

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 18 March 2009 in St Patrick's Primary School

PRESENT: Margot Macmillan Alex Machray Jean McLachlan
Jim Hutchison John Smithson Charles Coulthard
John Freebairn Alan Stevenson Ian Jarvis

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones
Community Police

1. APOLOGIES: Carol Sullivan
Councillor David Key
John Whittaker, NLC Land Services
Local Press

2. POLICE REPORT:

Constable Grant reported a slight increase in vandalism. Otherwise there were no major crimes to report. The Chairman thanked Constable Grant for attending.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC FOR POLICE:

No issues were raised.

4. BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND:

Unfortunately John Whittaker, NLC Ground Maintenance Manager was unable to attend. Twenty two towns and villages across North Lanarkshire have been entered for the Beautiful Scotland Awards. Kilsyth will compete in the small towns' category and in addition any community group can enter for the neighbourhood award.

5. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

The state of the road at the junction of Tak-ma-doon Road and Stirling Road and the white line marking on the road between Kelvinhead and Kilsyth were raised. The Secretary agreed to contact Alex Ramsey of NLC Traffic Department concerning these issues. The Secretary also agreed to confirm ownership of the Marini's chip shop building so that action can be taken to have the broken downpipe repaired.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

John Smithson, seconded by Jim Hutchison, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 18 February 2009.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:

The Vice-Chairman has now arranged a meeting with local traders and Councillor Jones to discuss the issue of loading/unloading in the pedestrianised area of Main Street. The meeting will be held in the Coachman Hotel on Friday 3 April.

A meeting has been organised by Queenzieburn Community Council with SPT to discuss the ceasing of late night buses to/from Glasgow.

Approval to place our Coat of Arms on the new gateway entrance to Colzium Estate was awaited from NLC Planning Department. Kilsyth and Villages Forum and the Friends of Burngreen Park support our proposal. Councillor Jones agreed to discuss the matter with the Planning Department.

The clocks at Horizon Housing and the Royal Bank of Scotland were discussed. Councillor Jones agreed to try again to get action on these clocks.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account was £1,574.73. The bill for the History Event from the Coachman was £332.50. This included a charge for the use of the function suite. The Secretary agreed to discuss this charge with the Coachman manager. Also there had been problems in booking the Burngreen Hall. Jean had raised this with Councillor Jones who confirmed that the issue had been resolved and that we will move back to Burngreen once the refurbishment is completed. Notice of the annual audit had now been received.

9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account was unchanged at £630.38. Alan Stevenson and John Smithson agreed to audit the Projects Account books.

10. CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence sent and received since the last meeting. The Chairman had received correspondence from Richard Cartwright confirming that some of the Historic Scotland grant was to be used for preparatory planning consents for the White House. Scott had also confirmed that he had some items in store, salvaged from the White House at the time of the fire. Following a discussion on the future of this building, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Red Urban /ROKDCM intimating our interest in purchasing the White House and the other properties they own in Main Street, Kilsyth.

11. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter had been received from our local MSP, Cathie Craigie, enquiring if we had been advised about the consultation on changes to the planning act which would mean changes to existing properties would not require planning consent.

12. PLANNING:

The weekly planning lists were reviewed.

The planning application for the new car park at Croy Station was considered. After some discussion, it was agreed that John Freebairn should respond with our comments as per his

list.

The Chairman asked about Burngreen Lodge. Councillor Jones said that several groups had shown an interest in leasing the property.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Councillor Jones advised that several environmental improvement projects were being considered including the entrance to St. Patrick's sports field and the area between St. Andrew's Place and Jeffrey Place.

Representatives from Friends of Kelvin Valley Park and the community council had met with the consultant dealing with the WIAT funding application for Colzium Estate. Several additional suggestions to the plan had been made.

The possibility of the formation of a dedicated support group for Colzium House and Estate, along the lines of the Friends of Burngreen Park, was discussed and the community council agreed to support this idea.

14. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

The history evening in the Coachman had been very successful and the Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in making it a night to remember.

15. OTHER REPORTS:

Alan Stevenson reported that preparations were being made for the new golfing season which starts next week. Major work had been completed to relocate the green for the 10th hole. A festival of golf will take place over the period of Civic Week 2009.

16. WEBSITE:

The Secretary to source pictures of the Provost's lamp post, if possible, to add to our website.

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

No other business was discussed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 April 2009 in St. Patrick's Primary School, commencing at 7.00pm. **The AGM will be followed by our normal monthly meeting.**