

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village Community Council

Minute of inaugural meeting held on 27th February 2024

Present:

Chris Kay
Carol Breslin
Johanne Davis
James McDonald
Chris McCrone
John Spence
Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio

Attending:

Patricia Urquhart – Inverclyde Council	Hugh Scott – Inverclyde Council	
Colin Pomeroy – Inverclyde Council	Cllr Paul Cassidy	
Andrew Brewer	Margaret Cathcart	Alda Clark
Helen Cook	David Goddard	Mike Jefferis KNCC

Apologies:

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

1. Welcome

Patricia Urquhart started the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new community council.

The members of the community elected to the new Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village Community Council are:

Carol Breslin
Johanne Davis
Christopher Kay
Chris McCrone
James McDonald
John Spence

Councillors will serve for an initial period of 4 years in accordance with Inverclyde Council's current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

Members of the community council were invited to introduce themselves.

2. Election of office bearers

Chair	John Spence
Proposed	Johanne Davis
Seconded	Chris Kay

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Treasurer Johanne Davis
Proposed John Spence
Seconded Chris McCrone

Christopher Kay will continue in the role of secretary.

The new chair thanked members of Kilmacolm Community Council, who stood down at the recent election, for all the work they have done in supporting the community for many years

4. Dates and times of meetings

Ordinary meetings of Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village Community Council will take place on the last Tuesday of each month, excluding July and December. Meetings will normally be held at the Cargill Centre, Kilmacolm, in room 101 and will start at 7.30pm.

The AGM will be held on the last Tuesday of May and will precede the ordinary meeting, starting at 7pm.

5. Community Wardens

Community Wardens attended one incident in Kilmacolm during January 2024. The incident involved alcohol mis-use. There were no incidents in the corresponding period in 2023.

4. CLD input on Training and Support

Colin Pomeroy (CLD) spoke to the meeting about proposals for training for Community Council members. There will be a mix of in-person and online events. Training for community councillors and will cover:

- Running community councils effectively
- Roles and responsibilities
- Representing our community and consultation mechanisms
- Financial management and funding
- Planning and licensing
- Community planning partnerships

There will be a welcome event for all Inverclyde Community Councils at 6.45 on Wednesday 20th March. The event will be held in the Beacon Arts Centre.

5. Minutes of the final meeting of Kilmacolm Community Council held on 30th January 2024

The minute was approved.
Proposed: Carol Breslin
Seconded Johanne Davis

6. Any other business

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The Constitution and Standing Orders will be reviewed and approved with any amendments at a private meeting on 18th March. The meeting will deal with any outstanding items in the setting up of the new Community Council.

Andrew Brewer reported that our defibrillator has been in place for 5 years and has about 5 more years of life before requiring renewal. A decision about a new defibrillator can be made at that time. The company responsible for maintenance will have to be informed about the change of responsible person. The defibrillator must be tested every week. James McDonald will become the responsible person.

David Goddard provided a brief final financial report. We currently operate a charity account with RBS and so don't have access to electronic funds processing. The account balance at the end of February 2024 is £3212.71. New signatories will be required.

The Kilmacolm Community Council website details will have to be handed over to the new person when that responsibility has been agreed.

7. Dates of future meetings.

26th March 2024
30th April 2024
28th May 2024 & AGM
25th June 2024
27th August 2024
24th September 2024
29th October 2024
26th November 2024
28th January 2025