

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.30pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

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

Attending:

Stewart Walker - Community Warden Service; Jamie Thompson - Community Warden Service; Bill Crookston - Kilmacolm Residents Association

Apologies:

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 January 2019 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending. A special welcome was extended to James Kelly who was attending his first meeting in his newly appointed Coopted Member role.

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

The minute of the 27 November 2018 meeting was approved.

3. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Special Meeting – 10 December 2018

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 10 December 2018, convened to consider Planning Application 18/0322/IC, was approved.

4. Police Scotland

There was no Police Scotland attendance at the meeting to deliver the Community Police Report.

5. 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 January 2019 - this being neighbourhood noise.

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the January 2019 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed the expenditure for the year to date as £12,333.32 and an income of £12,192.52 with £2,2659.61 available at the bank - which includes the £458.00 proceeds from the Christmas Hamper Raffle being held to meet the ongoing Community Access Defibrillator maintenance costs.

Inverclyde Council had approved the award of the full annual Administration Grant.

7. Planning/Licensing

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

- *18/0030/TRE - Cottage 35 Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3JX - Removal of large dead conifer tree*
- *18/0322/IC - Land At Planetreeyetts Kilmacolm - Proposed residential development of circa 100 units including 25% affordable and associated infrastructure, landscaping and open space*
- *18/0297/IC - Kiloran Houston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NY - Demolition of existing garage and erection of an integrated garage/gym with connection vestibule and roof terrace*
- *19/0009/IC - Cloak Cloak Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SD - Proposed orangery and house alterations*
- *19/0002/LB - Cloak Cloak Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SD - Proposed orangery and house alterations*
- *19/0003/IC - Thorndene Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NP - Alteration to erect extension to house*
- *19/0002/TRE - South Park Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NP - Groups of trees to be re pollard and crown lifted*
- *19/0001/TRE - 10 West Glen Gardens Kilmacolm PA13 4PX - Removal of 2 Lime trees*
- *18/0345/IC - The Firs Pacemuir Lane Kilmacolm PA13 4JH - Supply and installation of ramped access*

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- *18/0341/IC - Land Off Port Glasgow Road South East Of Junction With Watteretts Drive Kilmacolm - Ground Re-profiling, Formation of a New Vehicular Access Road, Hardstanding and Hammerhead Turning Area and Installation of Outfall Headwall*
- *18/0338/IC - Crinan Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BA - Extension to form studio.*

At a Special Meeting held on 10 December 2018 the Kilmacolm Community Council had opposed the planning application 18/0322/IC. This had been relayed to Inverclyde Council.

In considering each of the other validated planning applications the KCC were not opposed to the applications and nor did they feel that they required any formal comment.

The Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government to review and arbitrate on the proposed 2019 Inverclyde Local Development Plan had called on Inverclyde Council and the Clydeplan Strategic Development Planning Authority to provide further information on the issue of the Housing Land Supply, Housing Supply Targets & Housing Land Requirement. He had requested a number of interested parties to comment on the further information once submitted. The Kilmacolm Community Council had not initially been included in the list of interested parties but on appeal were included. The further information called for was due to be submitted to the Reporter by 31 January 2019. It will then be forwarded to the listed interested parties who will have fourteen days to review and respond. It was agreed that once the forwarded further information was received the Chair will decide how best to review the information and frame the KCC response to the Reporter.

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

Concerns had been raised about a number of loose manhole covers on some of the Kilmacolm roads. It was reported that Cllr Wilson was pursuing the matter with Scottish Water who were in the process of rectifying the problems.

The Secretary would report to Inverclyde Council the problems of blocked manholes and drains in the vicinity of Glebe Court and Gilburn Road.

It had been reported that refuse bins were continually blocking the pavement at Carlton Place. The Secretary undertook to report the matter to Inverclyde Council.

The lack of lighting in the bus shelter at the Kilmacolm Cross was of concern to some bus users. The Secretary would contact SPT on the matter.

Subject to Approval at the February 2019 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council

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9. Village Centre Improvements

The Secretary will seek to establish when the approved improvements to the Old Kirk graveyard would be undertaken.

10. Inverclyde Civic Prayer Event

The Chair and the Treasurer will attend the Inverclyde Civic Prayer Event on Thursday 21 February 2019 starting at 12:30pm.

11. Development Trusts Associations Scotland

It had been agreed that the public meeting, instigated by the Kilmacolm Civic Trust, with Development Trusts Association Scotland would not go ahead as originally planned. Instead the KCC and the committee members of both the Kilmacolm Civic Trust and Kilmacolm Residents Association would meet with Development Trusts Association Scotland. This meeting will be held in the Kilmacolm Community Centre, Room 104, on Tuesday 12 February 2019 starting at 7:00pm.

12. Buses

Requests had been made for the KCC to make representation to re-establish the bus route along Quarry Drive to Finlaystone Road. As representations had already been made by concerned Councillors to no avail, it was reluctantly agreed that there was little point in the KCC intervening. However, it was agreed that the Vice-Chair would establish whether Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans - Port Group would be willing to provide a periodic 'shuttle' service to enable residents to more easily travel to shopping destinations. Helen MacConnacher would approach St Columba's School to establish whether they could offer such a service as part of their community outreach programme.

13. Footpath Sign - Houston Road

Helen MacConnacher was pursuing with Elderslie Estates the replacement and re-instatement of the 'vintage' footpath sign and signpost which were sited on the Houston Road boundary of the Kilmacolm Golf Course. The sign which indicated the footpath linking Houston Road to Glen Moss had been removed and the signpost unearthed during the tree harvesting operations.

14. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 26 February 2019 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 March 2019 - 7:30pm