

Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village Community Council

Minute of ordinary meeting held on 27th August 2024

is a conservation area and so there are constraints on the design of frontages. Cllr McCabe informed the meeting that the Planning Service are aware that signage on the Indian Restaurant has changed and will engage with the owners as necessary.

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

School Crossing Patrol People required for Kilmacolm. There will be an informal process initially and anyone interested should contact the Community Safety and Resilience team on 01475 715450 or by email to community.safety@inverclyde.gov.uk for further information.

Concern was expressed by attendees at the meeting about the excessive speed of some traffic on the Bridge of Weir/Port Glasgow road although all roads into the village are problematic. Concern was also expressed about high speeds on Belmont Road.

David Williams will progress with his department and the police. Cllr McCabe reported that a number of complaints have been received by the council but it is the responsibility of the Police to enforce speed limits. He encouraged members of the community to make a complaint to the Police by calling 101, even if you do not have the registration tag of the car, every time a car is observed to be speeding.

Cllr McCabe suggested that the Community Council could ask for passive speed measurement on the main roads in the village.

It was suggested that traffic calming measures may be the only way to reduce speeds. Traffic calming measures can be very effective but Inverclyde Council has limited funds which are likely to be allocated to areas of Inverclyde with the most issue/concerns raised.

The pavement at Carriages has not been treated by the council despite the horticultural club clearing the area earlier in the year. Weeds are now a problem. Cllr McCabe suggested that matters like this be reported online via the council website. He explained that spraying only happens at certain times of the year and is contracted out.

6. **Issues raised by email**

Mobile kitchen at Knapps Loch lay-by: The kitchen is operating outside the hours detailed in the planning consent. A bus is now at the site providing a space for customers to eat food. Fruit and vegetables are available for sale. Complainant was advised to contact the planning department, dmplanning@inverclyde.gov.uk, with the above issues.

There have been complaints to the planning department and there is a process of engagement with the traders underway.

Broken glass at Birkmyre: Broken glass in the grass and paved area around the pavilion was raised as a problem. The council is responsible for maintenance at Birkmyre and the glass has not been cleared despite a

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request to the council. Cllr McCabe will pass the request for clearing up to Parks Dept.

Kilmacolm cemetery: Kilmacolm cemetery is the only one in Inverclyde with suitable adjacent land to allow for future expansion. Adjacent land at other sites has a rocky substructure. The council has purchased this land from Scottish Water and will expand the cemetery at a future date. Development costs are significant and there is currently no funding available. All cemeteries in Inverclyde are at or close to capacity with all cemeteries expected to be full within the next 7 years. Some attendees expressed the view that places in Kilmacolm cemetery should only be available to Kilmacolm residents. Cllr McCabe explained that space in cemeteries is used for residents who live throughout Inverclyde and not just for residents who live close to a particular cemetery. Currently sales of lairs are restricted as there are so few available.

Residents may ask the council to set aside space in Kilmacolm cemetery for sole use by Kilmacolm residents but it is unlikely the council will agree to this as Kilmacolm cemetery will become the only cemetery in Inverclyde with space for new burials.

Paving in the centre of Kilmacolm: There continue to be problems with the paving; loose tiles and standing water near the butcher's shop. Any problems with paving should be reported to the roads department who will bring the contractors back to repair.

Additional parking in Kilmacolm: Is the council planning to clear the site at the junction of Moss Road and Gillburn Road to form a new parking area? Cllr McCabe informed the meeting that a number of sites, which could provide additional parking, have been examined by the council. The Moss Road site and the land behind the old police station are the only sites still being considered. Neither of these sites is owned by the council. The roads department is evaluating the cost of purchase and work required for both sites. There was some discussion about the old gas works site which has previously been considered by the council but was found not to be feasible. The site is zoned for housing but no-one has come forward with a plan for development.

A light is out on path between Port Glasgow road and Hillside avenue. Cllr McCabe will progress.

The Labyrinth has been completed at Birkmyre providing a quiet space for reflection.

7. **AOCB**

Building work on the site of the former Kilmacolm Institute. Work has been restarted on the building and is expected to be completed by late February/Early March 2025. Developer is Z Property Development, <https://zpropertydevelopment.com/development-home/>. The site manager

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asked that we thank the residents of Kilmacolm for their patience during the installation of the scaffolding around the building. There are some issues with litter at the rear of the building. Secretary will ask site manager to maintain the area.

An attendee informed the meeting that community council minutes used to be available in a folder at reception in the community centre. The community council agreed to re-instate this practice and will put copies of approved minutes from meetings of the new community council in a folder again for members of the community to access. We will also put a copy of latest minutes in the community information folder in the library and will upload to our Facebook page.

Copies of minutes will continue to be available from the website and the community council agreed to check that all minutes are available and post any missing minutes.

Materials ordered for the defibrillator have been purchased from Webnos and are now available to replace items which time out in December 2024. This will ensure the continued availability of the defibrillator in the centre of Kilmacolm.

Treasurer will order wreaths for remembrance day commemorations in Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village.

BT Openreach have been installing Fibre on Port Glasgow road. They closed off a section of pavement blocking some driveways. This has also increased the difficulty coming out at Wateryetts. Complaints should be directed to BT but can also be raised with the roads department of the council.

The electric vehicle charging points in the Lochwinnoch road car park are now working.

Some attendees expressed disappointment at the limited powers available to community councils which limited the positive impact they could have on communities.

8. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on 24th September 2024 at the Community Centre in Kilmacolm at 7.30 pm.

Future meetings will be held on:

29th October 2024
26th November 2024
28th January 2025
25th February 2025
25th March 2025
29th April 2025
27th May 2025

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24th June 2025

26th August 2025

Minutes were approve by all members attending via WhatsApp on 6th October 2024