

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday May 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

Attending:

PC Kirsty Dominick - Police Scotland; Graeme Collins - Community Warden Service; Jamie Thompson - Community Warden Service

Apologies:

David Madden; 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 May 2019 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 26 March 2019

The minute of the 26 March 2019 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Dominick reported that in the month of May 2019 a total of five crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included a dog attack on sheep, a social media communication offence, vandalism of equipment at a building site, a bicycle theft and a shoplifting. An incident was being investigated that concerned an underaged male in possession of alcohol that had been purchased by an adult on his behalf.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens reported that there were only three recorded anti-social incidents in the Kilmacolm area in the month of April 2019 - one of disorderly behaviour and two of public nuisance.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the May 2019 Budget v Actual Report. The report showed the expenditure for the 2019/2020 year to date as £75 - being the donation paid to the Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Agricultural Society. The available funds at the bank were £3,720.99 which included a reserve of £307 for the Community Defibrillator maintenance.

The 2019/2020 Provisional Budget detailed on the report was, after discussion, adopted.

Once the minute of the 2019 Annual General Meeting had been approved it would be lodged with the Inverclyde Council together with a copy of the approved Annual Accounts. This would meet the requirements for the payment of the Annual Administrative Grant.

6. Planning/Licensing

The planning applications that had been validated since the last full KCC meeting were considered.

The KCC had no objections nor comments to lodge on the following planning applications:

- *19/0109/IC - Flat Ground-1 1 Norval Place Moss Road Kilmacolm PA13 4AQ - Change to external elevation of property within Conservation Area. Alter existing windows in order to reinstate original entrance door and external steps.*
- *19/0107/IC - Beechwood Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NN - Proposed erection of new garage to side of house*
- *19/0106/IC - Sealladh-Mor Auchenfoil Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TG*
- *Proposal Demolition of Dorran bungalow and erection of replacement dwellinghouse*
- *19/0066/IC - Duchal Stepends Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RS - One proposed new, single storey, 3-bedroom, detached dwelling.*
- *19/0091/IC - Weardale Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JU - Erection of porch and raised steps to the main entrance*
- *Reference 19/0014/LB - Ground 2 1 Mount Zion Church Road Quarriers Village PA11 3TN - Creation of hole through external wall to install flue for relocated boiler*
- *19/0080/IC - Cottage 27 Love Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3SX - Application for Change of Use from Class 4 Business to Class 2 Financial, professional and other services including enlargement of parking area and improved mobility access*

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- *19/0079/IC - 1-2 St James Terrace - Home Hardware Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HB - Alterations to shopfront to include painting timber windows and doors*

It was felt the signage proposed for the Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland 'Boutique' was out of character in the conservation area of Kilmacolm and an objection would be lodged against planning application *19/0011/CA - 1-2 St James Terrace - Home Hardware Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HB - Advertisement of the following types : Two Fascia Signs/0322/IC*

The KCC had prior to the meeting lodged an objection to the planning application *19/0006/SCREEN - Land At North Denniston Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm - Proposed residential development, access open space, landscaping and associated works*. This had been done in order to meet the planning application "Expiry Date" of Tuesday 21 May 2019. An Inverclyde Council Planning Board pre-determination meeting would consider the planning application. The meeting is to be held on Thursday 13 June 2019 in the St Columba Church Hall starting at 2:00pm. The Chair would present the Kilmacolm Community Council case for rejecting the planning application.

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

Concerns had been raised about delivery vehicles using the parking spaces outside the Co-Op to unload during times when other vehicles could, in terms of the parking restrictions, park in the spaces. It was explained that the designated spaces were a restricted loading bay in the times specified and outside of these times any vehicle - including those making deliveries - were allowed to park in accordance with the displayed restrictions.

It was reported that Smithy Brae was being used by delivery vehicles. It was thought that this was in violation of the conditions which were attached to the granting of the planning application for the redevelopment of old Institute site. This would be investigated and representations made to the Inverclyde Council.

Scottish Water begin work in June on a Kilmacolm sewer upgrade project in a bid to prevent flooding. The work is expected to take around six months to complete. The Port Glasgow Road will be closed completely to traffic for a week and for the remainder of the time temporary traffic lights will be in operation.

The Secretary undertook to request Inverclyde Council to attend to the dangerous drop between the road and the lay-by surfaces at the top of Netherwood Road. There had been a reported incident of a vehicle bursting a tyre whilst negotiating the bend in the road.

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

9. Village Centre Improvements

The Chair reported that the KCC had only recently been informed that £21,968 remained to be spent on Kilmacolm Village Improvements.

The KCC approved the Old Kirk application for the planned improvements to the Old Kirk Ancient Burial Ground - estimated at a cost of around £7,500 - to be funded from the remaining community spend budget. The KCC also approved the Colourful Kilmacolm application to raise and reset the kerb edging and to resurface the pavement at the Pullman Tavern 'floral bank'. This approval would be subject to the final quote for the work not exceeding the amount of funds that would remain to be allocated.

The Secretary will pursue the applications with Riverside Inverclyde.

10. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 25 June 2019 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 27 August 2019 - 7:30pm