

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 20th April 2011 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Scott Johnson, Margot MacMillan, Jim Hutchison, Jean McLachlan, John Freebairn, Cheryl-marie Anderson, Ann Drysdale

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones, Bill Craik - Britain in Bloom, David Graham – Kilsyth Chronicle and Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors Mark Griffin and David Key, John Smithson

2. POLICE REPORT: There was no police report.

3. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Margot reported on being contacted by a resident from Stirling Road 2 hours before the planned explosions at Dawn Homes Barrwood Quarry development, which sent boulders into homes and damaged properties in the area, who informed that the residents were all very concerned about the previous blasting. She had taken her concerns to the Health and Safety Executive in Edinburgh. Councillor Jean Jones has asked Dawn Homes to arrange a meeting when the report has been received back from the Health and Safety Executive.

Concern was raised by a member of the public in regards to under-age drinking in the town, particularly as a 13 year old girl had been involved in a recent incident. Police need to patrol more she thought, in particular Balmalloch and curling pond areas.

An email from a member of the public was circulated, highlighting litter left by people using Banton Loch and of vehicles driving at speed along the narrow footpath. Discussion took place on what had been attempted in the past. North Lanarkshire council are responsible for the paths at Colzium Estate but not at Banton Loch. It was decided to write to British Waterways, forwarding these public concerns and requesting a barrier install.

The subject of the CCTV cameras in the town was brought to KCC attention by a member of the public. There was concern that the cameras seem static and don't appear to be seeing any of the troubles. Councillor Jean Jones reported that these cameras are manned in Coatbridge and are monitored 24/7. Jean will raise this issue with police and pointed out that the new Police Station in Main Street's opening hours are advertised and the public should make use of this to raise concerns or make any complaint.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING:

Margot McMillan seconded by Cheryl-marie Anderson proposed the adoption of the minute of the March meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES:

Kilsyth, Melbourne have been sent a list of local organisation contact details in regard with their wish to make links with the town.

The cost of the plaque showing Kilsyth Coat of Arms to be installed at Horizon Housing was reported to be £182.70. The use of a cherry picker would be a similar amount or a little more, the Chairman reported. It was decided funds from the Project Account could be used for this purpose.

It was suggested by Scott Johnston that if Catherine De Niro of North Lanarkshire Council would communicate with the landowner at Kirklands Crescent and secure his agreement to pay for skip hire, Kilsyth Community Council would arrange a community clean up. Councillor Jean Jones will follow this suggestion up.

Scottish Power have been contacted regarding the overhead cable supplying a site at Mid Barrwood.

Following discussion on the development at Cavalry Park it was decided to write to the developer, Taylor Wimpey, inviting them to attend our May meeting.

6. REPORT FROM TREASURER

As at the AGM Treasurer, Jean McLachlan, reported the balance on the Admin account is £1,430.00 and the Project account is £751.11

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of North Lanarkshire Council Scheme for Community Councils and Associated Documents and Election Arrangements were distributed to members.

8. LICENSING AND PLANNING : None to discuss.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Bill Craik of Britain in Bloom spoke of progress in setting up Kilsyth's future inclusion in this competition. He is in the process of designing a letterhead and will communicate with North Lanarkshire Council, local developers, schools, community groups etc to make local people aware and encourage public efforts of support. Bill is to investigate the question from Margot McMillan if the rare Victorian fire clay fountain in the courtyard at Colzium could be restored, also if a Grant may be available.

10. HISTORY AND HERITAGE :

Jim Hutchison has been liaising with Kilsyth Library in regard to a history and heritage event which is being planned for May or June. His next booklet 'Canal Boats and Miners Rows 1750-1950' will be produced in the next few weeks with another due in September.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Cheryl-marie reported from Kilsyth and Villages Forum on a report from North Lanarkshire Local Area Partnership including police incidents between 1st December - 28th February in the town.

The Rotary Club has an elderly persons concert forthcoming, and are involved with Twechar Primary School in the refurbishment of an internal garden..

Kilsyth Golf Club have held a number of open days to try to attract new members and have teamed up with Bishopbriggs Driving Range who have offered to reduce costs to encourage young people into the game.

Friends of Burngreen will be planting wild flowers at St Patricks Primary on 28th April. Volunteers required.

12. WEBSITE: Margot reported the designer of the web site feels it is getting a bit tired and suggests re-building. People are asked to look at the web site and give suggestions.

13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

Voters in East of Kilsyth requiring use Queenzieburn Polling Station for the forthcoming election was discussed. Councillor Jean Jones reported this was an error on the Polling Cars which could not be rectified in time, voters will revert back to Kilsyth Academy in future.

Proposed by Jim Hutchison and seconded by Cheryl-marie Anderson, Bill Craik was co-opted as a Member of Kilsyth Community Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.00pm.