

Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 21 October 2009 in Burngreen Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Griffin
Sgt. George Smith [Part-time]
Members of the public
Local Press

1. APOLOGIES: Scott Johnson John Smithson
Councillor David Key Councillor Jean Jones

2. POLICE REPORT:

Jim Hutchison, vice Chair, welcomed Sgt. Smith to the meeting. Sgt. Smith provided a short report for our district covering the last three months.

- Vandalism – sporadic incidents resulted in 34 crime reports and 5 people being charged.
- Violent Crime – Victims and perpetrators were visited after a number of incidents.
- Disturbances – 45 incidents resulted in 7 crime reports and 9 arrests.
- Street Drinking – 29 incidents resulted in 10 people being charged and a number of young people being warned.

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

Members of the public raised a number of issues.

- Lack of response on a number of occasions when reporting incidents.
- Apparent list of priorities resulting in potentially serious incidents being down graded.
- Lack of presence of police on streets.
- Major issue of shop keepers still selling alcohol to underage young people.

Sgt. Smith responded to each of these issues. He reiterated the vital importance in the public providing information. Jim thanked Sgt. Smith for attending the meeting.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- Councillor Griffin agreed to help in resolving the issue of cleaning guttering and downpipes in Main Street [Richard Cartwright] and

specifically the gutters on the RBOS building.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AT OLD MAN'S REST:

- Margot provided an overview of the possible improvements which could be made at this area of ground which was now included in the Town Centre Conservation Area.
- Alex agreed to complete an application for funding from Central Scotland Forestry Trust.
- Margot to arrange a meeting of potential partners including the Rotary, NLC Departments and Walkers are Welcome.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

John Freebairn, seconded by Charles Coulthard, proposed the adoption of the minute of the meeting held on 18 September 2009.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTE:

- Meetings were continuing between NLC and Rockdcm on the rebuilding of the White House/Fresh n Fruity and the refurbishment of the Former Co-op buildings in Main Street.
- Agreed to fund one Coat of Arms on Colzium Gateway.
- Noted that King Street toilet was to close permanently. The Secretary to write to NLC asking for clarification of the alternative service.

8. REPORT FROM TREASURER:

The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of September was £1585.39.

9. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of September was £782.63.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence lists were reviewed.

11. PLANNING:

The weekly planning lists were reviewed.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- Margot reported that she and Fiona Murdoch had attended the Scotland in Bloom awards ceremony. Kilsyth won a number of awards including Best New Entry.
- Ian Jarvis confirmed that the "Walkers are Welcome" National

Conference will be held in Colzium House on 23/24 October 2010.

13. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

- Jim provided an overview of our next Heritage Event to be held in The Coachman Hotel on Tuesday 10 November.
- Jim agreed to feed in a number of history items to our web site over a period of time.
- Margot has been passed a framed print of a portrait, possibly of a Mr. Wilson, Kilsyth Cooperative Society, dated 21/11/28. Efforts are to be made to identify this gentleman.

14. OTHER REPORTS:

No reports.

15. WEBSITE:

No report.

16. CHRISTMAS DINNER

- A booking has been made with the Coachman Hotel for Wednesday 16 December at 7.30pm.

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- A member of the public raised the issue of high volumes of speeding traffic on Airdrie Road. She expressed her concern that a major accident could happen on this road and asked if anything could be done to improve the traffic management and speed of vehicles.
- Councillor Griffin agreed to ask NLC Traffic Department to investigate any possible safety improvements on this road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November 2009 at 7.30pm.