

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 7.30pm
Via Zoom

Present:

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

Attending:

John Spence

Apologies:

Morven Armour - Vice Chair; Frances Fulton; Cllr Christopher Curley - Ex Officio Member; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Annual General Meeting – 26 May 2020

The minute of the 26 May 2020 Annual General Meeting was approved.

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The minute of the 26 May 2020 meeting was approved.

4. Police Scotland

The Police Scotland Neighbourhood team did not join the meeting and as consequence a Neighbourhood Police Report was not presented.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Prior to the meeting David Goddard - in the role of acting Treasurer - had circulated to the community councillors the June 2020 Budget v Actual v Forecast Report and Balance Sheet. The 2019/2020 Administration Expenditure at the end of June was £52.38 and there was no Administration Income recorded. The Community Projects outgoings were £75.00. The Balance Sheet showed the funds available at the bank as £13,105.17 which included a

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reserve of £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.

David Goddard would lodge, with Inverclyde Council, the Kilmacolm Community Council application for payment of the 2020 Administration and 'Projects' Grants now that the Minute of the 2020 Annual General Meeting had been formally approved.

It was requested that, in future reports, the Community Defibrillator Maintenance Reserves be listed separately.

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

The Old Kirk Treasurer had been requested to submit invoices for the Ancient Burial Graveyard improvement work that had been completed.

In the discussion on potential Kilmacolm Community Council funded community 'projects' it was suggested that consideration be given to funding the provision of 'branded' hi viz waistcoats for the Kilmacolm Walkers volunteer Walk Leaders. It was agreed that David Goddard develop the proposal within a nominal budget of £100 and submit it for formal consideration.

Helen Cook undertook to determine whether there was a specific Kilmacolm Horticultural Society 'project' for which Kilmacolm Community Council funding could be considered.

It had been agreed at the previous meeting to contribute up to £100 towards the Kilmacolm Primary School 'Let's Grow & Cook Together' ongoing project. The Treasurer had not had the opportunity to discuss and agree this proposal with the Kilmacolm Primary School Head Teacher.

It was necessary to set up new RBS account signatories and remove those who were no longer office bearers. David Goddard would forward the change of signatory online forms to the Treasurer for completion and processing. It had been suggested that perhaps the new signatories should also include the newly

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elected Vice Chair. David Goddard confirmed that the rules governing community councils bank account signatories did not permit more than three signatories. It would be agreed with the Chair which three office bearers would be signatories to the RBS bank account.

6. 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:

- *20/0024/TRE - Cottage 6 Washington House Faith Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3JX - Crown reduction of large Sycamore tree*
- *20/0110/IC - Flat 1 Merlindale Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SG - Erection of single storey outbuilding and stone patio in rear garden and height increase to adjoining garden wall*

Concerns were raised in regard to planning application *20/0112/IC - The Grange Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NT - Erection of 1.5 storey outbuilding comprising garage, WC, balcony and multi-function space on site of demolished garage building*. The Chair would lodge a comment with the Inverclyde Council planning authorities to the effect that the proposed building was not a direct replacement of that destroyed and the proposed building lent itself for use as a domestic dwelling.

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

- *20/0021/TRE - 5 Faith Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3SX - Remove large Leyland Cypress and crown reduction of 2no mature Lime trees*
- *20/0025/TRE - 2 Laurel Way Quarriers Village PA11 3NH - Reduction of large Lime tree*
- *20/0022/TRE - Cottage 35 Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3JX - Removal of large Leyland Cypress tree*

The Chair explained that the appeal against some of the provisions in the Inverclyde Local Development Plan made by a group of property developers was being considered by the Court of Sessions. A ruling was to be delivered in late July.

It had been confirmed that the Court of Sessions had quashed the Reporters decision to refuse the Caresmeadow housing development application. The Scottish Government Reporters Unit will make a decision how to proceed.

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

There had been some confusion caused by making reference to North Denniston in communicating the ruling.

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

The Chair had written to Inverclyde Council requesting that they re-consider the imposed traffic regulation which does not permit vehicle parking on the North side of Lochwinnoch Road. This restriction was intended to enable social distancing to be maintained when Kilmacolm shops re-open as permitted in the easing of the Covid-19 lockdown.

It was suggested that the Kilmacolm Community Council request that the traffic speeds on Port Glasgow be monitored again as the situation had changed since the last monitoring had been conducted.

Several complaints had been lodged in regard to inconsiderate and dangerous vehicle speeding on Finlaystone Road and increased instances of speeding on Lochwinnoch Road and Bridge of Weir Road.

It was understood that Inverclyde Council are considering introducing traffic calming measures on the roads leading in and out Kilmacolm. David Goddard undertook to clarify the situation in regard to the measures being proposed for the roads in question.

It was noted that the Inverclyde Council had resumed their public spaces grass cutting activities including that at the Kilmacolm Community Cemetery.

8. Kilmacolm Community Council Vacancy

Four Kilmacolm residents had expressed their initial interest in joining the Kilmacolm Community Council in response to the vacancy notices posted on the Kilmacolm Community Council and Kilmacolm Wanders Facebook pages. The potential applicants had been requested to provide background information to support their show of interest.

9. Kilmacolm Farmers' Market

Concerns were raised that the necessary social distancing and hygiene requirements had not been adhered to at the Farmers Market held at the Kilmacolm 'Piazza on Saturday 6 June 2020. The Chair agreed to write to the organisers of the Farmers Market relaying these concerns.

10. Former Institute Site

It was requested that the Inverclyde Council be informed that the incomplete building development at the Cross was deteriorating and that birds nesting in the building posed a risk to public health. The Chair undertook to raise the concerns with Inverclyde Council.

11. 'Kilmacolm Railway'

The Secretary requested that at the next Kilmacolm Community Council the Ex-Officio members clarify the progress of any plans to re-instate the railway service between Kilmacolm and Paisley.

12. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- Tuesday 25 August 2020 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 29 September 2020 - 7:30pm