

KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 19:30

Via Zoom

Present:

Mike Jefferis – Chair
Morven Armour – Vice Chair
Andrew Brewer – Secretary
Johanne Davis – Treasurer
Helen Cook
David Goddard
Cllr Christopher Curley – Ex Officio
Cllr Stephen McCabe – Ex Officio
Cllr David Wilson – Ex Officio
PC John Jamieson – Police Scotland

Apologies:

James Kelly
Frances Fulton
Ronnie Cowan MP – Ex Officio Member

1. Welcome

The chair opened the August 2020 Zoom meeting of the Kilmacolm Community Council and welcomed all those attending

2. Minute of the Kilmacolm Community Council Meeting – June 30 2020

The minute of the above meeting was approved.

3. Police Scotland

PC Jamieson reported the crime figures for August 2020

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- 1 Serious assault
- 1 Mortgage fraud
- 1 Theft – shoplifting
- 1 Breach of bail
- 2 incidents of online fraud affecting the same person.

PC Jamieson also reported that Police Scotland will be monitoring the speed of traffic in the Kilmacolm area.

4. Inverclyde Council Community Wardens Services Report

No report

5. Kilmacolm Community Council Finances

The balance sheet was presented by David Goddard.

The main account has a balance of £8593.17.

The defibrillator account has a balance of £565.80

A total of £4512 had been paid to Glenmoss Landscape for work carried out at the Old Cemetery at the Old Kirk. There is still work outstanding, namely repairs to the wall and steps, and £3,900 has been allocated for this.

Community Projects – no suggestions forthcoming

6. Planning/Licensing

All the planning applications validated since the June meeting were discussed.

- *20/0033/TRE - The Grange Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NT - Removal of 11 trees, including 3 in retrospect in front garden and stem removal on lime tree in front garden.*
- *20/0184/IC - The Grange Porterfield Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NT - Erection of 1.5 storey outbuilding comprising garage, WC, balcony and multi-function space on site of demolished garage building*
- *20/0180/IC - 2 Norval Place Moss Road Kilmacolm PA13 4AQ - Proposal to create new dwelling basement apartment in former habitat space currently used for storage.*

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- 20/0179/IC - Shop 1 Market Place Kilmacolm PA13 4AD - Proposed change of use from retail unit to hot food takeaway and installation of flue
- 20/0029/LB - Cottage 17 Allan Dick Church Road Quarriers Village PA11 3TN - Internal alterations to convert former residential care facility to family home. Note that enabling works have already been undertaken by previous owners.
- 20/0166/IC - Land At Blacksholm Road (north Of Slates Farm) Kilmacolm PA13 4SX - Erection of dwellinghouse and livery stables (planning permission in principle)
- 20/0163/IC - Private School Knockbuckle Road Kilmacolm PA13 4EQ - Installation of proprietary external shelter for Early Years Learning
- 20/0008/CPL - Gryffe Lodge Florence Drive Kilmacolm PA13 4JN - To widen driveway entrance to Gryffe Lodge by moving and rebuilding left hand gate post 70 cm to the left. To lower one kerb stone to road level to allow easy access to driveway
- 20/0120/IC - Quarry Cottage Houston Road Kilmacolm PA13 4NY - Erection of timber fencing in retrospect. Installation of new stone patio, paving and access steps, stone barbecue/pizza oven, rear garden shed, hot tub and water feature in front garden
- 20/0001/EAA -Devol Moor Kilmacolm - Installation of 132kV overhead line between Erskine Substation and Devol Moor Substation (notification of application made to the Scottish Ministers under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989)
- 20/0125/IC - Stepends Cottage North Stepends Road Kilmacolm PA13 4RR - Single storey side and rear extensions
- 20/0144/IC -Auch-Na-Gaoith Gryffe Road Kilmacolm PA13 4BB - Single storey side extension (amended design (in retrospect))
 - The applications in red had already been granted by the council so not discussed.

Concerns were raised with regards to the application at The Grange, Porterfield Road. The chair is to comment to the planning authority as the building planned is not a direct replacement of the fire damaged building and could be converted to a domestic dwelling.

There were no objections or comments raised on any of the other applications

The Scottish Government have issued a consultation paper on Proposed changes to Pre-application Consultation requirements in Planning. There

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was agreement that the Kilmacolm Community Council would like to be involved in the consultation process and the secretary would confirm this.

Gladman Application for North Dennistoun and Carsemeadow.

The reporter has turned down the application for North Dennistoun and no appeal has been made to the Court of Session.

The Reporter turned down the application at Carsemeadow and this was appealed to the Court of Session. The Scottish Government disagreed with the Court of session finding. A further review will take place and a second reporter has been appointed. We await the results of this review.

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

Cllr Wilson reported that grass cutting had restarted and that it should be back to 'normal' shortly. Grass cutting in appendix 1 was discussed and it was agreed that care should be taken to maintain the natural flora whilst ensuring that site line on the road verges were no impeded.

The Chair raised the state of the footpath on Lochwinnoch Road from the bridge over the Gryffe to the Cenotaph. The hedges are overgrown, and the footpath is impossible to walk on due to the undergrowth. Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that the roads department were aware of the problem and that work was planned remedy the problem.

The work on the rugby pitch at Birkmyre park had been completed and a certificate of completion had been issued. The additional fencing is due to be removed and the pitch will soon be available for use via the existing booking system.

Traffic calming measures are planned around the S-bend on the entrance to the village from Port Glasgow. The plans are to install additional signs and change the road markings. This work is being carried out after a total of 18 road traffic collisions in the last 14 months on Port Glasgow Road. The issue of speeding nearer the village on the straight road between Wateryetts Drive and Woodrow Avenue was discussed. It was agreed that we should ask the council to place monitoring equipment on the road to assess the speed of the vehicles. Cllr Curley advised that this may be delayed until after the traffic calming had been installed as this may affect the speed of the traffic.

Comments had been made at the previous meeting about the speed of traffic on Finlaystone Road. At present there are no plans to monitor this

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road. Additional information would be helpful to develop a case for monitoring.

8. Kilmacolm Council Vacancy

The chair informed the meeting that one person had intimated that they would be interested in joining the council. The chair had contacted them regarding their expression of interest but had not received any reply.

9. Kilmacolm Community Clean Up

It was felt that this should be delayed until the undergrowth had started to die down and would probably take place in October. This will be discussed at the next meeting

10. Any Other Competent business

- Grass cutting – This was discussed in item 7
- Festive Lights – Whilst the village would benefit from having additional festive lights no funds are available at present.
- Railway reinstatement – Cllr Curley spoke about the reintroduction of the railway to Kilmacolm. This would probably be in the form of a tram or other light railway. He would hope that this would link down to Greenock in the future. It has been noted in other areas where a railway has been re-introduced that there has been an increase in new building near the stations. Work is being carried out regarding the possibility of there being a bus turn-round near carriages restaurant.
- Woodland Planting West Glen Road – This was discussed and no complaints raised. There was concern about the need for heavy plant to access the site at the time of harvesting the timber.
- Building site on Smithy Brae – No work has been carried out on the new build above the Co-op since the end of ‘lock down’. The works yard is a mess but the external fence is intact. No action can be taken as at present it is not a risk.
- Upgrading of Zoom package – The Kilmacolm Community Council meetings are held using Zoom. This meeting and the previous one was using the free system which only allows 40 minutes before having to log on again. It was suggested that we upgrade to allow unlimited minutes. The meeting was inquorate at this time so the members will be asked via email to confirm this suggestion.

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11.Dates of Next Meeting

29 September 2020 – 7:30pm

27 October 2020 – 7:30pm

24 November 2020 – 7:30pm

26 January 2021 – 7:30pm

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