

**Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm  
Community Centre**

**Present:**

Mike Jefferis - Chair  
Helen Cook – Vice Chair  
David Goddard – Secretary  
Edwin Fisher – Treasurer  
Frances Fulton  
Helen MacConnacher  
David Madden

Ronnie Cowan MP -Ex Officio Member

**Attending:**

PC John Jamieson, - Police Scotland; Graeme Collins - Community Warden Service; J Thompson - Community Warden Service; Helen Calvert - KNCC; Norrie Johnson; Margie McCallum

**Apologies:**

Alda Clark; Dale McFadzean; Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

**1. Welcome**

The Chair opened the September 2018 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending. A special welcome was extended to Frances Fulton who was attending her first meeting in her newly appointed Co-opted Member role.

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

The minute of the 28 August 2018 meeting was approved.

**3. Police Scotland**

PC Jamieson reported that in the month of September 2018 a total of seven crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included a theft from a home, an attempted break-in, a domestic breach of the peace, a theft of trees, the theft of lead from the doctor surgery roof, an act of vandalism and a theft of an iPad.

It was reported that the KNCC were installing a further CCTV camera to cover the Cargill Centre piazza and surrounding buildings.

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The local community police were undergoing training to use speed camera 'guns' and would monitor the speed of motor vehicles travelling the main routes in and out of the Kilmacolm village centre.

An incident of a quad bike that was without number plates driving recklessly in the village was recounted to PC Jamieson. It had been reported to Police Scotland at the time but there had been no follow up.

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

The Inverclyde Community Wardens reported that they had attended to reported incidents where crowds of young 'party goers' had descended on homes in the village.

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

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the September 2018 Budget v Actual Report. The report was unchanged from August and 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 made as the expenditure on the community defibrillator as shown in the 2017/2018 annual accounts had been queried. The Chair and Secretary would draft a note to Inverclyde Council explaining the make up of the expenditure and the source of funding. It was agreed that perhaps more could have been done to make public the contribution that the Kilmacolm Community Council had made to this worthwhile community facility.

### **6. Planning/Licensing**

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

- *18/0020/TRE - St Oswalds Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NN - Works to 6 trees due to health and safety of the trees. Tree 1 Beech Tree - Prune top and balance crown. Tree 2. Dead Holly Tree - fell to ground. 3. Conifer Tree - fell to ground. Trees 4-6. crown by 20%. crown lift and cut back from road*
- *18/0006/CPL - Ardmore Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JU - Removal of existing garage and single storey alterations and extension to existing dwelling house*

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

Concerns were raised about the slow progress of the re-development of the former Kilmacolm Institute site and the impact this was having on the village.

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The Chair agreed to write to the developer expressing the concerns and requesting details of the plans and timescales to complete the development.

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

The expected work to provide a permanent solution the long standing flooding problem on Lochwinnoch Road in the vicinity of the Virgin Media roadside cabinet had not yet commenced.

Traffic calming road markings had been applied on the Bridge of Weir Road and flashing speed warning signs had been erected on the approach roads into Kilmacolm.

The struts on a piece of the Birkmyre Park's Children's Play Area equipment had eventually been replaced after a lengthy period when the equipment was out of service.

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

The Secretary read out the reply he had received from Fiona Maguire - Chief Executive Riverside Inverclyde - to his note in which he had relayed the concerns raised at the previous meeting of the KCC about the Kilmacolm Village Centre Improvement work.

It was explained in the reply that the Kilmacolm Horticultural Society would be involved with the contractor in the improvements to the planting and in the ongoing maintenance of the 'Village Cross garden. The plans for cleaning up the memorial water fountain and its 're-lettering' were yet to be agreed. The KCC would be advised of the cost of the Village Cross work in due course. There were no arrangements in place to re-allocate to the community spend budget the £10,000 which the Inverclyde Council had, without reference to the KCC, allocated to the Kilmacolm Heritage Centre.

Riverside Inverclyde had received an unacceptable quote for the improvement work in and around the Old Kirk graveyard for which planning permission had been granted. The works will be re-tendered and the outcome shared with the KCC.

### **9. No 1 Bus Service**

Unfortunately for those using the No1 Bus service a decision had been made to decommission the No1 bus stops at Quarry Drive and Finlaystone and to have the terminus for the service at the Wateryetts roundabout. The reason for this change was because a number of cars park irresponsibly on the roads leading to those stops and the buses cannot safely negotiate to them.

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**10. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council**

- Tuesday 30 October 2018 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 27 November 2018 - 7:30pm

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***Subject to Approval at the October 2018 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council***