

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 15th June 2011 in Burngreen Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: David Steven – Taylor Wimpey, Wayne Barr – Ground Developments, Adrian McKill – Neighbourhood Networks, Paul Carter – Friends of Kelvin Valley, Kilsyth Chronicle, Community Police and members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Scott Johnson

- 2. POLICE REPORT:** Police reported they have increased patrols in the town to address incidents of anti social behaviour, in particular Bogside Park and the graveyard areas. There have been no further issues in these areas to report. Their action plans are to continue over the summer months. An anti social action plan in South Barrwood is being addressed

3. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR

POLICE: A number of issues and incidents in different areas of the town were raised to the police from members of the public. Police reported that a person had been arrested for a serious random attack in Parkburn Road. A break in at the trampolines in Burngreen Park, where a small amount of cash was stolen, is being investigated but no one has been apprehended. Incidents of youths drinking will be addressed. Delivery difficulties to shops in Main Street was raised. Sergeant Law will take this matter back to his Inspector, communicate with those traders affected and the Traffic Warden with a view to a 'common sense approach' to resolve this long running issue. Graffiti on a gable end wall at the shops on Balmalloch Road will be addressed by Bill Craik who will write to North Lanarkshire Council. Police reported on measures being put in place for a process to address the issue of youngsters being supplied with alcohol from local shops. Vice Chairman Jim Hutchison thanked Police for their attendance giving appreciation of concerning issues in the town being addressed.

4. ATTENDANCE BY TAYLOR WIMPEY RE CAVALRY PARK

DEVELOPMENT: David Steven, Associate Technical Director, gave a presentation on Taylor Wimpey's construction of 162 houses of various sizes at their development on Stirling Road. Work has commenced on site by their Contractor, Ground Developments Ltd, who will use ground stabilisation methods to remove areas of peat and soft materials which will be replaced with lime and cement. Literature on these methods was distributed by Wayne Barr of Ground Developments. House building is due to start in September. Full discussion took place with many concerns being raised by Community Council members and members of the public. Margot McMillan raised the issue of flood mitigation, John Freebairn raised concern about the gas supply to Colzium House and David Steven advised of £90,000 being paid to Scottish Gas Networks to divert pipe. A member of the public raised concerns of the effect of the flood relief works on the popular public lade pathways within Colzium Estate. Paul Carter of Friends of Kelvin Valley raised serious concerns on spillway issues and

the effects on tree roots, some of which are large 200 year old beech trees, close to the flood relief works. Bill Craik on behalf of Britain in Bloom raised concern over the water level table within Colzium Estate and concern was raised of a supposed mine shaft within the site raising concern of the risk of pollution to the Ebroch and Garrell Burns. David responded to all concerns raised and informed that considerable research had been carried out prior to commencement of the development at a cost of 5 million pounds. Works to alleviate flooding have been agreed with British Waterways and SEPA and have been considered during the planning process approval with North Lanarkshire Council, with site investigation results on issues raised being submitted. It was reported that 45,000 cube of peat etc requires to be removed and replaced with stabilisation materials to complete the works and is estimated at 13,000 lorry loads. Taylor Wimpey are confident it will be a fabulous development when finished. Maintenance of flood mitigation measure in perpetuity was discussed. This matter is being discussed with Taylor Wimpey, Scottish Water and the local authority at present with a view to passing the long term maintenance on to a company whose business it is to take on such responsibilities. Concluding, Jim thanked David Steven and Wayne Barr for their attendance and discussion opportunity and on behalf of KCC wished the programme well, requesting future attendance to keep us informed.

5. ATTENDANCE BY NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS: Adrian McKill was called away from meeting due to a family illness. He left information packs which were distributed and he will confirm his attendance at next meeting.

6. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED: John Freebairn raised concern about the lack of signage at road works resulting in a diversion on Coach Road causing confusion to drivers. It was agreed to write to Roads Department informing them of this matter.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING: With a minor amendment Cheryl-marie Anderson seconded by Margot McMillan proposed the adoption of the minute of the May meeting.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES: None

9. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

Jean McLachlan reported her frustrations with Royal Bank of Scotland in trying to obtain Statements for the Projects Account. It was agreed to hold Annual General Meetings in May in future to allow auditing and reporting to take place. The balance on the Admin account is £1,168.65 with the Project account unmoved at £751.11

10. CO-OPTION AS A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Following a request of introduction Mrs Janet McKerral reported on the decision by Kilsyth Methodist Church to take up our invitation to make representation on KCC, allowing her nomination. Mrs McKerral is not on the Voters Roll but as she is representing an organisation this is acceptable. Proposed by Margot McMillan and seconded by Jean McLachlan she was co-opted as a member.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Michael Kordas, Planning Assistant, NLC, has been received informing the change of date for the return of the questionnaire relating to the town centre signage to be 24th June.

Anna Morrison has passed on her thanks for KCC support in the issued raised at Mid Barrwood.

12. LICENSING AND PLANNING : Details of the proposed St Patrick's Church Hall were circulated. Following discussion no issues were raised and it was decided to write to St Patrick's wishing them well in their in their venture.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: Margot reported that various schools from the surrounding area have made use of Colzium Estate for their outings. Bill Craik reported on the Beautiful Kilsyth Campaign. Beautiful Scotland have been in touch to say they want to put Kilsyth forward as a case study by the Royal Horticulture Society. Cheryl and Keila have formed 'Friends of Bogside' and will hold their AGM on 23rd June at 1pm. Ann Drysdale showed a proof of the proposed plaque to be installed at Horizon Housing's building at Archways. The proof was not approved and the matter has to be passed on to Chairman Scott Johnson.

14. HISTORY AND HERITAGE : No items raised.

15. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Cheryl-marie reported on Kilsyth and Villages Forum AGM held this month.

Public concerns relating to site activity, noise and dust have been raised to them regarding Barrwood Quarry development.

On behalf of Friends of Burngreen Cheryl to enquire about a plan showing where piping is to be situated in Ebroch Burn.

Alan reported from Kilsyth Golf Club on Golf Week being held as part National Golf Festival also a 2 day event as part of Kilsyth Civic Week.

16. WEBSITE: Nothing to report

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: Nothing to report

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17th August 2011 at 7.00pm.