

## KILSYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 16th November 2011 in Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT: Scott Johnson, Jim Hutchison, John Smithson, Cheryl Anderson, Margot MacMillan, Jean McLachlan, Keila Singh, John Freebairn, Charles Coulthard, George Barclay, Janet McKerral.**

**ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Jean Jones, David Key, Police Officers David Law and Bryan Connell, David Graham Chronicle and members of the public.**

- 1. Apologies: Alan Stevenson, Bill Craik, Jane Barclay and Jim Armstrong.**
- 2. Police Report:** Special attendance from Chief Inspector Bryan Connell, accompanied by Sgt David Law to discuss recent events of youth disorder within Kilsyth. As it is we currently have 10 Community Police officers who cover several villages along with Kilsyth.

The location of the new police office has been a great success but one issue still remains with regards to police visibility, unfortunately it will not be an issue easily resolved as members of staff have been previously assaulted whilst in the front office.

The issue of youth disorder and drinking in the area has decreased recently but advised that is due to weather and there will be peaks throughout the year in high priority areas and it will be down to assessing the hot spots, repeat offenders and utilising the officers they have with new innovations and good time management.

- 3. General Issues raised by members of the public:** It was noted that the railings surrounding Dr Jeffrey's Monument on Howe road are in need of repainting Janet McKerral was to enquire as to whom was responsible for this matter.

It was noted that the lights on the Zebra crossing mid way down Howe road were not working the relevant department would be contacted to enquire about repairs.

- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on the 21st September 2011 and any matters arising:** The minutes were approved proposed by John Smithson and seconded by Jim Hutchison.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Admin account balance is £2029.12 and Project account balance is £462.20.

- 6. Correspondence.** Margot McMillan was contacted by Irene Friemenziel from the USA on the 20th October regarding the Hugh's family Kilsyth.

Scott Johnson was contacted by Richard Cartwright a senior planning officer with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the Civic Trust Awards and whether or not the CC would like to be involved in submitting an application on behalf of the Burngreen Park Restoration it was agreed that an appointment would be made to discuss the details.

Keila Singh was contacted by Helen Cleland regarding Balmalloch Primary's issues surrounding the entrance and exit to the grounds at peak times with motorists causing a real hazard to pedestrians.

- 7. Licensing and Planning Matters:** The Boundaries Commission are in consultation over the proposals, which have been brought out in a bid to meet the target of reducing the current 59 Scottish seats in Westminster to 52, would see Kilsyth link up with East Dunbartonshire and Cumbernauld join Coatbridge North, changing the current set-up which has Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East as one constituency.

- 8. Environmental Matters:** Bill Craik informed us that in keeping with the beautiful Kilsyth campaign he has arranged a meeting to take place so that the community may discuss how best to improve their community and with that find volunteers, the meeting will be held on the 24th November 2011 @ 7pm in the Burngreen hall.

The CSFT grant application deadline is Friday 25th November.

Cheryl Anderson informed us as part of the Haugh's campaign the old stairs will be removed and reinstated with DDA compliant stairs that are wheelchair accessible as a result of this several trees will need to be removed but will be reinstated with like for like Cheryl will forward more details of this project when available.

- 9. History and Heritage:** Jim Hutchison visited Kilsyth Primary School to enquire whether or not they would take ownership of the Robert Burns statue, at present Acting Head Mrs Denney is awaiting North Lanarkshire Councils approval and will inform Jim as soon as the decision is made.

Jim Hutchison is to hold a History night in the Burngreen hall after Christmas, Jim will carry out a speech and that will be followed by refreshments details will be publicised.

- 10. Reports from other Organisations:** Charles Coulthard updated us on the charity dinner that was held at Kilsyth Academy, the evening was a great success with more than 100 people in attendance and to date they have raised £5500-£6000.

Charles Coulthard informed us of the Burns Supper that will be held on the 3rd February more details to follow on the cost of the tickets.

Cheryl Anderson informed us of the Kilsyth and Villages Forum Christmas Festival which was made up over 8weekends. It was kick started with the switch on of the lights by Cllr Jean Jones and Santa's Grotto, music was provided by Cant and Sons.

Friends of Kelvin Valley held their elections and Catherine Martin was elected Chairwoman and Paul Carter elected Secretary.

George Barclay informed us that the Friends of Burngreen had started to approach play services for price lists and plans on upgrading some of the existing play equipment in Burngreen Park but were still looking for additional funding due to the substantial cost of the new equipment.

Friends of Bogside have been busy creating decorative Christmas candles throughout the Christmas Festival.

Friends of Bogside received notification that the land adjacent to the park they had been clearing was given planning permission for houses earlier this week.

- 11. Website:** The website is to be tidied up, Margot would like to discuss new ideas to revamp the website, Jim would be happy to add items.  
It was agreed to update website with new members list and update the shop directory.

- 12. A.O.C.B.** The Co-option of Charles Coulthard, Janet McKerral and Keila Singh was Proposed by Cheryl Anderson and Seconded by Margot MacMillan.

Charles noted that the application forms for forming a Community Council were a deterrent that may act as a barrier for many communities it was noted that a letter may be need to be drafted listing these issues.

**Date of next meeting 18th January 2012 at 7pm Burngreen Hall, Kilsyth**