

KILSYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 21st September 2011 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Scott Johnson (Chairman), John Smithson, Alan Stevenson, Margot MacMillan, Keila Singh, Cheryl-Marie Anderson, Bill Craik, John Freebairn, Charles Coulthard.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Jean Jones, David Key, Community Police and members of the public.

- 1. Apologies: Jim Hutchison, Jean McLachlan, Janet McKerral, David Graham Chronicle.**
- 2. Police Report:** There were 57 crime reports including robbery, assault, drug offences and driving conduct. The police have been patrolling hotspots around Kilsyth with plain clothed officers in an attempt to deter criminality.
- 3. General Issues raised by members of the public:** Issues were raised surrounding the suitability of tenants with previous tenancy problems and that the problem may stem from people not familiar to the area, there are several factors in placing people and there are systems such as SST (Short Sure Tenancy) which is applied on a six month basis Scott Johnson will write a letter to parliament regarding tenancy laws and request a breakdown of these rules.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on the 17th August 2011 and any matters arising:** With a minor amendment, the minutes were proposed by John Smithson and seconded by Cheryl-Marie Anderson.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Admin account balance is £2053.97 and Project account balance is £531.94.
- 6. Correspondence.** Margot MacMillan was informed that the details regarding town centre signage was being finalised and would be displayed on the website once complete.

Christine Johnson informed Margot MacMillan of Armistice Day event Chair will attend and will lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

- 7. Licensing and Planning Matters:** An appeal has been lodged regarding the site at Mid Barrwood Road to which the site was been supplied electricity from a neighbouring house, CC stand by their objections as it is a residential area.
Sealed bids have been entered for the old police station and a lot of interest has been shown we await the outcome.

Ongoing discussions are still in place regarding the development opposite the PO as the outlook of the building still does not coincide with existing surroundings.

- 8. Environmental Matters:** Janet McKerral is a member of the BTCV (British Trust Conservation Volunteers) which maintains the development of bird boxes and surrounding vegetation. They meet every Tuesday Between 1pm-4pm and are looking for more volunteers it is advertised in the health centre and local chip shop.

Bill Craik raised concerns over the waste being pumped into the Ebroch Burn along with debris that is travelling along several burns in the area, teams have been trained to clear the debris that is causing blockages and rotaract have been asked for assistance.

- 9. History and Heritage:** Margot informed CC that the Doors Open Day went ahead on the 11th September 83 visitors attended and Alec Graham provided refreshments, also some of the museum items stored by NLC have now been returned to Colzium, discussion then ensued around getting young artists to display their works of art at Colzium house.

- 10. Reports from other Organisations:** Charles Coulthard reported that there was a dinner dance to be held on the 4th November at Kilsyth Academy and tickets were on sale for £30 each.

Bill Craik reported that the rotaract had helped Friends of Burngreen with cleaning the butterfly border on Tuesday and are now looking for more volunteers between the ages of 18-25; they are looking to lower the age to 17 in the near future.

Cheryl-Marie Anderson reported that the Kilsyth and Villages Forum are to hold their public meeting on the 5th October. The special agenda item will be Kilsyth health centre regarding appointments and phone line.

Keila Singh reported on the Friends of Bogside, that the clean up event that was scheduled for the 17th September was a great success and they had filled a 30 cubic metre skip over two days and will schedule to do a follow up event in October.

Peace Park 25th Anniversary event was organised by Cheryl Anderson & Keila Singh. The event was a great success despite the weather.

- 11. Website:** Nothing to report.

- 12. A.O.C.B:** Margot MacMillan added her concerns regarding the constitution and the upcoming elections to which the constitution must be agreed and signed and any changes be made appropriately, the election will be conducted by Jean Jones until the office bearers have been elected.

Cheryl-Marie Anderson requested the letter head for CC so that she may send thank you letters regarding the Peace Park 25th Anniversary.

Kilsyth Community Council members would like to thank Jean Jones and David Key for their continued support, attendance and hard work over the year it is very much appreciated.

Date of next meeting 19th October 2011 at 7pm Burngreen Hall, Kilsyth