

# Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village Community Council

## Minute of ordinary meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2024

### Present:

John Spence – Chair  
Chris Kay – Secretary  
Chris McCrone - Treasurer  
Jo (Johanne) Davis  
James McDonald

Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio  
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio

### Attending:

Margaret Cathcart                      Ann Muir                      Mike Jefferis

### Apologies:

Carol Breslin  
Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio

### 1. **Welcome, attendance and apologies**

The chair opened the September 2024 meeting of Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village Council and welcomed all those in attendance.

### 2. **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

The minute from the August meeting was amended today and will be approved when all members of the CC have had an opportunity to read the new version. The CC agreed that from now on minutes will be approved via an online/messaging process prior to the next meeting so that approved minutes are available to interested parties as early as possible.

The minute of the August meeting was approved by all members of the community council who attended via WhatsApp on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### 3. **Finance report**

Wreaths have been purchased for placement at war memorials in Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village on Remembrance Sunday at a cost of £78. Although there is a memorial commemorating war dead on Faith Avenue in Quarrier's Village, it is not clear whether a wreath laying ceremony happens there or at the memorial in Bridge of Weir. Treasurer will make enquiries.

Balance is unchanged from last month at £2,836 pending payment for wreaths.

Grant funding from Inverclyde Council for this year will be £1299.98.

### 4. **Funding request for Kilmacolm Playgroup and Toddlers**

The group have made a funding request from the community council. They are asking for £1200 to meet the cost of the purchase of new play equipment, materials and resources. In the discussion Cllr McCabe informed the meeting that Council grant funding is usually under £500 and that the group receive an annual grant. It was agreed that an award of £1200 would be unreasonable given our limited resources but that we do wish to support Kilmacolm

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Playgroup and Toddlers. The Chair will discuss the request with the group and agree a reasonable grant.

### 5. **Planning / Licensing**

There were no comments on this month's planning applications.

There was some uncertainty about the status of the planning application to build 18 flats near the bottom of West Glen road. Cllr McCabe reported that the planning application has been approved by the planning board. The status is showing as still pending on the council planning website. Secretary will email planning to find the current status of the application.

### 6. **Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting, Parks, Open Spaces**

Mobile reception has been poor for the past month or so. Is this possibly due to 5G upgrades? This is unlikely. The most significant factors affecting mobile phone signal are weather and geography. Mobile phone performance often degrades significantly in low battery situations.

Passive speed monitoring has been installed on Bridge of Weir road and Lochwinnoch road covering the 20 mph area. When data has been collected the council will take forward any issues which arise. The number of accidents is a significant factor in the council allocating resources to address road safety issues. Council officers have previously looked at installing a pedestrian crossing on Bridge of Weir road or Lochwinnoch road and decided against.

There was a collision between an empty school bus and a car at the junction of Bridge of Weir road and Lochwinnoch road a few days ago.

There was a brief discussion about parking on stretches of road with double yellow lines on Bridge of Weir road. Cars parked on double yellow lines should be reported to the police.

Jo Davis attended the KPS Parent Partnership AGM where serious problems about parking round the school and careless driving were discussed.

### 7. **AOCB**

Chair has been invited to Gryffe Valley way opening and will attend.

Chair has been invited by the Civic Trust to attend a meeting hosted by Inverclyde Council on Place Plans and will attend, time and place to be arranged.

Local place plans feed into local development planning by Inverclyde Council.

The Health and Social Care Partnership development plan has items relevant to Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village and can be accessed here:

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/strategies-policies-and-plans>.

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Chair has been invited to meet with the rector of St Columba's school regarding developments at the school and will attend.

Duchal Castle ruins are well worth visiting but there is no signage or information for visitors. The ruin is on Duchal Estate land and historic Scotland would be the people who may take responsibility for development. Cllr Wilson offered to speak to a representative of the Duchal Estate.

Planning officers are meeting with the owners of the food truck at Knapps Loch and the owners of Kilmataj to assist them in complying with planning constraints.

The newsagent shop at Market Place has closed.

The post office will be opened before Christmas according to staff.

Jo Davis will organise the elf this Christmas. Elise Duncan will organise the scarecrow trail. CC have previously contributed a scarecrow located at the time capsule.

Christmas raffle. Will we align with the light switch on at the end of November or choose a date in December? A decision must be made by next months meeting.

Chris McCrone has not yet been invited to attend a meeting of the KNCC. Mike Jefferis has been asked to provide information about what actions must be undertaken in order for Chris to become a member.

### 8. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Community Centre in Kilmacolm at 7.30 pm.

Future meetings will be held on:

26<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
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