

Kilsyth Community Council

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

PRESENT: Margot MacMillan, Charles Coulthard, Alan Stevenson, Cheryl-marie Anderson, Jim Hutchison, Jean McLachlan, John Freebairn, John Smithson, Ann Drysdale

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones, Councillor David Key, Kilsyth Chronicle, Ivan Kennedy (Digital Switchover Help Scheme), Community Police and Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Scott Johnson

2. POLICE REPORT: Constables Fiona Harrison and Jamie Durnell attended. They reported of a few cases of serious assault in January, break-ins in Tak-Ma-Doon Road and cases of minor fire razing in the town.

The figures shown in the Police Statistical Report within NLC Area Partnership was discussed and of KCC disappointment that this was not reported when police attended November meeting.

Concern was raised in regard to an initiative by police and NLC Partnership where employed researchers are to gather information by holding half hour interviews in people's homes. Concern was raised about bogus callers. Community police will take this concern back to the Partnership.

Alan Stevenson raised concern of youngsters driving quad bikes through Colzium Estate. This will be looked into.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE:

No issues were raised.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Serious concerns were raised by traders and members of the public in regard to North Lanarkshire Council's implication of charges in local car parks. Councillor David Key reported the proposed charges could be up to £13 for all day. This is to discourage all day parking and leave spaces available for shoppers. Other proposed charges are 20p for 1 hour and 30p for 2 hours. Shopkeepers in Main Street will be able to apply for permits for staff. It was felt that this was inappropriate and could be a 'death sentence' for the Main Street with public refusing to pay these charges and forcing them to park away from the area. Traders feel this is a disgrace and will cause them additional pressures. This proposal is in consultation at the moment. KCC to make representation to NLC that we as a group do not favour this move.

Implication of parking charges at Croy railway station were also discussed. The new car park is presently owned by SPT but is to transfer to NLC. The charge is going to be £2 per day. KCC to write to SPT with the view that this would be a disincentive to people of Kilsyth to use the train services.

Concerns were raised about the state of the Main Street during the continuing works. There has been a lot of disruption with footpaths being narrowed to less than 6ft at times. Concern was also raised that there is no access for emergency services. Councillor Jean Jones will advise access arrangements to emergency services.

Traders in Main Street are still experiencing delivery difficulties with the traffic warden. Councillor Mark Griffin to be contacted with a view to following up having the situation resolved.

5. DIGITAL SWITCHOVER HELP SCHEME: Ivan Kennedy, Regional Project Co-ordinator gave a presentation of this scheme which is being run by BBC under agreement with the Government. Householders are to be issued 3 separate mailings offering help from the scheme, there will also be adverts in the press and information at local libraries and public buildings. There is a wide range of support for people over 75 and other eligible groups. The digital switchover will be complete by 22nd June 2011 with Blackhill being the final switch.

6. JOHN McCORMICK : re Kilsyth Flyer did not attend.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING:

With minor amendments John Smithson seconded by Cheryl-marie Anderson proposed the adoption of the minute of the November meeting.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Jean McLachlan reported the balance on the Admin account is £1,563.14 and the Project account is £751.04

9. CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from Carol Sullivan regretfully resigning from KCC. Councillor Jean Jones reported on an email received from NLC regarding the fly tipping at Kirklands Crescent. The owners have asked for and been given a list of local companies to arrange quotes for a clean up. The site will be cleared and blocked off with a decision being made this month. NLC will tidy the surrounding paths and bushes.

An email had been received from Catherine Sheredy, USA re obtaining prints of Piper Paintings. It was suggested copies of the prints could be printed from the web site

10. LICENSING AND PLANNING: There were no items to be considered.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Margot reported the Snowdrop Festival is underway at Colzium and runs till 15th March.

Cheryl raised a request from Fiona Murdoch to mentor someone to take on the organisation of Kilsyth's entry in the Britain in Bloom Competition. Following discussion it was suggested David include an article in Kilsyth Chronicle

12. HISTORY AND HERITAGE :

Jim Hutchison informed of the closure of the Archive Resources Centre at Lenziemill with everything being moved to Motherwell Heritage Centre. This will be complete by next spring.

Margot reported 2 of the Muir Foundation paintings are in oil and The Public Catalogue Foundation will get in touch with North Lanarkshire Council as custodians for inclusion in the catalogue.

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Charles reported on a very successful Rotary Burns Supper. Local schools will be visited next week during Rotary Week.

Alan reported that this year Kilsyth Golf Club hope to promote junior golf with approaches being made to local schools. Rotary has a young golfer completion and the possibility of the McRoberts cup being used in this was discussed.

Cheryl-marie Anderson reported from Kilsyth and Villages Forum that community x-ray equipment being withdrawn is to be discussed at a public meeting on 28th February. There is also a public meeting being held on 7th March in the Old Library relating to where patients from Kilsyth will receive treatment following the closure of Stobhill. Following discussions it was decided KCC to make representation in writing to Nicola Sturgeon.

11. WEBSITE: Margot report 158 hits with 542 pages viewed on website

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: Margot raised the suggestion of a political hustings for May elections be held in Kilsyth with Jack Shennan of Johnson Press in attendance

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 7.00pm.