

**Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting  
Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 7.30pm  
Via Zoom**

**Present:**

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

Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member

**Attending:**

PC John Jamieson - Police Scotland; Cllr Jim McEleny

**Apologies:**

Frances Fulton; James Kelly; Cllr Christopher Curley - Ex Officio Member; Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

**1. Welcome**

The Chair opened the May 2020 Zoom meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

**2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 28 January 2020**

The minute of the 28 January 2020 meeting was approved.

**3. Police Scotland**

PC Jamison reported that since 31 March 2020 seventeen crimes in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village area had been recorded. These crimes had included three acts of vandalism, two shopliftings, three 'walk in' housebreakings, two minor drug offences, a hit and run, one careless driving offence, a domestic breach of the peace, a speeding offence, a housebreaking theft and two dangerous dog incidents. There had also been a number of driver warnings issued during speeding checks on the Port Glasgow Road.

**4. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances**

Prior to the meeting David Goddard - in the role of acting Treasurer - had circulated to the community councillors the May 2020 Budget v Actual v Forecast Report and Balance Sheet. The 2019/2020 expenditure at the end of May was £39.90 and there was no income. The Balance Sheet showed the funds available at the bank as £13,117.65 which included a reserve of

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£8,412.00 to fund the improvements that were ongoing at the Old Kirk Ancient Burial Ground.

In preparing the reports it had been assumed that the proposals to apportion the Inverclyde Council 2020/2021 Grant between 'Administration' and 'Projects' would be formally approved and confirmed to the community councils in due course. It had also been assumed that the surplus funds accumulated over the years - amounting to £4,745.55 - would be available for community 'projects'. These assumptions were reflected in the 2020/2021 Proposed Budget breakdown and in the Fund Reserves shown in the reports.

The figures shown in the 2020/2021 Proposed Budget are the acting Treasurer's first take based on the proposed Grant split and the previous years' actual expenditure and donations.

It was agreed that the members needed to dedicate time, imagination and community engagement to conceiving and initiating 'projects' that would bring benefit to the community. Once these projects were approved the 2020/2021 Budget can be finalised. One of the 'projects' it was agreed would be funded was the Kilmacolm Primary School 'Let's Grow & Cook Together' ongoing project. The Treasurer will agree with the KPS Head Teacher the amount - up to £100 - of the KCC donation to this project.

It was necessary to add the newly elected Treasurer and Secretary as signatories to the RBS bank account - the Chair would remain as a signatory. David Goddard would forward the change of signatory forms to the Treasurer for completion and processing. It was suggested that perhaps the new signatories should also include the newly elected Vice Chair. David Goddard would check whether the rules governing community councils permit more than three signatories.

### 5. Planning/Licensing

The planning applications that had been validated since the last full KCC meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 were considered.

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

- *20/0104/IC - 3 And 4 Broomknowe Terrace Castlehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HT - Single storey extension to rear of numbers 3 and 4 Broomknowe Terrace*
- *20/0095/IC - Shuna Cottage Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PE - Extension, garage conversion, new decking and alterations to existing dwelling*
- *20/0001/PREAPP - Auchenfoyle Farm Auchenfoil Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TH - Battery storage compound, substation, fencing, security cameras and access track.*

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- 20/0090/IC - Cloak Cloak Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SD - Alterations and extension to form new kitchen with associated boot room and pantry.
- 20/0023/LB - Cloak Cloak Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SD - Alterations and extension to form new kitchen with associated boot room and pantry
- 20/0088/IC - Former Carsemeadow School Craighet Road Quarriers Village PA11 3SA - Erection of 9 dwellinghouses with associated access, open space, and landscaping
- 20/0002/TRE - Torridon Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF - Removal of Spruce Trees
- 20/0085/IC - Kilmacolm Squash Club 36 Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NN - Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling-house (amendment to planning permission 19/0153/IC including the addition of chimney together with minor alterations to windows and rooflights and addition of stepped arrangement within curtilage to rear)

The following planning applications required no comment as their Expiry Date was in advance of the meeting date:

- 20/0074/IC - Torridon Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF - Proposed installation of replacement windows and doors, formation of new window, formation of new roofs over main and side entrances, installation of new rooflights, removal of low-level chimney and installation of flue
- 20/0072/IC - The Village Store Faith Avenue Quarriers Village - Change of Use of former flower shop (Class 1 Shops) to natural therapy centre (Class 2 Professional) with associated internal fit-out.
- 20/0069/IC - Clovelly Court Glencairn Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NR - Installation of Replacement uPVC Windows
- 20/0013/IC - Glenburn Lane Workshop Glenburn Lane Kilmacolm PA13 4DA - Demolition of existing joinery workshop and erection of 2no dwellings (in principle)

The following planning applications required no comment as planning permission had been granted in advance of the meeting:

- 20/0005/CPL - 1 Langbank Rise Kilmacolm PA13 4LF - Erection of rear extension and rear decking, alterations to driveway layout and external alterations to dwellinghouse
- 20/0075/IC - Burnside Farm Old Greenock Road Port Glasgow - Conversion of farm steading to form five dwelling houses with an extension to the farmhouse and erection of garages (amendment to planning permissions IC/07/302, 09/0313/IC and 09/0338/IC to reflect the as built arrangement)
- 20/0067/IC - The Grange Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NT - Proposed reinstatement of garage outbuilding severely damaged by fire
- 20/0001/CC - The Grange Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NT - Complete demolition in a conservation area

## **6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting, Parks and Open Spaces**

It was queried when the fencing surrounding the north field of Birkmyre Park would be removed to give public access to the field. It was also queried when the park at West Glen Road would be reopened. David Goddard undertook to contact Inverclyde Council to establish, if he could, the plans they have to open up both facilities.

## **7. Village Centre Improvements**

Most of the approved improvement works at the Old Kirk Ancient Burial Ground had been completed but there had been no request to put the contractors in funds from the Grants Reserves being held by Kilmacolm Community Council.

The work on the Pilgrims Way in the grounds of the Old Kirk Manse was on hold pending the outcome of the merger of the Old Kirk and St Columba churches. If the Pilgrims Way project was abandoned it was thought doubtful that the improvement grant made by Kilmacolm Community Council would be returned.

## **8. Kilmacolm Community Council Vacancy**

The Kilmacolm Community Council constitution makes provision for nine councillor members but there were only eight members elected to serve the current term. It was agreed that the vacant membership should be filled and the council expanded to include Associate Members. It was thought that ideally a Quarriers Village resident should be elected or appointed to the KCC. David Goddard would draft suitable worded vacancy notices for publication in the Gryffe Advertiser, for posting on the Kilmacolm Community Council and Kilmacolm Wanders Facebook pages and included in a letter addressed to the Quarriers Village Council.

## **9. Kilmacolm Farmers' Market**

In an email received from the Kilmacolm Farmers Markets it was advised that they had received the go ahead from the Inverclyde Council to restart the markets at the Cargill Centre as long as they adhered to government advice regarding social distancing. The approval of the Kilmacolm Community Council was being sought for the Market to take place on Saturday 6 June 2020. The request was approved.

## **10. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council**

- Tuesday 30 June 2020 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 31 August 2020 - 7:30pm