

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 18 February 2009 in St Patrick's Primary School

PRESENT: Margot Macmillan Alex Machray Jean McLachlan
Scott Johnson Jim Hutchison John Smithson
Charles Coulthard Alan Stevenson Ian Jarvis

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Griffin
James Hunt, Walkers are Welcome
Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES: John Freebairn Carol Sullivan
Councillor Jean Jones; Councillor David Key
Community Police; Local Press

2. POLICE REPORT:

Constable Colin Wise was unable to attend due to operational requirements but had passed a verbal report to the Secretary. There were no major crimes to report. Enquiries were continuing following the mugging of a lady near Horsburgh Avenue. A search using tracker dogs and the police helicopter was called off when a young man was found safe and well in Twechar.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC FOR POLICE:

No issues were raised.

The Chairman had now received a reply from the Scottish Government regarding the use of advertising panels on roundabouts. This stated that the matter is left to individual local authorities to make a judgement for their area of responsibility.

4. JAMES HUNT; WALKERS ARE WELCOME:

The Chairman introduced James Hunt to members. James gave an overview of the progress made to date and advised members that the formal launch of the local group would take place on Saturday 20 June, to coincide with Kilsyth Civic Week 2009. He then turned to the bid to host the 2010 national conference and asked for our assistance. This was agreed and we will provide a letter of support. If the bid is successful, we will meet again to consider how we can best assist in making the conference a real success.

5. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

Concerns had been raised that the bus services to/from Glasgow had been reduced which meant that the public could not travel to and from Glasgow later in the evening. Councillor Griffin advised members that he and Councillor Jones were to meet with representatives of SPT who are responsible for the provision of public transport in our area.

The issue of the recycling bins having been moved to the turning circle at the end of West Burnside Street was raised. Councillor Griffin advised that Councillor Jones was dealing with this and the overall poor condition of the road.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Jean McLachlan, seconded by Scott Johnson, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 21 January 2009.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:

The Vice-Chairman agreed to organise a meeting with local traders and councillors to discuss the issue of loading/unloading in the pedestrianised area of Main Street.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account was unchanged at £1588.73. Some low cost invoices were still to be received.

9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account was unchanged at £630.38.

10. CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence sent and received since the last meeting.

11. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received since the last meeting. A letter had been received offering a presentation on the final draft of the new NLC Local Plan. It was agreed that this should take place at our May meeting.

12. PLANNING:

The weekly planning lists were reviewed.

Revised drawings for the new entrance gateway to Colzium Estate were tabled. It was agreed that we should seek the support of Kilsyth and Villages Forum to place our Coat of Arms on the right hand wall. If this proposal was then accepted by NLC, we could carry out this as a small project which could be funded by the community council.

Following a discussion on the planned extension to the First Stop Shop at Parkfoot, Scott and John Smithson agreed to consider how we might object further to this work and how we can ensure that the process followed by NLC for future consultations on planning applications is reviewed with all stakeholders.

It was agreed that we should ask The Chronicle to run a poll of the residents of Kilsyth on the approved plans to extend the First Stop Shop.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

This year 20 towns were being entered in the nationwide “Beautiful Scotland” competition. There would be a number of differing criteria for each town. We have been asked to support NLC in their bid for Kilsyth to be recognised in this competition. The Chairman tabled a map of Kilsyth showing the route to be taken by the judges. It was agreed that all members should consider how we can get involved and also provide information on areas which they consider need improvement, for the next meeting. It was also agreed that we should invite John Whittaker, NLC Ground Maintenance Manager to our next meeting.

The Chairman stated that the first weekend of the Snowdrop Festival had been very successful with more than 150 visitors to the walled garden, the museum and the tearoom.

14. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

Jim Hutchison provided details of the programme for the Heritage evening to be held on Tuesday 3 March in the Coachman Hotel. Final arrangements for the event were agreed.

15. OTHER REPORTS:

Reports were given by representatives from The Rotary Club, The Golf Club and the International Carnival committee.

16. WEBSITE:

No items were discussed.

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

It was agreed that the Treasurer should order further supplies of stationery.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 March 2009 in St. Patrick's Primary School, **commencing at 7.00pm.**