

## **Kilsyth Community Council**

Minute of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in Burngreen Hall

**Vice Chairman, Jim Hutchison opened the meeting by offering congratulations to Councillor Mark Griffin on becoming our newest Member of the Scottish Parliament at the recent elections.**

**PRESENT: Margot MacMillan, Jim Hutchison, Jean McLachlan, John Freebairn, John Smithson, Cheryl-marie Anderson, Ann Drysdale**

**ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Jones, Craig Ferguson - anti social behaviour officer for North Lanarkshire Council, Michael Kordas and Andres Furness - Planning Assistants - NLC, Kilsyth Chronicle, Community Police and Members of the public.**

- 1. APOLOGIES: Scott Johnson, Charles Coulthard, Bill Craik, Alan Stevenson, Councillors Mark Griffin and David Key.**
- 2. POLICE REPORT:** Police reported during the period 18<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> May no serious crimes had been reported but there had been a number of road traffic offences and vandalism incidents. Sergeant David Law reported that in future there will at least two Community police officers attending meetings, who will take minutes and report to him. Issues raised will be followed up and reported back to KCC and members of the public. Craig Ferguson, NLC spoke on incidents of anti social behaviour in the area and of his work along side local police.
- 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. The police were aware of most of them. They reported that over the summer they will be out on foot, on bikes and in vehicles on patrol around the town and at Banton Loch. Police want members of the public to report any incidents so that they are aware of where concerning incidents are happening and they will be addressed. With communication they can direct resources where required. Jim stated good communication between community and Police is key and was very encouraged by the representation and gave his appreciation and thanks.
- 4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** The lights and the clock in Burngreen not being in working order raised a concern. Councillor Jean Jones to take the matter up with NLC.

Concern was raised about Kilsyth Health Centre and the difficulties being met by public/patients in making appointments etc. This is being pursued by Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum and Cheryl will report these concerns.

**5. Attendance by Michael Kordas and Andrew Furness, Planning**

**Assistants, North Lanarkshire Council:** gave a presentation on council proposed programme for improvements to town centre. The first element is refurbishment of King Street Car Park, including improving drainage, additional bays and addition of paving and planting. The second element is the improvement of signage in the town to show local facilities, walking routes, etc with a view to encouraging people to stop and drop in to visit these areas. At this point the proposal is at consultation level and opinions are requested from members of the public.

The gap site on Main Street was discussed. Following discussion, it was agreed efforts should be made to contact the owners to ask their intention for the site.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING:**

Cheryl-marie Anderson seconded by Jean McLachlan proposed the adoption of the minute of the April meeting.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES:**

Councillor Jean Jones reported that the adverts re car parking charges will be published in the local paper next week allowing for members of the public to make comment.

**8. REPORT FROM TREASURER**

Jean McLachlan reported the balance on the Admin account is £1,228.65 with the Project account unMOVED at £751.11 and is awaiting to be audited. Jean circulated the Balance Sheet. Jim Hutchison thanked Jean for her efforts as Treasurer and moved the proposal for AGM to be held in May in future be discussed at future meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

An email has been received confirming Taylor Wimpey to attend next meeting re Cavalry Park Development.

Correspondence from Public Catalogue Foundation regarding the inclusion of the Piper Paintings was discussed. Margot will provide the information they request.

Various other items of correspondence were discussed.

**10. LICENSING AND PLANNING :** Details of the proposed Methodist Church Hall were circulated. Following discussion no issues were raised.

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:** Our local bluebell wood has not been included on Woodland Trust Website. Margot to make contact and request inclusion.

Cheryl enquired why equipment has been removed from Bogside Park and Councillor Jones informed it was being inspected.

**12. HISTORY AND HERITAGE :**

Margot reported on NLC Museums Section open day at Colzium on Sunday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> September. Margot has requested NLC provide new exhibits. Requests to go to Alex Graham to provide teas and Alan Stevenson to provide music along with requests that the Heritage Group could be involved

**13. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:**

Cheryl-marie reported from Kilsyth and Villages Forum on planting carried out at St Patrick's Nursery and rubbish cleaned up at Bogside Park. She also reported their next meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June in Old Library. They are organising their meeting in September to focus on Kilsyth Health Centre and hope to have representation from Lanarkshire Health Board.

On behalf of Friends of Burngreen Cheryl enquired about the flower bed in front of Colzium House. Councillor Jean Jones informed that it is being decided what is to be planted.

**14. WEBSITE:** Nothing to report

**15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

Proposed by John Smithson and seconded by Cheryl-marie Anderson, Keila Singh was co-opted as a Member of Kilsyth Community Council. Keila gave an introduction of herself and was welcomed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.00pm.