

Kilmacolm Community Council

Approved minute of ordinary meeting held on 30th January 2024

Present:

Morven Armour – Chair
Mike Jefferis – Vice Chair
Chris Kay – Secretary
Carol Breslin
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
Hugh Scott – CLD, Inverclyde Council
Liam Campbell – Community Warden
Bill Crookston – Kilmacolm Residents Association
Margaret Cathcart Norman Johnstone Heather Pearsall
Kirsten Thompson

Apologies:

David Goddard – Treasurer
Helen Cook
Andrew Brewer
Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio

1. Welcome

The chair opened the January 2024 meeting of Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting of 28th November 2023

The minute of the above meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

Our community officers, PC David Murray and PC Jim Rennie, are not free to attend as they are required for other duties.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

Liam Campbell, community warden reported no calls in December. Wardens have recently visited Birkmyre Park following a vandalism incident and the cemetery following a litter dumping incident.

A reminder that the number to report anti-social behaviour or other community concerns is **0800 013 1701**.

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5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

No change since last month. Does the new community council have to open a new bank account? Hugh Scott will check with Peter MacDonald.

6. Planning/Licensing

The following planning applications were reviewed at the meeting:

North Dennistoun House North Dennistoun Bridge Of Weir Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RU

Ref. No: 24/0010/IC | Received: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Validated: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Alterations to ground floor of existing outbuilding to convert garage to form habitable accommodation with associated external alterations ; erection of detached garage

Former Garden Grounds At The Western End Of Knockbuckle Road Immediately Adjacent To Torwood Kilmacolm

Ref. No: 24/0008/IC | Received: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Validated: Tue 16 Jan 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of 2 two storey detached dwellinghouses with detached double garages

Adjacent To Cowden Ha Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm

Ref. No: 24/0009/IC | Received: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Validated: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of detached dwellinghouse

Lower Floor Flat Cowden Ha' Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4ER

Ref. No: 23/0281/IC | Received: Mon 11 Dec 2023 | Validated: Mon 11 Dec 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Formation of driveway following demolition of annex to ground floor flat and erection of boundary fence (in retrospect)

14 West Glen Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BY

Ref. No: 23/0228/IC | Received: Fri 22 Sep 2023 | Validated: Wed 27 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of 18 one bedroom flats following demolition of existing buildings (planning permission in principle)

Thorndene Rowantreehill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NP

Ref. No: 22/0046/IC | Received: Wed 09 Mar 2022 | Validated: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Increase in height of boundary wall; installation of sliding vehicle entrance gate and pedestrian gate with erection of new pillars; laying of stone chips to form driveway; laying of paving at side of the house

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The Inverclyde Council planning website search function does not appear to be functioning correctly.

Application at North Denniston. This follows a previous application which we objected to at the time. This application appears to be an alternative strategy to build a new house on the site. The community council will raise an objection.

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

The Environment and Regeneration Committee of Inverclyde Council met on 18th January to consider the recommendation of the Independent Reporter that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order changing some aspects of parking in Kilmacolm should go ahead as planned. The committee did not accept the recommendation regarding parking outside the Dorema Surgery on Bridge of Weir road. The three parking spaces outside the surgery will remain available.

Concern was expressed about the path that goes from Hillside Ave down to Port Glasgow road. The fence is in a poor state of repair and there has been some damage to trees following the high winds. Although the path is adopted the trees are the responsibility of the resident.

Mud on road between Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow. Cllr Wilson has already spoken to the contractor and they will clean up the road.

A number of new paving stones are broken outside the Coop and the butchers. Report to roads department. Gordon Leitch is the project manager and Chair will email him directly.

Potholes can be reported on the council website.

8. Defibrillator update

Andrew Brewer was unable to attend this meeting.

9. Removal of plants from Kilmacolm meadow

Ross Wikie (Brindley Associates) responded to questions about plants on the site.

Have you conducted a plant species survey on the site? - We have conducted a plant survey of the site and we have not identified any protected species of plant on it, although the locations of non-protected orchids were recorded.

Have you moved/removed part or all of any plant species from the site? If so where are they now? – Sadly, due to the abusive behaviour of certain residents, the translocation of the non-protected orchids to the areas around the rocky knolls on the site had to be cancelled. No plants have therefore been moved within or taken off site.

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10. Any other competent business

Patricia Urquhart spoke about work promoting the community council elections. A number of emails have been distributed explaining the need for elections and how to register to stand for election. There are leaflets and posters in community centres and local shops. There is a drop in at the library on Monday 5th of February 5pm until 7pm. There will be publicity in Kilmacolm about the drop in and that the election is going ahead.

There is only an election if there are more than 9 candidates. Next Wednesday is the end of nomination period. Hugh Scott, CLD Inverclyde Council, thanked the community council members for the work they have done for the community.

Ronnie Cowan MP has a constituency surgery on Friday 9th of February in the Cargill Centre between 10am and 11am. He is also available at the constituency office in Greenock between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

HSCP are seeking engagement from the community on the provision of services.

Council meeting will decide on cuts to fulfil budget obligations. Information will be sent to community councils by email.