

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

**Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Room 104 Kilmacolm
Community Centre**

Present:

Mike Jefferis - Chair
Helen Cook - Vice Chair
David Goddard – Secretary
Morven Armour
Andrew Brewer
Johanne Davis
James Kelly

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

Attending:

PC Kirsty Dominic - Police Scotland; Caroline Champion - Inverclyde HSCP;
Mark Lynch -Community Warden Service; Neil Smith - Community Warden
Service

Apologies:

Andrew Brewer; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

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

The minute of the 29 October 2019 meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Dominic reported that in the month of September 2019 seven crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included five traffic offences - three of which were endorsable, one serious assault and one act of car vandalism.

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4. Inverclyde Council Community Warden Service

The Inverclyde Community Wardens reported that in October there had been two public nuisance incidents which they had been called to attend. Regular visits were being made to Kilmacolm Cemetery and Balrossie.

5. Inverclyde Locality Planning

Caroline Champion explained that the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSPC) had undertaken to establish six Locality Planning Groups (LPGs). These Groups have as their main task the development a Locality Planning Action Plan for the provision of community services to the benefit of that community. These services would include health and social care and improvements in wellbeing. The LPGs will establish at the local level a Communications and Engagement Group on which members of the community - which could include Community Councillors - will serve.

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The Treasurer elected at the Annual General meeting had not yet taken over the responsibilities for the KCC accounting records and reporting. The Secretary will act as the finance 'caretaker' on a temporary basis until the situation is resolved.

There were no changes to the financial position reported at the October meeting.

7. 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:

- *119/0276/IC - Land At Whitelea Road Kilmacolm - Erection of two dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping works*
- *19/0269/IC - 3 Drumpellier Place - Threads Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HE - Formation of rear fire exit with associated new platt steps and handrails*
- *19/0029/TRE - 1 School Wynd Quarriers Village PA11 3NL - Removal of tree*
- *19/0028/TRE - Behind Cottage 44 Faith Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3TF - Removal of Sycamore Tree*
- *19/0027/TRE - Braehead Craigbet Road Quarriers Village PA11 3SD - To reduce height of tree*
- *19/0016/CPL - Former Woodside Care Home Law View Road Quarriers Village PA11 3SD - Proposed use as residential school*

Subject to Approval at the January 2020 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council

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- 19/0229/IC - 13 Oldhall Drive Kilmacolm PA13 4RF - Formation of driveway at side of property and lowering of kerb
- 19/0233/IC - Vacant Site Whitelea Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HH - Erection of 4 dwellinghouses (amendment to previously approved application ref: 16/0061/IC)

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

The extreme wet weather conditions had causing flooding of roads in some areas around the village. The Secretary would assess the situation and report to the Inverclyde Council any serious flooding issues not being addressed by their ongoing drain clearing program.

9. Community Council Scheme and Funding Review

The Secretary had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of an email from Inverclyde Council Legal and Property Services which requested Community Councils to consider various Community Council funding options.

The option favoured by Kilmacolm Community Council was:

"Retain the existing funding budget but split each grant to have part as constrained administrative grant and part to be spent as the community councils see fit"

If a 'project fund' was to be established the KCC were opposed to it being held centrally by the Council with community councils applying for project specific funding but would support an arrangement whereby each community council would get a fixed proportion of that fund annually.

In a separate email - also circulated to members - it was advised that Inverclyde Council will contact community councils in the new year to elicit their views on the present Scheme - the statutory framework by which community councils are established and operate - and to establish whether the community councils felt such a review was needed or desired. The Inverclyde Council review of the Scheme would, amongst other things, look at the number of community councils within Inverclyde and the areas covered by those community councils,

10. Village Centre Improvements

The tree felling in the Old Kirk burial ground which was one of the approved improvements to the Old Kirk Ancient Burial Ground had been undertaken.

The Secretary would pursue with Inverclyde Council the request to raise and reset the kerb edging and to resurface the pavement at the *Carriages* 'floral bank' as part of the Village Centre Improvement program.

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The Kilmacolm Horticultural Society who have the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the 'memorial' garden at the Village Cross have requested Inverclyde Council to provide an electricity supply for floodlighting the garden.

11. Kilmacolm Community Council Christmas Hamper Raffle

A vote of thanks was extended to Alda Clark who, although she was no longer a member of the Community Council, had made up and donated the Christmas Hampers which were to be raffled. The Raffle winners will be drawn at the Christmas Lighting Up event on Friday 6 December 2019.

The members of the Community Council were asked to be at the Community Centre on the day at 5:30pm to assist with raffle ticket sales and the draw.

12. Kilmacolm Community Council Facebook Group

Morven Armour had set up a Kilmacolm Community Council Facebook Group on Facebook with herself, Frances Fulton and Johanne Davis as administrators. Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village would be invited to join the Private Group.

13. Kilmacolm Community Defibrillator

Morven Armour volunteered to conduct training sessions in the correct use of community access defibrillators. These sessions would be open to the community. This initiative was welcomed and the Community Council will give its support to this welcomed and worthwhile initiative.

14. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 28 January 2020 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 26 February 2020 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 31 March 2020 - 7:30pm