

Kilmacolm Community Council

Minute of ordinary meeting held on 31st October 2023

Present:

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

Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio
Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio

Attending:

Patricia Urquhart – CLD, Inverclyde Council
Margaret Cathcart
Alda Clark
Ann Muir

Apologies:

Morven Armour – Chair
Johanne Davis
David Goddard – Treasurer

1. Welcome

The Vice Chair opened the October 2023 meeting of Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council meeting of 26th September 2023

The minute of the above meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

The community policing team did not attend.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

Wardens did not 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

We do not yet have a copy of the contract with the firm who maintain the defibrillator. The Treasurer will be requested to seek a copy of the contract with the Community Heartbeat Trust. There is a defibrillator at the bowling

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club and one at the golf club which are not generally accessible. There is also one at Birkmyre and at St Columba's which are available for public use.

6. Planning/Licensing

The following planning applications were reviewed at the meeting:

Salon 7A High Street Kilmacolm PA13 4BS

Ref. No: 23/0248/IC | Received: Thu 19 Oct 2023 | Validated: Thu 19 Oct 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Change of use of hair salon to 2 flatted dwellings with associated external alterations at the front and rear

3 Nursery Lane Kilmacolm PA13 4HP

Ref. No: 23/0243/IC | Received: Tue 10 Oct 2023 | Validated: Thu 19 Oct 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of raised deck, access stairs and glass balustrade to rear of flat (in retrospect).

2 Whitelea Court Kilmacolm PA13 4LA

Ref. No: 23/0237/IC | Received: Mon 02 Oct 2023 | Validated: Wed 04 Oct 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Change of use of two bedroom residential apartment to operate as short term lets

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)

5 Leperstone Avenue Kilmacolm PA13 4RA

Ref. No: 23/0219/IC | Received: Fri 15 Sep 2023 | Validated: Mon 18 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Internal alteration and single-storey extension to the property to form open plan kitchen / living space and ground floor bedroom with shower room. Alterations for consideration also include 2 no. new gable windows.

42 Churchill Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NA

Ref. No: 23/0216/IC | Received: Thu 14 Sep 2023 | Validated: Fri 15 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of raised decking at rear

Craigmarloch Fold Port Glasgow Road Kilmacolm PA13 4SG

Ref. No: 23/0198/IC | Received: Fri 01 Sep 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of ground based solar panels

Fir Cottage Glenmosston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4PF

Ref. No: 23/0187/IC | Received: Fri 25 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 30 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

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Erection of a dwelling house (renewal of previous planning permission 20/0243/IC)

Inchbroom Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BA

Ref. No: 23/0181/IC | Received: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of single storey side extension to house to create a lounge room and a living/games room.

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

Ref. No: 23/0175/IC | Received: Fri 18 Aug 2023 | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Proposed conversion of ground floor with alterations to existing upper floor living accommodation and single storey side extension to garage. Erection of new detached double garage.

Windyridge Houston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NY

Ref. No: 23/0174/IC | Received: Fri 18 Aug 2023 | Validated: Fri 01 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Complete removal of existing chimney down to ground floor level. Removal of existing kitchen window, with new DG Double Leaf doors to access garden. Removal of existing landscape terraces and replaced with similar terraces with hard landscaping, raised planters, seating areas, external lighting and stepped access.

Flat Ground-1 Bellcroft Gillburn Road Kilmacolm PA13 4DL

Ref. No: 23/0170/IC | Received: Mon 14 Aug 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Sep 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of decking and associated screening at rear (in retrospect)

There were no objections to these applications.

An pre-application consultation regarding a battery energy storage system at Dougliehill Water Treatment works is underway. Bluestone Energy plans to develop the facility and will hold public drop in sessions in Port Glasgow on Wednesday 6th December and in Greenock on Wednesday 17th January.

Further information is available from the company's website:

<https://dougliehillbess.co.uk>. KCC will engage with the consultation process and will invite the developer to a meeting if it seems useful.

Scottish Water plan to install a water fountain in the centre of Kilmacolm. The application goes to committee tomorrow. KCC is in favour of the installation of a water fountain in the centre of Kilmacolm but would prefer a change of location. We will make a representation to the planning committee supporting the development.

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

The Council are in contact with the company responsible for charging points in the Lochwinnoch Road car park which are currently not operational. There

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is a new high power charging point in Barr's Brae car park which replaces the one which was damaged.

Cars appear to be parking regularly on double yellow lines on Bridge of Weir road at Boots. This is a police matter and concerned residents should complain if so minded.

The Coop are coning off their loading area in the evening when their planning is for morning access. There was a brief discussion and it was pointed out that many residents would prefer the Coop to be stocked whatever time that may happen.

The general store on Bridge of Weir road will open for business shortly. Post Office equipment is in place but not yet operational. The owners plan to operate a full post office service.

Inverclyde Council online reporting system for works being undertaken by the Council is reporting work as actioned when it has been passed to a contractor but may not have been actioned. Complaints can be made to Steven Walker at Inverclyde Council.

Council are bringing contractor back to repair damage to new paving on Lochwinnoch Road and to complete the paving on Bridge of Weir road.

8. Community Clean Up

The next clean-up will be on Saturday 11th November. Interested parties should meet at Carriages car park at 10am. We are waiting for information from Brian Henon for details about equipment and litter pickup. Cllr McCabe suggested we try Margaret Byse in case he is on annual leave.

9. Any Other competent Business

The Christmas raffle will go ahead as in previous years. The vice-chair will ask the treasurer to investigate acquiring a license for next year after the change in the name of KCC. Following discussion, the raffle proceeds will fund donations to Ardgowan Hospice, Inverclyde Women's Aid and the Inverclyde Food Bank. *Approved at the 30 November 2023 Meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council*

Following the public meeting, where Inverclyde HSCP presented information about locality planning groups, two members of the KCC registered interest as individuals in joining the East locality planning group. They have now been asked to represent the Community Council. The Community Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.

The Horticultural Society would like to have lights at the fountain garden. We will support any funding application they make.

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Some street lights are on in the village 24 hours – this is a fault and can be reported to the roads department for repair.

10. Dates of future meetings.

28th November 2023
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