

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 19th January 2011 in Burngreen Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Griffin, Kilsyth Chronicle, Louise McLellan (Clubnet), Martin Egan (Dawn Homes), Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES: Scott Johnson offered apologies to anyone who turned up the previous week due to an error in Kilsyth Chronicle and for his recent lack of attendance.

2. POLICE REPORT: There was no police report.

3. CLUBNET: Louise McLellan attended and gave a presentation on Clubnet which is a community based project for adults living in North Lanarkshire who have experienced mental ill health. The project is a recovery based service under Scottish Association for Mental Health and is funded by North Lanarkshire Council. Jim Hutchison took contact details with a view to passing on information on involving local radio.

4. DAWN HOMES: Martin Egan attended and gave an update on works on Burngreen Brae. Contractors have been appointed to carry out platform and blasting works on site. The old quarry will form a natural feature where all surface water will run with Ebroch Burn being used as a water control with approval from Scottish Water and SEPA. Sales and Marketing is due to launch on 29th January with release of the first 20 houses for sale. Discussion took place for local attractions and public transport services etc to be included in Marketing materials and on the use of local trades where possible. Martin agreed to attend future meetings for discussions.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Fly tipping to the rear of Kirklands Crescent was again raised and discussed. Councillor Jean Jones is still corresponding with NLC in an effort to have it cleaned up. KCC to write to NLC to ascertain what can be done in the meantime to stop any further tipping and to tidy up the surrounding areas.

It was reported that two houses in Kirklands Crescent had no water due to frozen pipes for two weeks over the Christmas period. Also the street was a mess with snow and the particular coarse grit which was spread. It was agreed that this was a common issue. The winter gritting programme was discussed and Councillor Mark Griffin will take issues up with NLC as he is on the working group. KCC to write to NLC to ascertain how it can be made better in future.

6. JOHN McCORMICK : re listing in Kilsyth Flyer was unable to attend.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING:

With a minor amendment Jim Hutchison seconded by Charles Coulthard proposed the adoption of the minute of the November meeting.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Jean McLachlan reported the balance on the Admin account is £1,593.14 and the Project account is £751.04

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Various other email enquiries were discussed.

Inclusion of Muir Foundation paintings etc in the Public Catalogue Foundation was discussed and will be followed up by Margot McMillan.

Margot reported on an offer from ex Kilsythian, Ian Leishman, who wishes to return to the town a statue of Rabbie Burns. Following discussion it was agreed that we should accept and find a suitable venue for it.

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

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Replacement of the broken clock with a Kilsyth Coat of Arms plaque on Horizon Housing Association building was discussed. KCC to write to Horizon to find out if this would be acceptable.

Margot reported there is to be no snack bar in attendance at the Snowdrop Festival to be held at Colzium. Date still to be advised.

Cheryl reported on a request for a letter of support from Burngreen Bowling Club in respect of changes to grass cutting and maintenance services by NLC.

Following discussion it was decided no letter of support to be issued.

12. HISTORY AND HERITAGE :

Jim Hutchison informed of the possibility of the Resources Centre at Lenziemill being moved to Motherwell and raised concern about artefacts and materials relating to Kilsyth being moved. He will attend meeting on Friday and report back.

Jim also requested permission to use Crest on a book he hopes to publish on Kilsyth pubs. Permission was granted.

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Rotary reported on the success of their charity dinner. The proceeds, from a local request, will go to Kilsyth Academy and Twechar Primary schools. Tickets for Burns Supper on Friday 5th February are available.

Cheryl-marie Anderson reported from Kilsyth and Villages Forum that community xray equipment is being withdrawn due to age and condition. NHS Lanarkshire are in consultation and they have responded to strongly agree to retain equipment due to poor links within North Lanarkshire by public transport services.

Cheryl drew attention to Strathclyde Police Statistical Report within NLC North Local Area Partnership Agenda which lists serious cases of attempted murder, serious assault and possession with intent to supply Class A drugs in the town. These figures were not represented by police or reported when they attended KCC meeting in November. Cheryl is attending meeting on 29th January 2011.

11. WEBSITE: There was no website report

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: None

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