

## **Kilsyth Community Council**

Minute of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Burngreen Hall

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

**ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones, Jack Shennan, Editor Cumbernauld News/Kilsyth Chronicle, Bill Craike – Britain in Bloom, David Graham – Kilsyth Chronicle and Members of the public.**

**1. APOLOGIES: Jean McLachlan, Councillor David Key, Councillor Mark Griffin**

**2. POLICE REPORT:** There was no police report.

**3. ATTENDANCE BY JACK SHENNAN, EDITOR, CUMBERNAULD NEWS/KILSYTH CHRONICLE:** Mr Shennan discussed his wish to do his best to represent the town and its interests through the local newspaper, ensuring Kilsyth gets fair coverage and emphasised the need for anyone with local stories to get in touch. Scott pointed out the paper is our link to the community and of our appreciation of the regular attendance by reporter David Graham. Ideas for future articles were discussed with the possibility of meetings and debates being arranged for special issues along with the challenge to find and keep the interests of the younger generation.

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

It was reported that a post bag full of mail had been found on waste ground at Kirklands Crescent/Bogside Road. Envelopes had been found opened with important documents contained in some. The matter is being investigated by Royal Mail

Serious concerns were raised by a member of the public in regard to an area in Mid Barrwood. A piece of ground, where the owner is not known, is being used for commercial purposes. Industrial containers have been placed very close to private housing and surrounded by fencing and gates, with a power supply cable being run overhead across the road. Following discussion KCC to make representation to North Lanarkshire Council on the grounds of a precedent being set on a commercial use of land in a residential area and request the serving of an Enforcement Notice or a request for a Planning Application. The member of the public was advised to get in touch with Scottish Power regarding the safety and legality of the power supply.

Cllr Jean Jones reported from Cllr Mark Griffin on North Lanarkshire Council raising a traffic order to open up Main Street to allow loading/unloading by traders. This is still in process. Councillor Griffin to be asked to write to the roads department requesting a time limit for this issue to be resolved.

The implementation of parking charges by NLC in local car parks was discussed and strong points were put to Cllr Jean Jones. At consultation Kilsyth Community Council will be opposing this move.

Clarification of who is legally allowed vehicular access on Main Street was requested. Strictly only maintenance and emergency services allowed.

The poor state of the drainage on Main Street was discussed. A letter is to be sent to North Lanarkshire Council.

In respect of the fly tipping at Kirklands Crescent Scott reported on his attendance at a site meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March. NLC Housing and Parks department were also present. The landlord is in Northern Ireland but has a Glasgow representative. Catherine De Niro, NLC, has agreed to provide him with 3 quotes to have the site cleared. Enforcement route is being followed. Residents have been asked to report any further tipping they see to the authorities. Parks department have been asked to close holes in fencing at the cemetery. It was suggested that if the landowner is willing to cover the costs of skip hire, with the council supplying safety equipment/gloves etc then a community clean up could be arranged. The parks department will cut back bushes/shrubs coming through fencing from private land. The landlord, through his representative, has been asked to make the site secure.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING:**

Margot McMillan seconded by John Smithson proposed the adoption of the minute of the February meeting.

## **6. REPORT FROM TREASURER**

Margot reported the balance on the Admin account is £1,475.14 and the Project account is £751.04

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

An email from David Tolmie, Kilsyth Academy regarding funding support for a climb on Kilimanjaro was discussed. Kilsyth Community Council, being tax payer funded, cannot spend monies on such projects.

An email from Kilsyth, Melbourne, Australia, and their wish to make links with our town was discussed and met a favourable response. KCC to give contact details of our community organisations which they may be interested in contacting.

A letter has been received from Horizon Housing granting permission for a plaque showing Kilsyth Coat of Arms to replace the clock at Archway. Costs to be carried out at our expense. Such costs to be put together and reported.

A suggestion to make prints of the Piper Paintings available for sale was made which may raise funds to pay costs of plaque installation at Horizon Housing

**8. LICENSING AND PLANNING:** The planning application for proposed development at 95 Main Street was discussed. Concerns were raised by members of the public and Committee in respect to the visual/roof/building materials aspects which were felt not to be in keeping with the area, also the creation of another fast food outlet was a concern in that it may create a hot spot for local teenagers to hang around. KCC to write to Planning Department.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

Bill Craik of Britain in Bloom spoke of the possibility of Kilsyth taking part in annual competitions. Following discussions, and with a time scale of the end of March for application forms to be submitted, it was decided to be too late for this year but to look at the possibility for next year to be discussed further at future meetings.

**10. HISTORY AND HERITAGE :** No report

**11. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:**

Charles reported on raising £1,000 from visits to local schools. A charity race night is being organised for the Rotary Foundation.

Cheryl-marie reported from Kilsyth and Villages Forum on public meetings held. X ray equipment has been withdrawn by NHS and there will be no further discussions. Kilsyth residents can use hospitals in Larbert and Glasgow if they are referred there by their doctor.

The next meeting of the Forum takes place in the Old Library on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

**12. WEBSITE:** No report

**13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:** Margot raised the matter of approval by NLC of flood prevention management at Cavalry Park. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Planning Department for clarification.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.00pm.