

Kilmacolm Community Council

Minute of ordinary meeting held on 29th August 2023

Present:

Morven Armour – Chair
Mike Jefferis – Vice Chair
Chris Kay – Secretary
Carol Breslin
Andrew Brewer
Helen Cook
Johanne Davis
John Spence

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

Attending:

Patricia Urquhart – CLD, Inverclyde Council
Jim Rennie – Police Scotland
Ann Muir
Bill Crookston

Apologies:

Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio
David Goddard – Treasurer

1. Welcome

The chair opened the August 2023 meeting of Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting of 27th June 2023

The minute of the above meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

Constable James (Jim) Rennie attended to introduce himself to the community council. He reported some problems with youth disorder at the angling club and at the Co-op. The community policing team are aware of concerns about anti-social behaviour at the bus stop on Bridge of Weir Road. Officers will be in the village as often as possible.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

Wardens did not attend the meeting due to staffing issues but emailed monthly statistics to the secretary.

The number of Anti-social behaviour incidents reported for the Kilmacolm area is 2.91% of the total across Inverclyde in the past month. There were 3

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incidents of Public nuisance and 2 of Vehicle related nuisance. A reminder that the number to report anti-social behaviour or other community concerns is **0800 013 1701**.

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

Total reserves are £3350.90. Defibrillator annual fee is £151. The defibrillator is now 5 years old and may need to be renewed. Andrew Brewer will raise the issue at the new H&SC Locality Planning Group when it meets for the first time. No update on funding request from the Scottish Government for community projects which is being managed by Renfrewshire Council. John Spence will take up the issue of registering the raffle with Inverclyde Licensing Board.

6. Planning/Licensing

The following planning applications were reviewed at the meeting:

Flat 1-2 2 Glencairn Place High Street Kilmacolm PA13 4BT
Ref. No: 23/0144/IC | Received: Tue 11 Jul 2023 | Validated: Tue 11 Jul 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Proposed use of flat for short term lets/holiday letting.

Strathgryffe Hazelmere Road Kilmacolm PA13 4ED
Ref. No: 23/0146/IC | Received: Wed 12 Jul 2023 | Validated: Tue 18 Jul 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

External alterations including the erection of a raised deck at the rear and the installation of glazed balustrade to the existing raised platform at the front of the property.

Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm PA13 4HA
Ref. No: 23/0150/IC | Received: Thu 13 Jul 2023 | Validated: Mon 24 Jul 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Installation of a Top Up Tap for water bottles.

Muiredge Garshangan Road Kilmacolm PA13 4TJ
Ref. No: 23/0157/IC | Received: Tue 25 Jul 2023 | Validated: Wed 26 Jul 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Amendment to previous planning permission 22/0162/IC to construct pitched roof over car port in place of monopitch roof

32 Belmont Road Kilmacolm PA13 4LN
Ref. No: 23/0158/IC | Received: Tue 25 Jul 2023 | Validated: Tue 25 Jul 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Alterations to existing dwelling including proposed new decking area, partly covered.

COTTAGE 36 Peace Avenue Quarriers Village PA11 3TH

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Ref. No: 23/0026/TRE | Received: Tue 01 Aug 2023 | Validated: Tue 01 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Crown reduce by 20% and reduce side wall by 30% of Box Elder tree; remove deadwood from Hornbeam tree; crown lift and prune two Ash trees and three Sycamore trees at rear

St Columbas Junior School Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4EQ

Ref. No: 23/0027/TRE | Received: Mon 21 Aug 2023 | Validated: Mon 21 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Removal of 5 Rowan trees, 1 Silver Birch tree, 1 Holly tree and 1 Red Cedar tree; coppicing of 5 Laurel trees; 30% height reduction and thinning of Horse Chestnut tree; and removal of deadwood from Sycamore tree

An objection has been raised by the KNCC to the installation of the top up tap for water bottles. They object to the placing of the tap at the location asked for. KNCC suggested a site across the road close to water infrastructure. Chair will contact Scottish Water to discuss the alternative site.

Inverclyde Planning Department have had 8 applications for short term lets under the new scheme although there are currently many more short term lets in the area.

Chair was invited to attend planning meeting regarding double yellow lines at the doctors surgery but is unable to attend. Cllr David Wilson will attend the meeting and will speak to his objections which are very similar to ours.

Inverclyde Council have opened a public consultation over the sale of council owned land at Wateryetts Drive. Planning permission has been given to the developer by the Scottish Government for the site "west of quarry drive" with the assumption that entry will be from the roundabout on Wateryetts Drive. Officers are recommending the council sell the land to the developer. Bill Crookston delivered a statement to the meeting on behalf of the Kilmacolm Eco space group (see document which accompanies this minute).

The developer is now working with planning department to amend their plans to include a community orchard space. Chair will invite council officers to the next meeting to discuss issues.

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

Cllr McCabe progressed the following items raised at the last meeting:

Pavement at corner of Broomknowe Road and Whitelea Road in poor state of repair. *Inverclyde Council, Roads and Transportation confirmed that upkeep of the road and pavement at the location is the responsibility of the owner of the property adjacent to the corner. They will write to the owner advising that they need to take action to make the road and pavement safe.*

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Owner has cut his hedge but the pavement and road remain to be repaired.

Charging points in Lochwinnoch Road car park continue to be offline. *Roads and Transportation apologised for the delay in repairs which are due to problems the contractor responsible is having with completing repairs. Charging points at the Barr's Brae car park are operational.*

Secretary will write to Inverclyde Council Road Services to ask for the charging spaces to be used as parking spaces until the chargers are fixed.

Concerns about staining of new paving in the centre of Kilmacolm. *Environment and Regeneration plan to clean the paving annually although this does not currently have an allocated budget.*

New bags have been issued to businesses which are bird proof. Chair suggested the council could explore the use of a tethered hawk to keep the area clear of gulls. This method is used to keep runways clear at Glasgow Airport.

The memorial fountain and adjacent area have been pressure washed. Work has started on cleaning the time capsule. The time capsule has been added to the council list for annual cleaning.

Carriages have put a sign up on the three public parking spaces adjacent to the entrance saying these spaces are for customer use only. John Spence offered to discuss the matter informally with Carriages management.

8. Glasgow Airport flightpath modernisation

Glasgow Airport is engaged in the process of consulting on changes to flightpaths into and out of the airport. Kilmacolm is in the area which may be affected. They are in the process of finalising their stakeholder consultation. Further information can be found on the website <https://www.glasgowairport.com/airspace/> where you can register to receive updates on the process.

9. Any Other competent Business

Christmas light switch on will be on the 1st December this year.

Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership presented information about new Locality Planning Groups at a public meeting on 24th August in the Cargill Centre. Andrew Brewer will represent KCC on the new locality group when formed.

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Mr Gupta will develop the institute site flats and commercial spaces following his earlier purchase of the project. We do not have a timescale for completion.

Morven Armour and John Spence have attended meetings of the Association of Inverclyde Community Councils over the summer. The main thrust has been on developing a standardised approach for community councils to improve community involvement. Training for all community councillors and aspiring community councillors will be available. Work is ongoing to devise a strategy to engage younger people with community councils.

Community Council Elections will be held in the spring 2024.

There was a brief discussion about the agenda for, structure and content of community council meetings. Port Glasgow West CC hold themed sessions with guest speakers on alternate meetings. Some CC's have input from local school staff and community groups e.g. guides, rugby club. health professionals, McGill's. There are particular topics which require a longer discussion and so the agenda could be changed to accommodate that.

Chair will start an Actions log beginning with this meeting.

10. Dates of future meetings.

26th September 2023

31st October 2023

28th November 2023

30th January 2024

27th February 2024

26th March 2024

30th April 2024

28th May 2024

25th June 2024

AGM 28th May 2024