

Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 7.30pm
Room 101 Kilmacolm Community Centre

Present:

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

Cllr David Wilson - Ex Officio Member

Attending:

Graeme Collins - Inverclyde Community Warden
Sarah Longfield - RIG Arts
Karen Finnie - Carriages
Nathan Carroll - Carriages
Margaret Cathcart

Apologies:

Andrew Brewer – Secretary; Cllr Christopher Curley - Ex Officio Member; Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio Member; Ronnie Cowan MP - Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the March 2023 meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed those attending.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – 28 February 2023

The Minute of the 28 February 2023 Kilmacolm Community Council meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland - Community Police Report

Police Scotland community police were not in attendance and no apology had been received nor had a community police report for March been submitted.

Karren Finnie explained that a white van had been abandoned in the Carriages car park and despite being reported to the Police Scotland there had been no follow up action. Cllr Wilson undertook to contact the Chief Inspector and seek to have the vehicle removed.

4. Inverclyde Community Warden Report

Graeme Collins - Inverclyde Community Warden reported that there had been a serious farmland fire setting incident in March.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The Treasurer reported that the available Cash at Bank was £4,789.

It was agreed that the Kilmacolm Community Council would - on behalf of the Kilmacolm Litter Pickers - apply for funding for additional litter bins to be sited in the village. The Chair to pursue the funding applications.

There was general agreement to the proposal to acquire a supply of distinctive coloured *Kilmacolm Community Council* branded Tee shirts for members to wear at community events. The Vice-Chair and John Spence will decide on the Tee shirt colours and logo and place an order for delivery in April.

6. Planning/Licensing

The planning applications that had been validated since the last KCC meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 were considered.

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

- *23/0008/TRE - 2 Lodge Park Kilmacolm PA13 4PY - Crown reduction of five Scots Pine trees (T1, T2, T4, T5 and T6); removal of two Scots Pine trees (T3 and T7)*
- *23/0045/IC Rowanknoll Glencairn Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PB - Proposed alteration of two windows to form two doors with associated external steps and altered hard landscaping*
- *23/0006/TRE - 22 Laurel Way Quarriers Village PA11 3NH - Treeworks to 3 trees within the curtilage of the property including reduction, cleaning and height reduction*
- *22/0007/CPL - 36 Belmont Road Kilmacolm PA13 4LN - Conversion of integral garage to form additional bedroom*

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

It had been agreed to reduce the height of the picnic tables that had been installed in Birkmyre Park as part of providing additional community facilities.

The twenty five trees that have been planted in Birkmyre Park have been adopted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The Chair had assisted with the ceremonial planting of a tree at the Kilmacolm Community Woodland opening event on the land acquired by the Green Action Trust known locally as Leperstone Fields. Ideas had been sought to the uses to

which the Woodland could be put and plans were being developed which would include the provision of access signs and site information boards. The Kilmacolm Community Council's concerns about visitor parking had been relayed to Green Action.

The road markings and give way warning signs are to be revamped at the junction of the B788 'Old Greenock Road' and the B786 'Lochwinnoch Road'. This junction had recently been the site of a number of road traffic accidents.

The resurfacing of Belmont Road was to commence in April.

The cats eyes in the area of Scart Farm on the A761 Bridge of Weir Road are to be re-instated.

The plans to provide additional car parking in Kilmacolm are under discussion by Inverclyde Council.

8. Kilmacolm Community Clean Up

Thanks were extended to the twenty one members of the community that took part in the Saturday 25 March 2023 Kilmacolm Community Clean Up event.

The next Kilmacolm Community Clean Up would take place on Saturday 11 November 2023.

9. Kilmacolm Post Office Branch

It is the intention that the replacement Post Office Branch in Kilmacolm would be operational in April 2023.

10. RIG Arts

The Chair introduced Sarah Longfield, a consultant at RIG Arts, to the meeting. RIGS Arts are a socially engaged arts charity based in Greenock. Sarah explained that RIG Arts are currently consulting with Inverclyde residents to establish how they use the Inverclyde managed sections of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, how they would like to use them in the future, how access to these sites could be made more accessible and specifically how artists could creatively respond to these inspiring outdoor locations.

Sarah shared photos of the sorts of artistic displays and interactive models that the RIG Arts had initiated. She sought the ideas of the those at the meeting as to the artistic displays and activities they would wish to be set up in the Inverclyde managed sections of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. Some of the ideas put forward included creating in situ local wood sculptures and structures that visitors to the park could interact with, marine themed sculptures and structures sighted in the Lunderston Bay area and a working water wheel on the Greenock Cut.

11. Carriages Summer Garden Party

It had been agreed prior to the meeting that the Kilmacolm Community Council would not host a Coronation celebration event of its own but would rather support and take an active role in the Carriages Summer Garden Party to be held on Sunday 7 May 2023.

Kilmacolm Community Council, it was agreed, would set up a family friendly 'stall' and engage the services of two face painters - cost £220 - and a ballon modeller - cost £230 - and would run a 'name the bear' and 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' competitions for children. The Chair would confirm the arrangements with the entertainers and, in conjunction with Helen Cook, acquire the bear, sweets, paper crowns, decorations and competition prizes at an overall cost of £100.

It had also been agreed that the Kilmacolm Community Council would part fund the cost of the band that would be in attendance and would assist the Kilmacolm Playgroup & Toddlers group in a sponsored 'Cycling to Holyrood ' static bike cyclotron. Carriages will make arrangements for the provision of two static bikes.

12. Cargill Centre Recycling Bins

Concerns were expressed that there had been alleged instances of inappropriate depositing of waste in the recycling bins situated in the Cargill Centre car park. It was agreed that the Kilmacolm Community Council could not be involved in what had the makings of a neighbour dispute. The ownership of the recycling bins and any restrictions on their use needed to be established before any actions could be taken by the bins 'owner'.

13. Community Council Review

The Association of Inverclyde Community Councils had been revived and had taken on the role of reviewing the roles and functions of Community Councils to ensure they continue to meet the needs of residents and communities. The next meeting of the Association is scheduled for Wednesday 19 April 2023. The Chair extended the invitation for members to attend the meeting.

14. Dates of Next Meetings of Kilmacolm Community Council

- 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