

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting: 24 November 2020

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7:30pm Via Zoom

Present:

Mike Jefferis – Chair
Morven Armour -Vice Chair
Johanne Davis – Treasurer
Andrew Brewer – Secretary
Helen Cook
James Kelly
David Goddard
Susannah Donaldson
Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio
Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio
PC John Jamieson – Police Scotland

Attending:

Francesca Brennan
Fiona Robertson
Bill Crookston
Bruce Hampton
David Campbell

Apologies:

Nil

1. Welcome

The chair opened the November 2020 Zoom meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed all those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – November 24, 2020

The minute of the above meeting was approved

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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4. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported eight crimes since the last meeting

- suspicious death.
- taxi fraud.
- telecoms fraud – domestic.
- 1 theft of a van.
- road traffic accident.
- assault of a young boy in the co-op.
- online fraud - hacking of email account and asking for money from a friend.
- theft of a bicycle.

It was reported that there have been incidences of underage children waiting outside the co-op asking shoppers to buy alcohol and or cigarettes. Police Scotland are aware of this and move them away from the shop.

Comment was made of the recent road traffic incident on Port Glasgow Road near the cemetery which resulted in a car leaving the road and ending up in the field. PC Jamieson had no information on the incident but reminded those present that although 30mph is the maximum allowed speed on that stretch of road this may be excessive in certain weather conditions. Cllr Wilson intimated he would report on the traffic calming measures under item 8.

Cllr Wilson also reported of an on-line SCAM asking for verification of Amazon account details. The company is aware of this.

5. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

No report

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The September Budget v Actual v Forecast report was presented by David Goddard.

The main total reserves are £9,786.11.

The community access defibrillator ‘trading’ account has a balance of £565.80.

The following motion was submitted to the committee.

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It was resolved that :

- The Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3 of Kilmacolm Community Council Business Banking – Universal Mandate be changed in accordance with Authorised Signatories section as follows:
 - Add Mrs Johanne Grace Sarah Davis and Miss Morven Alexander Armour as new signatories
 - Remove Mr David Goddard and Mr Johnathan Edwin Albert Fisher as signatories

Motion proposed by Andrew Brewer and seconded by Helen Cook. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Planning/Licensing

The planning applications were reviewed at the meeting.

- *20/0275/IC - Lawpark Farm Stepends Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TA - External alterations and change of use of former farm outbuildings to forge with associated office and storage accommodation (amendment to planning permission 18/0140/IC in respect of the inclusion of part of outbuilding and dwelling as office and bothy together with small display area)*
- *20/0271/IC - Land At Whitelea Road Kilmacolm - Construction of dwellinghouse (amendment to house 2 of planning permission 19/0325/IC)*
- *20/0262/IC - Flat 1-1 11 St James Terrace Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HB - Proposed replacement of windows to front elevation and retrospective consent for replacement windows to rear elevation*
- *20/0289/IC – Gryffeside Farm, Blacksholm Road, Kilmacolm, PA13 4SR – Erection of general purpose agricultural building.*
- *20/0288IC – Ardgowan Place Post Office, Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm, PA13 4AB – Proposed change of use from retail unit to hot food takeaway and installation of flue.*
- *20/0284IC – Oronsay, Knockbuckle Road, Kilmacolm, PA13 4JZ – Variation to planning consent 19/0268/IC to increase the depth of front entrance canopy and include entrance porch.*

The above planning applications were discussed.

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Application 20/0288/IC raised concerns related to the position of the flue with potential for the extract to enter the adjoining premises along with a lack of information regarding the placement of the waste bins. The chair would comment on this to Inverclyde Council

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

Cllr Wilson reported that following the recent speed recording on Port Glasgow Road near the 'S' bend at the cemetery where the average speed was recorded as 33.3mph in conjunction with the large number of road traffic incidents, at least 18 in the last 2 years, traffic calming measures would be installed. The exact nature of the measures is uncertain but it is likely to include increased road marking and the installation of a skid resistant surface. The council will continue to monitor the situation.

Cllr Wilson reported that further monitoring will take place in the region of Wateryetts Drive but that this may not take place until the next financial year.

9. Kilmacolm Community Clean Up

This took place on Saturday 7 November with 10 volunteers assisting. A total of 22 bags of rubbish were collected. The Kilmacolm Community Council would like to thank all those who took part in the collection.

It was suggested that a further clean up should be considered in the Spring and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- St Columba Scarecrow Display – This was well received throughout the village with excellent feedback from those who visited the display. The community council hopes that this could become a regular event.
- Christmas hamper – Sales of tickets ongoing and 4 hampers have been made. The draw will be made on 11 December.
- Christmas Lights competition – This would be a competition for the local school children. They would design a Christmas Light and the winning light would, if possible, be manufactured and installed for Christmas 2021. The cost of manufacture is in the region of £900. The council is to discuss with the company used by Inverclyde Council about this. Helen Cook and Susannah Donaldson will follow this up and report back at the next meeting.
- Upgrades to Local Parks – Bridge of Weir community council were approached as they have recently upgraded their parks and have offered some useful information. They used a sub-group of

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the council to organise both the fund raising and decide on the actual upgrades required. It was suggested that the sub-group could include schoolchildren and parents. Cllr McCabe suggested that there could be funds available from both Inverclyde Council and the Birkmyre Trust. Susannah Donaldson and Helen Cook will follow this up and report back at the next meeting

11.Quarry Drive Application

Cllr McCabe and Cllr Wilson left the meeting prior to this discussion to prevent a conflict of interest.

The chair has written a draft letter the council objecting to the plan by McTaggart and Mickel on the basis that the area being considered for development is Green Belt and under the existing planning regulations no new development on Green Belt is permitted.

Fiona Robertson and Bruce Hampton from McTaggart and Mickel presented their case for development. The claim that the Clyde Plan shows a lack of housing and that development in Kilmacolm will alleviate this.

Ronnie Cowan asked why they were not considering building at Balrossie as this land was now up for sale and had outline planning permission.

McTaggart and Mickel informed the meeting that the land was overpriced and that they had no intention of purchasing it

Bill Crookston suggested that the land should be gifted to Kilmacolm for as a meadow. This was declined.

McTaggart and Mickel requested a copy of our letter to the council but this was declined.

12.Dates of Next meetings

26 January 2021 – 7:30pm

22 February 2021 – 7:30pm

29 March 2021 – 7:30pm

27 April 2021 – 7:30 pm

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