

**Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting  
Tuesday 29 November 2022 at 7.30pm  
Room 101 Kilmacolm Community Centre**

**Present:**

Morven Armour - Chair  
Mike Jefferis - Vice Chair  
Johanne Davis - Treasurer  
Carol Breslin  
David Goddard  
Chris Kay

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

**Attending:**

Mark Lynch - Inverclyde Community Warden  
Neil Smith - Inverclyde Community Warden  
Sarashua King - Development Officer, Green Action Trust  
Margaret Cathcart  
Alda Clark  
Norrie Johnston  
Margie McCallam  
Ann Muir

**Apologies:**

Andrew Brewer - Secretary; Helen Cook; John Spence; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member; Sgt Danny Godfrey - Police Scotland

**1. Welcome**

The Chair opened the November 2022 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

**2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 25 October 2022**

The Minute of the 25 October 2022 Kilmacolm Community Council meeting was approved.

**3. Police Scotland - Community Police Report**

Sgt Godfrey had forwarded a report which was read out to the Meeting. There had been two recorded internet frauds in the Kilmacolm/Quarriers Village area in the month of November 2022. One incident involved the locking out of resident's computer with a demand for money to recover their access. The other was a Facebook Marketplace scam where a resident, on receipt of a

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forged PayPal payment notification, had forwarded an iPhone to an address in England.

The Community Police focus during December would be on surveying licensed premises, monitoring town centre actions, road safety and acquisitive crime prevention.

The reported vandalism over the Halloween period was being followed up.

### **4. Inverclyde Community Warden Report**

The Community Warden Report for October 2022, submitted at the meeting, showed that there had been just one anti-social vandalism incident attended with during that month.

### **5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances**

The Treasurer tabled the November 2022 Budget v Actual v Forecast Report and Balance Sheet and reported that the Cash at Bank was £5,505 and cheques amounting to £595 were yet to be cashed.

It was agreed that the Kilmacolm Community would donate £100 from the accumulated Community Project funds, to acquire a Dog Poo Bag Dispenser, to be sited at Birkmyre Park, that will be managed by a volunteer group.

The Kilmacolm Primary School had been awarded a *Warm Hand of Friendship* grant part of which - £1,500 - is to be used for the establishment and operation of a Warm Space facility which will be set up within the Kilmacolm Community Centre. It was agreed that the Kilmacolm Community Council will set aside - from the Community Project funds - £1,500 which the Kilmacolm Primary School could call upon if they required additional funds to operate the Warm Space facility through to March 2023. The operation of this community 'project' will be monitored and reported on at the next Kilmacolm Community Council meeting in January 2023.

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

Sarashua King - Development Officer, Green Action Trust - was introduced to the Meeting. She outlined plans to establish a Kilmacolm Community Woodland - part of the Central Scotland Green Network - in the land, known locally as Leperstone Fields, that had been donated to the Green Action Trust. A ceremonial tree planting event and a community consultation seeking views on the design of the Woodland and facilities are planned. The Kilmacolm Community Council will publicise the event and survey.

It was requested that the Green Action Trust plans make provision for the maintenance of the paths and take into consideration the impact a possible increase visitor numbers to the area will have on the limited vehicle parking.

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The Chair encouraged the community councillors to partake in the Eco Space and Outdoor Spaces surveys - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KOS2022/> and <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/kilmacolm>

The Kilmacolm Community Council had been invited to comment on the draft proposed "*Inverclyde Council Village Centre (20mph Speed Limit ) Order 2022*". The Kilmacolm Community Council fully supported, what is in effect, the introduction of a regulatory enforceable 20mph limit in the areas covered by the current village centre advisory 20mph speed limits.

It was the unanimous view of the Meeting that an enforceable 20mph speed limit should be extended to the whole of the area currently covered by the 30mph speed limit regulations. It was a concern that regardless of the regulated speed limits these may not be enforced.

The Chair will respond to the invitation extended by Inverclyde Council to comment on the draft Order and convey the views of the Meeting.

The traffic monitoring on the Port Glasgow Road, Lochwinnoch Road and Gryffe Road had been completed and the outcome was that the average vehicle speeds were within the current speed limit range.

The unsafe and hazardous state of the Smithy Brae road and pavement was a cause of concern - the Chair will lodge a complaint to Inverclyde Council.

### **7. Planning/Licensing**

The planning applications that had been validated since the last KCC meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2022 were considered.

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

- *22/0244/IC - Knapps Houston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NQ - Erection of detached dwelling house*
- *22/0058/TRE - 2 School House School Wynd Quarriers Village PA11 3NQ - Trim back higher branches of 3 conifer trees*
- *22/0265/IC - Larchmont Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NN - Proposed side and rear extension and installation of new roof windows to detached villa. Formation of raised patio in rear garden*
- *22/0057/TRE - Land Adjacent To 24 Laurel Way Quarrier's Village Bridge Of Weir PA11 3NH - Removal of Corsican Pine tree*
- *22/0257/IC - The Haven Horsecraigs Auchenfoil Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TH - Erection of single and two storey extensions*
- *22/0256/IC - The Pillars North Denniston Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RU - Upper floor extension to form sun room off bedroom*

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- 22/0055/TRE - Cottage 31 Church Road Quarriers Village PA11 3SX - Crown reduction of Lime tree (T1) and Sycamore tree (T3); removal of dead Chestnut tree (T2)
- 22/0053/TRE - Cottage 33 Rivendell Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3TH - Crown reduction of Yew tree, Holly tree, Laburnum tree and Sycamore tree (T1, T2, T3 and T9); crown lift and remove overhanging branches from Sycamore tree (T4); remove ivy from Scots Pine tree (T5); remove three Ash trees (T6, T7 and T8)
- 22/0054/TRE - Flat A Cottage 35 Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3TH - Removal of dead Cypress tree (T1) and dead Chestnut tree (T5); removal of Ash trees (T2 and T4); crown reduction of Oak tree (T3)

The Kilmacolm Community Council had been invited to comment on the West of Quarry Drive housing development planning application in the light of the the adoption of the National Planning Network policies. The comments which reinforced the opposition to the planned development had been lodged.

### **8. Christmas Hamper Raffle**

The tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle will be on sale at the Christmas Lighting Up gathering on Friday 2 December 2022. Community councillors will be in attendance from 5:30pm. The raffle draw will take place at the gathering.

The Treasurer and Chair had made the arrangements for the £150 purchase and donation of children's pyjamas to the Inverclyde Woman's Aid charity which will be funded from the Raffle proceeds.

### **9. Kilmacolm Elf**

It was agreed that the '*Name the Kilmacolm Elf*' competition winning submission was '*Jingles*' - the winner will be notified. Arrangements had been made by the Chair for *Jingles* to appear at a number of different locations in the village in the run up to Christmas.

### **10. Kilmacolm Drinking Water Fountain**

The Chair had not yet received a response from Scottish Water to the Kilmacolm Community Council request to instal a drinking water fountain at the Kilmacolm Piazza. Councillor Curley undertook to forward, to the Chair, the contact details of the Scottish Water official responsible for servicing drinking water fountain requests.

### **11. Kilmacolm Post Office Branch**

There were no details available on the opening of a replacement Post Office branch when the current one closes in December.

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

- Tuesday 31 January 2023 - 7:30pm

*Approved at the January 2023 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council*

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- Tuesday 28 February 2023 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 28 March 2023 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 25 April 2023 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 30 May 2023 - 7:00pm - Annual General Meeting
- Tuesday 30 May 2023 - 7:30pm