

Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village Community Council

Minute of ordinary meeting held on 30th April 2024

Present:

John Spence – Chair
Johanne Davis - Treasurer
Chris Kay – Secretary
Carol Breslin
Chris McCrone
James McDonald

Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio

Attending:

Patricia Urquhart – Inverclyde Council

Apologies:

Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio
Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The chair opened the April 2024 meeting of Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village Council and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 26th March 2024

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Proposed: Carol Breslin

Seconded: Chris McCrone

3. Finance report

Account balance is £3124 following our donation to the Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Show. Mrs Adele Thomson and Mr Scott David Cowan have been appointed Independent examiners of our annual accounts.

Annual fee of £68.99 for Internet services is due on 4th May.

John Spence proposed that we pay this fee. Seconded by Chris McCrone

4. Planning / Licensing

There was a brief discussion of the application to install a Battery Energy Storage Solution on land at the former Dougliehill Water Treatment Works. The application appears to have taken the safety advice from the Fire Protection Association into account. The small size of the storage means it will have little impact on more efficiently using wind generation and will only provide some load balancing for the National Grid.

5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting, Parks, Open Spaces

The full council met (as the trustees of Birkmyre) and approved the installation of the labyrinth memorial. Construction will begin shortly and should be completed by end of June.

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The sale of land at Wateryetts Roundabout to McTaggart & Mickel will be discussed by the council.

Parts of the back road to Greenock (B788) is in a very poor state of repair. Work has been done recently to fill potholes however these are short term temporary repairs. More repair work is programmed. Concerned members of the community can make representations to the Roads and Lighting. There are new surface materials which may cause fewer problems with degradation although likely to be more expensive. The Roads Department are happy to receive proposals for more efficient repairs.

The new paving on the Bridge of Weir road has uneven and cracked tiles and a woman has tripped and fallen. The contractor is due back in the village to do remedial work shortly.

6. **Inverclyde Council Locality Plan - Consultation**

Patricia Urquhart: The Locality Plan Consultation is based on community engagement events held over the past year or two. Information sessions have been held throughout Inverclyde in libraries. Paper forms are available and can be returned to Kilmacolm library. Consultation closes on 10th May. The Consultation will consider how relevant the current plan is to the needs of the community.

7. **AOCB**

Coop building. Ronnie Cowan has met with the new developers but no update yet.

Post Office: the shop on Bridge of Weir Road are having difficulty finding trained staff. There also seem to be some communication issues with the Post Office. There is still no date for the opening of the post office service.

Publicity: Other community councils advertise in the Greenock Telegraph. It is cost free so we should begin informing them of meeting dates and times. We will also pass meeting information to the Gryffe Advertiser.

We could in future place a paid advert in the Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Show Programme advertising our meetings.

Remembrance day: we will donate two wreaths this year one for Kilmacolm and one for Quarrier's village. Chair will take responsibility for this.

Defibrillator: Two different websites need to be updated and we are having difficulty changing the registration for one of those sites. James will contact them by telephone as emails are being returned undelivered.

8. **Questions from the floor**

There were no questions from the floor.

9. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on 28th May 2024 at the Community Centre in Kilmacolm at 7.30 pm.

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The AGM will precede the next meeting, starting at 7pm. It is still our intention to hold the June meeting in Quarrier's Village but we are having difficulty finding a venue.

Future meetings will be held on:

25th June 2024
27th August 2024
24th September 2024
29th October 2024
26th November 2024
28th January 2025
25th February 2025
25th March 2025
29th April 2025