

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

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

David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland; Mark Lynch and Mark Simpson – Community Wardens; Laura Carswell and Mary McKeown – Renfrewshire Tapestry Group; Laura Reilly – Inverclydebuzz; 10 members of the public.

Apologies:

David Goddard – Secretary; James Kelly – Co-opted Member; Dale McFadzean; Frances Fulton; Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the February 2019 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 29 January 2019

The minute of the 29 January 2019 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported that in the month of February 2019 a total of three crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included the vandalising of a car, drunken driving and the theft of a car.

Cllr Wilson thanked PC Jamieson and his partner for their presence on the streets of Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm which has contributed to the low number of crimes being committed.

A discussion took place about the speed of the cars on Port Glasgow Road and what measures the police were taking to control it. PC Jamieson stated that they come up regularly with a speed gun but this seems to have little effect because of the rules of engagement. A recent speed survey was conducted by Inverclyde

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Council and Councillor Wilson said that he would try to obtain the results of that traffic survey.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens reported that there were three recorded incidents of neighbourhood noise in the Kilmacolm area in the month of February. They also reported that there has been a number of incidents of fly tipping at the Balrossie School site. Papers were recovered with names and addresses on them for follow up action.

5. Threads across the County (Rural Reams) Tapestry Project

A presentation was enthusiastically given by Laura Carswell assisted by Mary McKeown on the work of the Renfrewshire Tapestry Group in relation to the Threads across the County (Rural Reams) Tapestry Project. They are visiting all the local community councils in Renfrewshire to garner support for the project. They are trying to obtain a grant from the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Leader for the project and requested that Kilmacolm Community Council assist them in writing a letter of support in a particular format (which was to be supplied by email later). The council discussed this and agreed that the Chair would submit such a letter.

6. Inverclydebuzz – Inverclyde Pollinator Corridor Project

A presentation was given by Laura Reilly about the Inverclyde Pollinator Corridor Project. She explained that the insect pollinator population is in serious decline because of the loss of suitable wild flowers and other plant species to provide food (nectar and pollen) and places to live. The aim of the Inverclyde pollinator Corridor Project is to provide more suitable habitats across Inverclyde that are no more than a kilometer apart. They are searching for places in Kilmacolm where they can create some more pollinator friendly habitats.

Several places were suggested in the village which will be followed up by Laura and her group.

7. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the February 2019 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed the expenditure for the year to date as £12,333.32 and an income of £13,479.70 with £3,946.79 available at the bank.

8. Planning/Licensing

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

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- *19/0020/IC – Netherby Hazelmere Road Kilmacolm PA13 4ED – Alteration and extension to an existing dwellinghouse*
- *19/0021/IC – Tighnacreag Pacemuir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JJ – Installation of external steplift to benefit disabled person*

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

A member of the public raised a question over a planning application previously discussed at the council meeting in January 2019. He was concerned over the size of the drainage pipe proposed by Scottish Water to remove excess water that flows down from Wateryetts Road. It was pointed out that this had been discussed previously and the application was still pending a decision because there had been a number of objection/comments submitted to the planning authority. The person in question stated that he had raised this with the planning authority. It was agreed that no action will be taken by Kilmacolm Community Council.

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

A concern was raised over the state of the pavements on West Glen Road on the side of the playpark. It was pointed out that this is an unadopted pavement which is the responsibility of the owners to maintain to whatever standard they wish.

10. Any Other Competent Business

The Chair informed those present that there would be a Village Litter Pick on Saturday 13th April 2019. Equipment and high visibility vests will be provided and anyone wishing to take part should meet at the Pullman Carpark at 10:00am.

Home Energy Scotland have sent out information to all councils in the hope that they will help get the message out to householders that they are here to help reduce energy bills and make their homes warmer. The advice that Home Energy Scotland give is free and impartial and includes information about funding and grants for new boilers, insulation and heating systems to help make homes more efficient. An article will be placed in the Gryffe Advertiser and on the Community Council Website.

All were reminded that the Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Agricultural Show will take place on 11th May 2019.

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11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

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

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