

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 7.30pm in Room 205 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis - Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Edwin Fisher – Treasurer
Alda Clark
Helen MacConnacher
David Madden

Attending:

PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland; PC Kirsty Dominick - Police Scotland; Bill Crookston - Kilmacolm Residents Association

Apologies:

Helen Cook – Vice Chair; Frances Fulton; Dale McFadzean; Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; David Wilson - Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP -Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 25 September 2018

The minute of the 25 September 2018 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported that in the month of October 2018 a total of four crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included a theft of a generator from a farm, a breach of the peace that had resulted in an arrest, a fraud and an act of vandalism.

Concerns about motor vehicle speeding on the Port Glasgow Road were again raised. This had been reported to the traffic police and traffic speeds would be monitored by the community police once they were equipped and fully trained in the use of radar speed 'guns'.

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4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens were not available to attend the meeting but had provided a report which showed that they had attended three reported anti-social incidents in the Kilmacolm area in the month of September.

A new multidirectional CCTV camera had been installed at the Kilmacolm Cross as part of an upgraded system that was being implemented throughout Inverclyde.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the October 2018 Budget v Actual Report. The report was little changed from September and showed the expenditure for the year to date as £12,217.94 and an income of £11,734.22 with £2,316.69 available at the bank.

The Secretary had written to Inverclyde Council providing a detailed explanation of the 2017/2018 expenditure on the community defibrillators that had been queried. It was hoped that the explanation would result in the award of the full annual Administration Grant being made by the Inverclyde Council.

6. Planning/Licensing

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

- *18/0024/TRE - 36 Peace Avenue Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3SX - Removal of horse chestnut storm damaged limbs and pollard at 8m height*
- *18/0025/TRE - Cottage 21 Love Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3TL - Removal of overhanging Sycamore Tree*
- *18/0017/CA - 4 Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4AW - Window Vinyls.*
- *18/0284/IC - Torridon Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF - Erection of garage and carport*
- *18/0267/IC - Cottage 11 Church Road Quarriers Village - Reinstatement of door and removal of window*
- *18/0263/IC - Cottage 27 Love Avenue Quarriers Village - Remove old fire escape stair from window. Fire escape stair no longer in use.*

The KCC were not opposed to the applications and, with the exception of application *18/0017/CA*, nor did they feel that they required any formal comment.

In regard to application *18/0017/CA* the Chair agreed to raise a concern that the proposed window vinyls for the new Coop shop contained an image of a

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London Co-operative Society van and that it was considered appropriate that it be replaced with an image of a Scottish Co-operative Society Van.

Bill Crookston, on behalf of the Kilmacolm Residents Association, questioned why the Kilmacolm Community Council had included a reference to the West of Quarry Drive and Planetreeyetts sites in their submission to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals opposing the proposed developments at the Knapps and North Denniston. The Chair explained that it was thought necessary that the Directorate, in considering the Gladman appeal, were made aware of the consultations that were ongoing in regard to all the proposed developments in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers greenbelts. These consultations included the sites in question.

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

It was suggested that the traffic calming road markings on the Bridge of Weir Road could possibly result in tall vehicles 'clipping' the branches and foliage overhanging the road and thereby creating a potential road hazard.

8. Village Centre Improvements

It was explained that although planning permission had been granted for the improvements in and around the Old Kirk graveyard the work had not commenced as the quote Riverside Inverclyde had obtained from their preferred supplier was unacceptable and they were re-tendering for the work.

9. Kilmacolm Community Council Associate Member

Mr James Kelly, who was currently resident in Quarriers Village had expressed an interest in joining the Kilmacolm Community Council. The Chair proposed that Mr Kelly be appointed an Associate Member of the Kilmacolm Community Council. The proposal was seconded by Alda Clark and unanimously carried by the community council members. The Secretary will inform Mr Kelly and the Inverclyde Council of the appointment.

10. Kilmacolm Community Council Festive Season Events

Frances Fulton had requested that the Kilmacolm Community Council consider organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar Drive'. The idea would be that people deposit in a box of their own an item of non-perishable food each day for the twenty five days leading up to Christmas. The 'advent' boxes would be dropped off at central collection location in the village and then taken to Inverclyde Foodbank.

Frances was thanked for putting this proposal forward but it was decided on balance not to participate in the Drive. The main reasoning in coming to this decision was that all of the Kilmacolm church congregations contribute to the

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Inverclyde Foodbank on an ongoing basis and this Drive could detract from their campaigns. The other main concern was that the suggested Drive could also detract from the KCC's annual Christmas Hamper Raffle which raises funds for worthy causes. In a previous year the entire proceeds from the Raffle were donated to the Inverclyde Foodbank.

Alda Clark volunteered to assemble the Kilmacolm Community Council Christmas Hamper and to organise for the sale of raffle tickets in the village. The raffle draw will take place at the Christmas Light Switch On event on Friday 7 December 2018. She appealed to the community council members to donate items for the Hamper. It was agreed that the proceeds of the raffle would be used to fund the ongoing maintenance of the community access defibrillator.

11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 27 November 2018 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 29 January 2019 - 7:30pm