

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre

(Subject to approval at the next meeting)

1. Present:

Helen Calvert (Chair)
Stephen Hampson (Vice Chairman)
Iain Couttie
David Goddard
Margaret McLeese
David Scott
Maisie Galbreath
Janice Crean
Helen Cook
Colin McGinn

Attending:

Cllr McCabe, Cllr Wilson, Corrie Campbell (Active Schools co-ordinator)
Const Irene McIntyre and Const Paul Duffield

Members of the public:

Margie McCallum, Sandy Gibb Stuart, Christine Haddock, Hazel Lochray, Linda Monaghan, Russell Crichton, Edwin McLaren and Lorraine McLaren.

Apologies:

Robin Gordon (Treasurer), Jan Johnson and Cllr McLeod

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 31st March 2009 was approved.

3. Matters Arising

- Proposed meeting with KCT, KCC and Inverclyde Roads Dept to discuss issue relating to parking, crossing and general road safety.
- Road markings at Birkmyre Park have been upgraded.
- Toby cover at The Royal Bank of Scotland has been repaired.
- Birkmyre Park "Millennium Committee" cheque has been paid.
- Planning letter written about road at Auchenbothie Mains.
- Hazel Lochray – provision of allotments. Will be taken later.

Pause meeting

The Chairman paused on the agenda to note the arrival of Edwin McLaren and Lorraine McLaren shortly after the opening of the meeting.

The Chair stated that she had previously been made aware of a prior agreement which caused a potential issue with Mrs Lorraine McLaren attending the meeting while Colin McGinn (Secretary) was also present; in light of this it might be inappropriate for both Colin McGinn and Lorraine McLaren to remain present. Mrs McLaren made it clear that she would not leave.

Reference was then made to an email which Mrs McLaren had sent to the KCC following her attendance at the previous meeting. Further discussion ensued and, despite the best efforts of

the Chair, order within the meeting quickly deteriorated. When order was restored, a suggestion was made to adjourn the meeting and reconvene as a closed meeting. The motion was then proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair and was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approx 8.10pm.

Reopen as “closed” meeting

The meeting was reconvened as a “closed” meeting (KCC members only) at approx 8.20pm.

The Chair began by discussing matters which had been raised as the members of the public were leaving, summarised as follows:

- Allotments – confirmed that an article will be in the May Advertiser asking for those interested to contact KCC.
- Quarriers Play park – some funding will be given by KCC, to be discussed later.
- Birkmyre Park - Cllr McCabe stated that of the £80k which was available, approx £50k had been used to redevelop the play area, therefore approx £30k exists for further projects. Refurbishing the putting green and tennis courts is being investigated, although the tennis courts may be out with the scope of the existing budget. Whatever happens will have to be sustainable and Birkmyre now has an income of approx £2/yr from Duchal Nursery and £12k/yr from Inverclyde Leisure; IL lease is presently agreed for 10 years so need to be sure of future income.

Corrie Campbell explained that she does not have direct access to funding herself but can work with volunteers and can help with grant application.

The meeting then moved onto the next agenda item.

4. Police Report

Crime figures for April'09:

- **19 crimes, with 4 detected.**
These consist of, attempted break-in (Barclaven Rd), 3 attempted house break-ins (Cross Cafe, Florence Drive, Margaret's Mill), 1 dangerous dogs act, 2 theft, 1 breach of the peace, 1 attempt theft of motor vehicle, 3 vandalism, 1 assault, 1 theft of vehicle, 4 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 theft from outhouse.
- It was commented that the CCTV camera at the Cross appears to be stationary most of the time, can the camera be moved occasionally? The Police replied that it normally points toward Victoria Wine, but later at night it points toward the Pullman.
- The Local Police phone number: 01475-492500

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not able to attend the meeting but a brief report was presented as follows...

- In the absence of any other suggestions for using our remaining funds it was proposed and agreed that we should donate 2 x £250 to the development of a new play park in Quarriers.
- Flower tubs for Kilmacolm this year will cost £7 each. Question was raised if we should provide some for Quarriers; say at the Garden Centre, Art Studio and/or Cail Bruach Restaurant.
- The bill for printing the leaflet has been paid.
- Request for any outstanding expenses was made.
- The accounts will be ready in June, in time for presenting at the August meeting.

6. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting

- Gryffe/Duchal intersection – the surface is in very poor state.
- Cllr McCabe made the point that Inverclyde Council operates on a limited budget. It is estimated the cost to bring Inverclyde roads to a suitable standard would be in the region of £200m, but as £150m is required for investing in the schools programme; there has to be a compromise.

7. Parks

- Birkmyre Football/Rugby – A report is going to the Regeneration Committee with a proposal to switch the front pitches.
- Dual use of pitches might be an option, but may not be feasible during wet winter periods.
- Cricket is also being planned for the next few weeks, with two matches booked.
- The “Annual Fun Fair” - An entertainments licence has not been granted for the refurbished play area of the Birkmyre Park so the annual “Fair” will not be going there. Other areas such as the chain rd and rear rugby pitch are being considered for future years..
- West Glen Park – only plan is for routine maintenance. Quarriers Play Park upgrades will come before West Glen Park. Once Quarriers is finished Kilmacolm & Quarriers will be well served.

8. Planning

- The recent planning applications included:
 - “Holly Tree House”, Broomknowe – letter of objection for the extension.
 - Cottage 41, Quarriers Village.
 - “Greenslates”, Kilmacolm - extension

9. Youth Group

- The Youth Group finished for the summer.

10. Kilmacolm New Community Centre

- Public meeting will be held on 28th May in Kilmacolm Primary School at 7.30pm.
- KNCC is taking some space at Kilmacolm Civic Trust tent at the Knapps show to present the new design proposals and promote the Public Meeting.

11. KCC Website.

- No update.

12. Inverclyde Council Minutes

- There is a proposal to demolish the Lodge at Kilmacolm Cemetery. This is referred to 7th May Regeneration Committee.

13. Correspondence

- Proposed meeting with Planning Dept to discuss changes to the Scottish Development Planning System – date to be confirmed.

14. Any Other Competent Business

- At Kilmacolm Cemetery, the Charles Rennie McIntosh headstone needs renovated. Who owns the head-stone? Janice Crean to speak with Colin Brown at KCT.
- Appeal to save the voluntary IRH Tea Bar. Maisie wrote in support on behalf of KCC. The 'closure' is a Scottish Government initiative to have the NHS run in-house cafes across the country.
- Birkmyre Fun Run - 20th Sept consisting 3k/10k and half marathon.
- David Goddard attended the last Inverclyde CC Forum, but no-one else turned up. Is it still going ahead?
- Community Council boundaries realignment still under review. Kilmacolm and Quarriers will be unaffected.
- Scout hut grounds/boundaries in a terrible state, can we bring this to their attention? David Goddard to write a letter to Ian Bell, or other as appropriate.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 7.45pm

MEETING OF THE KILMACOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To be held in the Community Centre on

Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 7.45pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Submit minute of the previous meeting held on 28th April 2009
3. Police Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting
6. Parks
7. Planning
8. Kilmacolm New Community Centre
9. Extract of Inverclyde Council Minutes
10. Correspondence
11. Any Other Competent Business
12. Date of Next Meeting