

## **Kilsyth Community Council**

Minute of meeting held on 17 June 2009 in Burngreen Hall

**PRESENT:** Scott Johnson Alex Machray Jean McLachlan  
Margot Macmillan Jim Hutchison John Freebairn  
John Smithson Ian Jarvis Charles Coulthard Carol Sullivan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor David Key  
Councillor Mark Griffin  
Community Police (Part time)  
Danny Martin, Trenchlink (Part time)  
Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jean Jones

### **2. POLICE REPORT:**

Constables Davy Law, Fiona Campbell and Derek Wilson attended. Constable Law explained he had now joined our community police group. He had grown up in the town. There had been 79 crimes reported. The main crime to report was an attempted murder which appeared to happen when a party in Kilsyth went wrong. The Divisional Drugs Group was now operating in our area, working on intelligence led investigations.

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

No issues had been raised.

The Chairman thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

### **4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

a. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to John Mcilvean, who had recently retired, thanking him for his long and consistently accurate reporting of the community council business.

b. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact the editor of the local press to ask what was planned for the safe storing of the Chronicle archives when the Kilsyth office was closed.

### **5. TRENCHLINK**

The Chairman introduced Danny Martin of Trenchlink Engineering Limited. The company had applied for planning permission to change the use of the old sewage works to a soil and rock screening plant. He was aware of the concerns which we had passed to the NLC Planning Department. He explained the planned operation of the plant. A number of questions were asked regarding job expectations, road cleaning arrangements, number of daily truck journeys in and

out of the plant and various safety and security concerns. The Chairman thanked Danny for attending and answering our questions. Subsequently, it was agreed that we should support this application in principle but that the Secretary should write to Martin Dean, reiterating our concerns and again requesting a site visit before any decision was made.

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

John Freebairn, seconded by Jim Hutchison, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 20 May 2009.

#### **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:**

The Secretary confirmed that all the actions from the last meeting had been completed.

#### **8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:**

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of May was £587.21

#### **9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:**

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of May was £782.48

A cheque from The Carron Valley Development Group had been paid into the account.

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Several items of correspondence were discussed.

#### **11. PLANNING:**

The weekly planning lists and licence applications were reviewed.

A number of members of the public in attendance were objecting to the application to change the use of the old Cosy shop at the end of Market Street to a hot food takeaway. One of the ladies stayed above the premises and explained the disruption caused during the previous shop's hours of business. A hot food shop would operate over longer hours and thus create even more disturbance.

After discussion by members, it was agreed that we should object to this application.

#### **12. THE WHITE HOUSE**

The Chairman advised members that discussions had taken place regarding the future of the White House and NLC's application for funding under the Scottish Government's £60million fund for town centre regeneration. A possible scenario, assuming NLC obtained its share of the funds, was that Rock dem

would sell the White House to NLC, who would then transfer ownership to a company set up by the community council, once the building had been totally rebuilt. This transfer would also include the former Fresh and Fruity premises, presently owned by NLC, again after this was totally rebuilt. The company to be formed would be a not for profit company with directors protected by a limited by guarantee arrangement. After discussions, it was agreed unanimously to back this proposal in principle. The Secretary agreed to investigate which type of company would fit our requirements and also that of NLC. [Subsequent to the meeting the Secretary concluded that a Community Interest Company would be appropriate. The Chairman concurred with this option.]

### **13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

Ian Jarvis advised members that most projects had passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> round for LEADER funding. NLC had included funding for a study on the possible restoration of the Clock Theatre at Colzium House.

### **14. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:**

Jim Huchison gave a summary of the subject he was considering for the next history event. This would be “Kilsyth –A Town at War and Peace”. The Secretary agreed to book the Coachman Hotel for early November and advise members of the date.

### **15. OTHER REPORTS:**

No reports were given.

### **16. WEBSITE:**

Some updates had been completed on the website.

### **17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

There was no other business to be discussed.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 August 2009 in **Burngreen Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.**