

Kilmacolm Community Council

Minute of ordinary meeting held on 28th November 2023

Present:

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

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

Attending:

Patricia Urquhart – CLD, Inverclyde Council
Chris Coumparoules – CLD, Inverclyde Council

Apologies:

Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting of 31st October 2023

The minute of the above meeting was approved as amended.

3. Police Scotland

No-one from the community policing team was available to attend. Chair will email asking for a report and to request their attendance at the January meeting.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

No-one from the community warden team was able to attend the meeting..

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

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

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No change from last month. £3310 in the bank. Commitments between now and the end of the financial year are defibrillator maintenance and internet services.

We did not receive the funding we sought to develop the wooded area adjacent to the park at the bottom of west glen road. A formal planning application will be required along with environmental surveys. The costs are likely to be substantial.

Any suggestions for community projects will be welcome.

6. Planning/Licensing

The following planning application was reviewed at the meeting:

2 Norval Place Moss Road Kilmacolm PA13 4AQ

Ref. No: 23/0239/IC | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2023 | Validated: Fri 20 Oct 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Creation of new dwelling basement apartment in former habitat space currently used for storage (amendment to planning permission 20/0180/IC to include new doors in lieu of windows to rear elevation and new lightwell/window to front elevation)

Although it was noted that a ceiling height of 208cm throughout the property was rather low, no objections were raised.

A member of the community questioned whether Mactaggart and Mickel had moved protected plant species from the site west of Quarry Drive. KCC will make enquiries.

Scottish Water have received planning approval for the water fountain.

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

Parking on the pavement will shortly be illegal. Inverclyde Council do not have the capacity currently to enforce this change. There is a detailed report which was presented at the last Environment and Regeneration Committee. If a car is causing an obstruction to pedestrians then it should be reported to the police.

The adopted part of the pavement at Castlehill Road has been repaired.

8. Any Other competent Business

Defibrillator: Andrew Brewer has all the documentation now and will summarise the relevant information for the January meeting.

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Christmas Lights switch on is at 6pm on Friday 1st December. Community council members will meet earlier to sell raffle tickets.

The elf will begin its journey around the village shortly. The winner of the elf naming competition this year was "Sparkles".

AICC. There have been two meetings since our last KCC meeting. WIFI was poor at both locations in Port Glasgow and Greenock. A major focus is on training and awareness raising about CC's. There is a new member of staff who will be responsible for actioning the plan. There is a special meeting of Inverclyde Council next week at which the plan will be offered for approval. Elections for the new community councils will be held in February 2024.

HSCP. There seems to be an issue of people not knowing what services are provided by the GP Out of Hours Service. Promotion of service information has been identified as a priority. First port of call is NHS24 (dialling 111) who will refer on.

The GPOOH service in Inverclyde was suspended in February 2020 and during COVID. A limited service, on Saturdays from 10am until 2pm and public holidays, has been reinstated based at Inverclyde Royal Hospital. The nearest comprehensive Out of Hours service is at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

NHSGGC would like to make these changes permanent and have been forced to hold a public consultation on the issue. There is a link to the consultation at <https://www.nhsggc.scot/contact-us/get-involved/gp-out-of-hours-engagement/> which closes on 11th December 2023.

9. Dates of future meetings.

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