

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 7.30pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis - Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Alda Clark
Frances Fulton
Helen MacConnacher
David Madden

David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland; Graeme Collins - Community Warden Service; Jamie Thompson - Community Warden Service; Bill Crookston - Kilmacolm Residents Association

Apologies:

Helen Cook – Vice Chair; Edwin Fisher – Treasurer; Dale McFadzean; Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 30 October 2018

The minute of the 30 October 2018 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported that in the month of November 2018 a total of four crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included the vandalising of a car, an assault, an online fraud and a shoplifting.

Cllr Wilson thanked the community police for their early morning attendance at the "The Battle's Over" ceremony at the War Memorial.

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4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens reported that there was only one recorded anti-social incident in the Kilmacolm area in the month of November this being the setting off of fireworks at 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 November 2018 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed the expenditure for the year to date as £12,251.94 and an income of £11,734.22 with £2,282.69.69 available at the bank.

In response to the detailed explanation of the 2017/2018 expenditure on the community defibrillators which the Secretary had provided to the Inverclyde Council they had requested that the KCC confirm the level of expenditure was considered appropriate. The meeting confirmed that the expenditure was indeed appropriate given the acknowledged and appreciated community benefit afforded by the provision of the defibrillators in the Village. The Secretary will convey this confirmation to Inverclyde Council which should result in the award of the full annual Administration Grant being made.

6. Planning/Licensing

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

- *18/0028/TRE - 2 Lodge Grove Kilmacolm PA13 4DX - Removal of dangerous Beech Tree*
- *18/0310/IC - Dykefoot Farm Kilmacolm PA13 4JT - Conversion of existing disused roofed and walled farm building to form a residential dwelling house*
- *18/0305/IC - High Auchenleck Farm Montrose Avenue Port Glasgow PA14 5UB - Extensions and change of use of two farm buildings to form two dwellinghouses*
- *18/0023/TRE - 5 Broomknowe Terrace Castlehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HT - Removal of 1 Scots Pine tree, due to significant amount of dead wood, rot, decay, flaking bark and loss of limbs in the lower part of the crown. Showing signs of weakness and potential failure due to its poor condition. (Tree Preservation Order The Spinney - 31/05/06)*

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

In considering the application *18/0017/CA* at the previous meeting a concern had been raised about the design of the proposed window vinyls for the new Coop shop. This concern had been relayed to the Co-Op. The Chair reported that the design had been revised and the application had been approved.

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Cllr Wilson was of the view that a hearing would be conducted in order to get final agreement on the development land that was to be included in the approved Inverclyde 2019 Local Development Plan.

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

A letter had been received from a resident expressing concern about the state of the track section of Gowkhouse Road and seeking the assistance of the Kilmacolm Community Council to have this 'right of way' track maintained and to stop motor vehicles using it. Although sympathetic to the concerns that had been raised it was agreed that the KCC was unable to assist in reversing the deterioration of the track or in restricting the vehicular access.

Some land survey work had been conducted as part of the study into the possible extension of the Kilmacolm Cemetery.

The flooding on Smithy Brae will be attended to as a part of the road works and resurfacing that will be undertaken once the building development of the old Institute site is completed.

8. Village Centre Improvements

Cllr Wilson confirmed that the Riverside Inverclyde operations had been merged into the Inverclyde Council who would take on the responsibility for the delivery of any outstanding Village Centre Improvement work.

9. Development Trusts Associations Scotland

A public meeting, instigated by the Kilmacolm Civic Trust, will be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre on Tuesday 12 February 2019. The meeting will give the Development Trusts Association Scotland the opportunity to explain to the Kilmacolm and Quarriers residents the purpose and benefits of development trusts, how they are set up and the support the Association provides to development trusts.

10. Christmas Hamper Raffle

Alda Clark reported that four hampers would be raffled. The Chair will draw the winning raffle tickets at the Christmas Light Switch On event on Friday 7 December 2018.

11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 29 January 2019 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 February 2019 - 7:30pm

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