

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7:30pm Via Zoom

Present:

Mike Jefferis – Chair
Johanne Davis – Treasurer
Andrew Brewer – Secretary
Helen Cook
David Goddard
James Kelly
Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio

Attending:

PC John Jamieson – Police Scotland
Bill Crookston
Alan Williamson
Mo Clark

Apologies:

Morven Armour -Vice Chair
Susannah Donaldson
Frances Fulton
Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio

1. Welcome

The chair opened the January 2021 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 with minor changes

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3. Matters Arising

The application for a change of use of the Old Post Office to a fast-food takeaway has been refused.

4. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported eight crimes since the last meeting

- 1 Fraud - online
- 1 attempted fraud – online
- 1 Shoplifting
- 1 Cycle theft
- 1 Road Traffic collision – drive off
- 1 Vandalism
- 1 Assault

The Police are continuing to monitor the speeds in the village and several drivers have received either verbal warnings or fixed penalty notices.

5. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

No wardens were present at the meeting. A report had been submitted for the meeting. There were 2 incidences in the village in December 2020.

- 2 reports of public nuisance.

6. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The January 2021 Budget v Actual v Forecast report was presented by the treasurer.

The balance in the account was £5775.89

The raffle made the sum of £731.00, a record income as far as we are aware. £240 had been paid to the Kilmacolm Rainbows, Kilmacolm Scouts and the Inverclyde Food Bank.

The balance of £3,900 had also been paid from the improvement grant for the work at the Old Kirk. This completes the work to be carried out under this grant.

Kilmacolm primary school are due the sum of £150 towards the school funds.

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St. Columba junior school are due the sum of £50 for organising the Scarecrow trail.

7. Planning/Licensing

The following planning applications were reviewed at the meeting.

- Removal of 6 trees. 8 Lodge Crescent Kilmacolm PA13 4PZ Ref. No: 21/0004/TRE | Received: Wed 13 Jan 2021 | Validated: Tue 19 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Formation of enlarged rear opening with bi-fold doors and installation of new decking in rear garden. Installation of stainless steel flue for wood burning stove on rear facing roof plane. Larchwood Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4JU Ref. No: 21/0001/CPL | Received: Mon 11 Jan 2021 | Validated: Thu 14 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Decision
- Erection of a timber clad, oak framed carport/garage with attic storage. Flat 1 Merlindale Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SG Ref. No: 21/0001/IC | Received: Thu 07 Jan 2021 | Validated: Mon 11 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Erection of raised decking at side and rear (in retrospect). 18 Churchill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4LH Ref. No: 20/0325/IC | Received: Thu 24 Dec 2020 | Validated: Wed 06 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Erection of raised decking at rear; formation of roof terrace above existing flat roof extension. Mucomir Falls Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4DZ Ref. No: 20/0323/IC | Received: Wed 23 Dec 2020 | Validated: Wed 23 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Erection of two storey extension with single storey extension incorporating a canopy and external terrace. Ardfrooch Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF Ref. No: 20/0314/IC | Received: Wed 16 Dec 2020 | Validated: Thu 17 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Single storey rear extension to dwelling house replacing existing uPVC conservatory. 6 Lodge Crescent Kilmacolm PA13 4PZ Ref. No: 20/0312/IC | Received: Wed 16 Dec 2020 | Validated: Tue 05 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Proposed variation to planning consent 20/0074/IC for alterations to front and side entrance porches. Torridon Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF Ref. No: 20/0311/IC | Received: Mon 14 Dec 2020 | Validated: Fri 18 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Demolition of existing single storey extension and detached garage. Construction of new single storey extension to house kitchen, utility

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and shower room. Lower Parkleven Barclaven Road Kilmacolm PA13 4DQ Ref. No: 20/0304/IC | Received: Wed 09 Dec 2020 | Validated: Wed 09 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Decision

- Erection of detached double garage; erection of 2m high wall in place of fence with installation of gates; laying of block paving at driveway entrance; erection of porch at rear of dwellinghouse (in retrospect) - amendment to planning permission 20/0199/IC to re-position garage and install a door and windows; erection of retaining wall and fences at side of garage; alterations to driveway entrance to extend block paving, re-position gates and reduce length of boundary wall. Beech Holm Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NP Ref. No: 20/0299/IC | Received: Wed 02 Dec 2020 | Validated: Wed 02 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Erection of 1.5 storey outbuilding comprising domestic garage, workshop, car port & home office within the curtilage of dwelling. The Corrie Houston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NY Ref. No: 20/0297/IC | Received: Tue 01 Dec 2020 | Validated: Thu 07 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Flood protection scheme. Glenmosston Wildlife Reserve Kilmacolm Ref. No: 20/0003/SCREEN | Received: Mon 30 Nov 2020 | Validated: Wed 02 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Crown reduction of 4 trees and removal of 2 trees. 16 Laurel Way Quarriers Village PA11 3NH Ref. No: 21/0005/TRE | Received: Wed 13 Jan 2021 | Validated: Wed 13 Jan 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration
- Erection of 9 dwelling houses with associated access, open space, and landscaping. Former Carsemeadow School Craigbet Road Quarriers Village PA11 3SX Ref. No: 20/0306/IC | Received: Mon 14 Dec 2020 | Validated: Fri 18 Dec 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

There were no objections raised about any of the above planning applications.

Mr Alan Williamson from Inverclyde Council then gave a presentation as part of the ongoing discussions around the main issues report. The reason for a local development plan was explained. Inverclyde Council adopted their plan in May 2019. This was challenged in the court of session in July 2020 where the housing chapter was quashed. Inverclyde Council decided to develop a completely new plan and as part of this they have issued a consultative document and are in consultation with local councils and

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other relevant bodies, This will take place between December 2020 and January 2021.

Issues relating to Kilmacolm were as follows:

- Inverclyde cemetery capacity, especially in Kilmacolm and Knocknairshill.
- Kilmacolm village centre car parking
- Suitable sites for housing in the Kilmacolm Community Council area
- The need for affordable housing to be included in the plans.
- The future of Balrossie.

The Community Council then discussed its response to the consultation document. A draft had been prepared by the chair and circulated prior to the meeting. The draft was accepted by council although minor amendments were to be made prior to submission.

The final document would be circulated as soon as possible.

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

Parking on pavements was discussed. The recent act of parliament has not been implemented. Cllr McCabe informed the meeting that there was a meeting of COSLA in the next few days where funding would be discussed.

9. Kilmacolm Community Clean Up

No decision made regarding the date of the next Village Clean Up due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1 The Christmas light competition was a great success. The winner and runners up were all presented with a framed print of their design provided by Frame and Print in Kilmacolm. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Frame and Print thanking them for their generous donation. Discussions will take place with Inverclyde Council about making the winning design into a light for Christmas 2021.

10.2 Upgrade on the parks – no report. Work is being carried out in the park on West Glen Road to install equipment for the use of children with disabilities. The Birkmyre Trust has surplus funds which are for the exclusive use within Birkmyre Park. This may

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be available to the Community Council to help fund any upgrades.

- 10.3** Improving engagement/information sharing with local community – no report
- 10.4** Muirshiel Park Joint Committee. The council will ask to be kept up-to-date with plans.
- 10.5** Licencing of sexual entertainment venues. It was unanimously agreed that they should be licenced.
- 10.6** Invitation to join Inverclyde Forum of Community Councils. The council would like to be kept in touch but not become a full member of the forum.
- 10.7** Review of alcohol in public places. The review does not recommend any changes and the council agree.
- 10.8** Twinning – the council were asked to take of the role of contact with Merignies. This was felt to be inappropriate as a separate committee was setting up to manage the twinning and this group should continue with the project.
- 10.9** Co-op building – The state of the building was discussed. It is now owned by the bank of Punjab. Cllr McCabe will discuss the problems with council officials.
- 10.10** Complaints have been received about the state of the pavement on St James Terrace. There was an understanding that money had been set aside for this work but not work had been carried out. Mr Goddard will follow this up.
- 10.11** Problems related to receiving mail had occurred as the Community Centre was closed and no letter box available. The Chair is to discuss this with the Kilmacolm New Community Centre Board.

11.Dates of Next meetings

30 March 2021 – 7:30pm

27 April 2021 – 7-30pm

25 May 2021 – 7-00pm Annual General Meeting

25 May 2021 – 7-30pm

29 June 2021 – 7-30pm

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