

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 7.45pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis - Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Morven Armour
Andrew Brewer
Johanne Davis
Frances Fulton
James Kelly

Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member
Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

Cllr Jim McEleny - Inverclyde Council; PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland;
Peter MacDonald - Legal and Property Services: Inverclyde Council; Helen
Calvert - KNCC; Margie McCallum

Apologies:

Helen Cook – Vice Chair; Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio Member; Ronnie
Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 28 May 2019

The minute of the 27 August 2019 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported that in the month of September 2019 four crimes in the
Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had
included two cases of house breaking - one at Knapps Loch Angling Clubhouse,
one assault and an online fraud.

In response to the concern raised about instances of rowdy behaviour at the
village centre piazza at night it was explained that the Community Wardens
and not the Police should be contacted if the noise was excessive and the
behaviour was considered to be anti-social.

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4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens had been called away to attend to a reported incident. Their submitted report for the month of August 2019 showed only one recorded anti-social Public Nuisance incident in Kilmacolm.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting the Secretary had, on behalf of the ex-Treasurer, circulated to the community councillors the September 2019 Budget v Actual Report which showed no changes from the August Report. The 2019/2020 expenditure at the end of September was £330.98 and the income was £0.47. The available funds at the bank were £11,877.48 which included a reserve of £307.00 for the Community Defibrillator maintenance and £8,412.47 received from Riverside Inverclyde which is to be paid out to the contractor undertaking the approved improvements to the Old Kirk historical burial ground.

The payment of the Annual Administrative Grant would be made in full once the 2019 Community Council Election expense allocations to the respective community councils were known.

6. Planning/Licensing

The planning applications that had been validated since the last full KCC meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2019 were considered.

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

- *19/0241/IC - The Gateway Craigbet Road Quarriers PA11 3SX - Removal of sandstone chimney and slate in to match existing*
- *19/0238/IC - Heath House Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PE - Various alterations including: the erection of single storey extension, formation of two terraces, new main entrance, minor alterations to windows/doors and landscaping works*
- *19/0236/IC - Orcadia Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SG - Erection of decking*
- *19/0228/IC - 10 Laurel Way Quarriers Village PA11 3NH -Erection of garden summer house in retrospect*
- *19/0226/IC - The Lea Gillburn Road Kilmacolm PA13 4DL - Remove walls and roof from existing sunroom. Replace with slate roof and solid walls.*
- *19/0002/CC - Craigrowan Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PD - Complete demolition of dwellinghouse*

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- *19/0222/IC - Craigmarnock Fold Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SG - Erection of cottage together with erection of storage shed (amendment to planning permission 15/0014/IC to reflect the as built position)*
- *19/0204/IC - Gryfe Neuk Garshangan Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TJ - Proposed conversion and extension to existing outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation in relation to main house*

The Chair reported that there was to be a Court of Sessions judicial review of the Inverclyde Council's decision to refuse the planning application for the proposed housing development on the Quarriers Village Caresmead site.

The applicant of the refused North Denniston development planning application had lodged an appeal against the decision before the deadline of 27 September 2019. Those individuals and organisations that had initially submitted a response to the planning application had been invited by the Reporter to submit any new evidence before 16 October 2019. It was agreed that the KCC had nothing new to add to their initial response.

At the request of Taylor Wimpey the pre-determination hearing to consider their Planning Permission in Principle application for a housing development on the land at Planetreeyetts had been postponed.

An email request to meet with the KCC had been received from the owner of the vacant plot of land in Whitelea Lane behind the Pullman Tavern car park. This meeting would be an opportunity to review the proposed plans to construct two houses on the site before a planning application was submitted.

The notification that planning permission was being sought was appreciated. It was however considered inappropriate for the KCC to be involved in any consultation prior to the lodging of the planning application. The applicant would be welcome to attend the KCC meeting at which the planning application would be considered and would be invited to contribute to the discussion. The Secretary would respond to the email setting out the KCC's position.

The Inverclyde Licensing Board had issued their Festive Season Policy which will extend the licensed premises opening hours for the period 1 December 2019 to 2 January 2020.

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

There were still concerns about the working practices employed on the Scottish Water sewage system improvement project and the impact these and the road closures were having on residents and road users. The dangerous speeding traffic through the section of road being controlled by automated traffic signals was of particular concern.

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Although sharing these concerns it was felt that there was nothing further that the KCC or, indeed, the Inverclyde Council were able to do to alleviate the problems being experienced.

Scottish Water had notified the KCC that it was planned to complete the work affecting traffic disruptions on Port Glasgow Road on 20 October 2019.

The hazardous overgrowth of vegetation impinging on the path connecting Whitelea Close to Smithy Brae had not been cutback. The Chair will request the landowner to attend to the overgrowth.

The Inverclyde Council had agreed to attend to the hazardous condition of the unadopted West Glen Road pavement.

It was reported that a Traffic Regulation Order, proposing the imposition of a charge for parking in Inverclyde's off-street car parks for periods in excess of three hours, was to be published for consultation in early October. Kilmacolm's off-street car parks are included in the charging proposals. The proposals were aimed at generating additional income to offset Inverclyde Council's forecast budget deficit. A Kilmacolm Community Centre room booking had been made to hold 'drop in' consultation sessions on Monday 7 October 2019. The KCC had not been notified of these arrangements.

Complaints had been lodged with Inverclyde Council about the hedges overhanging the pavements on sections of both Port Glasgow Road and Lochwinnoch Road. The maintenance of these hedges were the responsibility of the the land users.

The bus shelters at the Kilmacolm Cross were to be upgraded later in the year.

The 'ponding' problem on the St James Terrace pavement outside Blackwood of Kilmacolm had not been resolved despite a complaint to Inverclyde Council. The Secretary will follow up on this.

The Inverclyde Council were in dispute with their contractor about the remedial work required to the rugby pitches at Birkmyre Park as a result of installing the drainage system. No date has been set when the pitches would be made available to Birkmyre Rugby Club or St. Columba's School.

The KCC had been informed that the civil works in regard to the construction of the Inverclyde Windfarm had commenced. The construction of the site access off the B788 road will require traffic lights to be in operation for three weeks in the vicinity of the Scottish Power Devol substation.

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The Inverclyde Council had informed the KCC that a request to stage a 'Public Procession' on Remembrance Sunday - 10 November 2019 - had been received from the 1st Kilmacolm Scout Group and Kilmacolm Girl Guiding Association. The KCC were in favour of the procession being held on the date requested.

8. Village Centre Improvements

Work had still not commenced on the approved improvements to the Old Kirk Ancient Burial Ground. The funds - £8,412 - had been transferred to the Kilmacolm Community Council who would be responsible for settling the contractor's invoices for the completed work. There is now some urgency to complete the tree felling in the burial ground as some of the overhanging branches could hinder the replacement of the bus shelter at the Cross. The Chair will establish when the work is planned to be undertaken.

The Secretary undertook to pursue with Inverclyde Council the request to raise and reset the kerb edging and to resurface the pavement at the Pullman Tavern 'floral bank'.

9. Land at Lady Alice Bowling Club Greenock

The Secretary had been served a writ and warrant to attend a hearing on 3 October 2019 if the KCC were opposed to the proposal to 'alienate' the common good land occupied by the Lady Alice Bowling Club. This 'alienation' will allow the club to carry out essential repair and renovation work to the club house.

The KCC were not opposed to the petition and would not, therefore, answer the writ and warrant nor attend the hearing.

10. Inverclyde Community Councils' 'Champion'

Cllr Jim McEleny explained that in his role as the Community Councils' 'Champion' he took a keen interest in the workings and concerns of each of the Inverclyde community councils. He would, however, not be able to attend each and everyone of their meetings for which he apologised.

11. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 29 October 2019 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 November 2019 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 28 January 2020 - 7:30pm