor, a theft from a motor vehicle, a bogus call at a
residence and a case of poor workmanship which may be dealt with by the
trading standard organisation.

Concern was expressed that it had taken the traffic police forty five minutes to
respond to a recent motor vehicle accident on Port Glasgow Road. PC
Jamieson would raise the matter with the traffic police.

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The number and frequency of road traffic accidents on the Port Glasgow Road in the vicinity of the Quarry Site was discussed. It was generally agreed that the excessive speed of the vehicles, the layout of the road and the lack of road markings were the contributing factors to the problem. PC Jamieson would relay these views to the Inverclyde Roads Department and seek remedial actions.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

John Lindsay - Inverclyde Community Wardens - reported that they had attended to six antisocial behaviour incidents in the Kilmacolm area during July. They had continued with their ongoing visits to the Kilmacolm Cemetery.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the August 2018 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed the expenditure for the year to date as £12,217.94 and an income of £11,733.69 with £2,316.16 available at the bank. The 2018/2019 Administrative Grant had not been received from Inverclyde Council. The income and expenditure took into account the grants received from Riverside Inverclyde and paid out in 2018 as part of the community funded village improvement initiatives. It was again suggested that the report might be more meaningful if the improvement grant related items were shown together under a different heading separate from the 'normal' business activity of the KCC.

6. Planning/Licensing

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

- 18/0223/IC - 5 Torr Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3QZ - Proposed balcony to detached dwelling house.
- 18/0208/IC - The Sheiling Florence Drive Kilmacolm PA13 4JL - Erection of extensions to the side and rear and widening of driveway entrance, driveway and parking/turning area
- 18/0190/IC - Land At Carsemeadow Quarriers Village - Planning Permission in Principle for residential development, access, infrastructure, landscape/open space, and associated works.
- 18/0241/IC - Auchenbothie The Stables Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SF - Proposed glazed cover to existing balcony and alterations to window to family room.
- 18/0013/CA - 12 St James Terrace - Finestra Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HB - Display of externally illuminated fascia sign
- 18/0012/CA - New Shop Unit 4 Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4AW - Display of window vinyls

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- *18/0228/IC - 8 Victoria Gardens Kilmacolm PA13 4HL - Proposed single storey rear extension*
- *18/0004/CPL - Gottar Water Weir Quarriers Village PA11 3NX - Alteration to weir to cut a rectangular notch 0.5m deep and 2m wide across the centre of the weir, fronted by two steps ("pre-barrages") 0.7m and 1.1m high with notches in to provide a route for fish.*
- *18/0209/IC - Auch-Na-Gaoith Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BB - Proposed single storey extension to dwelling house to provide new family room/sun room*

The KCC were not opposed to the applications nor did they feel that they required any formal comment. The Kilmacolm Community Council will respond to the formal planning application, when submitted, for the proposed development at Carsemeadow, Quarriers Village.

Proposals for a residential development at Planetreeyetts in Kilmacolm were presented at a second community consultation event on 23 August which showed a reduction in the number of dwellings from that presented at the first consultation. It appeared that scant consideration had been given to the perceived need in Kilmacolm for more modest homes.

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

Recent complaints had been lodged about the long standing flooding problem on Lochwinnoch Road in the vicinity of the Virgin Media roadside cabinet. Cllr Curley confirmed that the work to provide a permanent solution would start within four weeks.

It was reported that the 30 mph illuminating speed warning sign on the Lochwinnoch Road approach into the village near the intersection with Pacemuir Road was not functioning. The Secretary to investigate and, if required, lodge a complaint with Inverclyde Council.

The long awaited resurfacing of the section of Knocknuckle Road adjacent to Birkmyre Park had been completed to a high standard.

8. Village Centre Improvements

The Kilmacolm Horticultural Society had formally raised their serious concerns to the CEO of Riverside Inverclyde about the plantings, the garden maintenance, the wall toppings and state of the commemorative fountain at the Kilmacolm Cross. All the work on these aspects had been included in the Village Centre Improvement project which was the responsibility of Riverside Inverclyde. These complaints were felt to be wholly justified and were endorsed by the KCC who supported an urgent resolution to the identified problems. The Secretary will request Riverside Inverclyde to confirm that the remedial work at the Cross would be carried out to a good standard. He will

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also request that the Kilmacolm Community Council be provided with a statement of the cost of the project and an explanation of how any surplus against the budget is to be spent.

It was confirmed that the KCC had not been consulted on the decision made by the Inverclyde Council that their award of a £10,000 'start up' grant to the Kilmacolm Heritage Centre was to be funded from the budget made available to the KCC for the community promoted Village Improvements. The Secretary will convey this account to Riverside Inverclyde and request that the funds available for the community promoted village improvements be 'topped up' with the £10,000 granted unilaterally by the Inverclyde Council.

The Secretary would ascertain from Riverside Inverclyde their plans for undertaking the remedial work at the Old Kirk graveyard which was identified as part of the Village Centre Improvement initiative. This work was to have included the repair to the entrance steps, making safe and repairing the boundary walls and the pathways and the removal of trees.

The Old Kirk had been granted community funds to eradicate the ivy from the Old Kirk graveyard but the ivy was thriving. The Chair would establish from the Old Kirk what is being done to conform to the conditions of the grant.

9. Kilmacolm Community Council - Member Vacancy

Frances Hughes Fulton - a serving associate member of the Kilmacolm Community Council - had put herself forward to fill the councillor vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jan Johnston. The Chair proposed that Frances be co-opted to the Kilmacolm Community Council. Alda Clark seconded the proposal which was unanimously approved by the members present. The Secretary will advise Frances and the Inverclyde Council of the appointment.

10. Kilmacolm Glass Recycling

Inverclyde Council had been contacted to attend to the serious overflow of glass bottles at the recycling bins in the Cargill Centre car park. There was a fear that there could be reoccurrences of the problem if there was no increase in the bin emptying frequency to offset the increased use of the bins since the cession of the kerbside glass collection.

11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 25 September 2018 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 30 October 2018 - 7:30pm

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