

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 17 February 2010 in Burngreen Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: Constables Davey Law and Garry Brown
Members of the public
Councillor Jean Jones
Local Press

1. APOLOGIES: John Smithson Carol Sullivan Jim Hutchison
Councillor David Key Councillor Mark Griffin

2. POLICE REPORT: The officers confirmed we now had 6 Community Police Officers covering Kilsyth and district. 73 crime reports, including 2 for serious assaults had been handled.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE: Complaints had been received of youths running through Montrose Gardens area causing damage to gardens, hedges and fences. It was felt that the fact that youths congregated near Chippy Mahal was associated with this.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: John Freebairn raised the issue of the lay-by between Kilsyth and Queenzieburn. Ian Jarvis and Councillor Jones agreed to discuss this with the Central Scotland Forestry Trust [CSFT] and NLC respectively.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER '09 AND JANUARY '10 MEETINGS:

With minor corrections Margot Macmillan, seconded by John Freebairn, proposed the adoption of the minute of the November '09 meeting.

With minor corrections Charles Coulthard, seconded by Scott Johnson, proposed the adoption of the January '10 meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES:

The Secretary confirmed that the actions from the November '09 meeting had been completed. Scott read out a letter received from Graham Mackay,

Head of NLC Traffic Department.

Councillor Jones advised that Historic Scotland was objecting to the present plans to facilitate the provision of lifts facilities at Colzium House and that this will delay the additional building work until later in year. The refurbishment of the toilet facilities will be completed soon.

7. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of January was £1,260.52

8. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of January was £1,032.71

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list was reviewed.

An email had been received from relative requesting additional information on Professor Jaffrey.

An email had been received from the producers of The Beech grove Garden with a view to including the Walled Garden in the next series.

10. LICENSING AND PLANNING:

2 license applications were reviewed:-

- a. Change of hours for the licensed grocer at top of Manse Road.
- b. Changes to layout within the new Co-operative Food store in Main Street.

The weekly planning lists from January '10 to date were reviewed.

A number of supplementary guidance notes associated with the new NLC Local Plan had been received.

Scott read out a note received from Richard Cartwright giving a very good progress report on the work to rebuild the White House and refurbish/extend the former Co-operative complex, both in Main Street.

Councillor Jones advised that plans to build an extension to the former Burgh Chambers to house a new police station had been put on hold. The Secretary to contact Chief Inspector Connell to request that consideration be given to re-housing the police station in the centre of the town, given that new building projects in hand would allow this to happen.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Margot gave an update on plans to develop the former Old Man's Rest at

Stirling Road. An application for funding from CSFT had been successful and the £250 received would be used to purchase snowdrops for planting in the area. Volunteers to plant the snowdrops would include pupils from Kilsyth Academy. NLC staff were also doing important work on the site. Seating was now to be installed. Signage on the site was discussed. Margot advised members that 134 visitors had attended the Snowdrop Festival over 2 weekends. This number was down on last year and NLC would probably make changes for next year. Ian advised that work at Colzium Estate, to upgrade existing paths and provide a new path, would commence soon.

12. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

13. OTHER REPORTS:

a. Rotary

An excellent Burns Supper had been held and a ceilidh was planned for 19 March. Members would be out in Main Street on Saturday 27 February collecting funds as part of an international project to eradicate polio.

b. Lennox Golf Club

A successful Burns Night had been held. Alan also advised members of draft plans for the International Festival which this year would run from Friday 13 August to Sunday 15 August.

c. Friends of Burngreen Park.

Work at Burngreen was progressing to plan. The Secretary agreed to contact NLC with a view to completing a spring clean of the Ebroch Burn, at the section where the railings have been removed for refurbishment.

14. WEBSITE:

Nothing to report this month.

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Scott requested a letter to NLC re the state of the cobbles on Station Road John Freebairn asked if there was any progress on providing bus stops adjacent to Colzium entrance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 7.00pm.