

Kilbarchan Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2018

Members present; Chair Damon Scott, Fiona Stewart, Helen Kissell, Jim Curran, Heather Strachan, Marie Alexander and Graeme Stockton

Councillors: Andy Doig, Derek Bibby and Bill Binks

Visitor: ; Elaine Lorimer Renfrewshire Council and Ian Nicholson council leader.

Apologies: Gordon Hamilton, Christine Steele, Kate Seaman and Emma Rodden.

1) Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Fiona Stewart

Seconded by Heather Strachan

Elaine Lorimer from Renfrewshire Council roads dept reported on her visit to the school re the CC's concerns about the safety of children/parents carers through inconsiderate parking at busy periods. Elaine advised the group that the footstep crossings at the school are purely an informal crossing which were put in place after a competition held in the school by a previous headteacher. The council feel that the road is not busy enough to constitute a formal crossing or justify the use of a lollipop person. There is a clear criteria set by the authority which would have to be met before either was considered. Assessment was carried out and criteria isn't being met. Members of the CC and residents who were in attendance were not satisfied with the responses from the council and will continue to assess the situation by working with the school and nursery, the police and the Parent council of Kilbarchan Primary

The yellow zig zag lines on the school side are enforceable and therefore no parking at anytime is permitted.

The CC stated that there were many options possible for traffic calming at the entrance to the village as a starting point but that assistance from Renfrewshire Council would be required regarding options.

Action:- Elaine would send through a plan that had been produced to Fiona.

2) Police Report. Crime Summary between 29th May and 26th June 2018

1 theft by housebreaking/attempt garage 0 detection.

Theft 2 1x scrap metal, 1x shoplifting (alcohol) 0 detection

Robbery 0

Serious assault 0

Common assault 0

Drug offences 0

Anti-social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking 1 x break window by throwing bottle

Road traffic offences 1 detected 1 x dangerous driving.

It was reported that Kilbarchan woods have been quiet at the moment.

Heather reported abandoned car in Gateside Place and broken lock on park pavillion to police.

Action-Police have taken details of the car. Cllr Doig will report park pavillion lock

Ian Nicholson

Leader of the council Ian Nicholson attended tonight's meeting. Ian informed the CC that he has attended many of the CC's and businesses throughout Renfrewshire to hear their views and thoughts. There is a budget of approx 2 million pounds for green space and villages investment fund. Applications from CC's to express interest and seek criteria. There will be monies to support the community empowerment act put in place by the Scottish Government. There is a review of the Scheme for Community Councils which Jim attended and Cllr Nicholson talked about. Discussion took place about CC's being held accountable to which Cllr Bibby gave the CC his thoughts on why accountability is important in some cases. Discussion also took place with regard to CC's having more positive agendas as part of the community empowerment..The Local Area Committee will through time become known as local partnerships. Council Officers will support CC's and encourage them to get funding for projects. Discussion also took place about the impact of social media on councils and CC's. There will be dedicated support teams for groups and Liaison officers for CC's. There will be ongoing dialogue to support the community empowerment act. Cllr Doig, during this discussion, informed the CC that he has raised a motion that the response time, in relation to emails, queries etc, from the council should be the same for both councillors and Community Councils.

Action. Heather Strachan will contact Cllr Nicholson.

3) Matters Arising

Helen to send Scottish Water's email response to all CC members.

Cllr Doig to action follow up with Renfrewshire Council representatives on water quangos

West Church sale has been approved by Church of Scotland. No further updates as yet.

4) Treasurer report. No report as treasurer on holiday

5) Planning.

Cllr Binks reported that Habbies planning application for building behind the pub was declined.

6) Reports from sub groups;

Quarry

No further updates

CSO.

Response from Tom Arthur MSP. Awaiting further information

Kilbarchan Smile.

Kilbarchan Smile will put a strategy in place in July and will bring to next meeting.

Traffic

Some areas were covered by Elaine Lorimer re traffic and crossings at school.

Jim raised concerns about the new pedestrian crossing. Was it intended to be part of the calming process for the speed of the traffic travelling through the village?

Residents from the Troubridge Avenue area of Kilbarchan attended tonight's meeting.

They raised once again concerns of speeding traffic in this area as well as throughout the village. Two cats have been killed at Troubridge and there is considerable concern that with the school holidays coming up there will be an accident with a child. Signage is not clear and speed limits are not being adhered to. Cllr Bibby stated once again that this is a whole village issue and that the CC have been dealing with this for sometime. The traffic sub group are working with the authority to try and get resolution. Fiona will arrange another meeting with the appropriate personnel.

Question asked re traffic and speeding " Is this the time now for a public meeting"?

Concerns were raised about speaking to the press and if a public meeting was held clear guidance of what we hoped to achieve from it would be necessary.

Action: Andy Doig said he would discuss the issue of traffic cutting through and speeding at Troubridge Avenue with Renfrewshire Council

7) Secretary Report.

Helen will provide an update at the next meeting re her attendance at the Community Council forum in June. Time was very short tonight due to visitors attendance.

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Graeme raised the issue of the stonework around the park gates and the fact that it still had not been repaired and the ongoing issue of flooding in the park and the appearance of a "sink hole".

Heather raised issues with an empty property in Gateside Place. House has been empty for approx 3-4 years and there are concerns regarding Knotweed growth. Fiona will send through legislation regarding Japanese knotweed.

Action Cllr Doig to investigate what can be done.

Sunken hole outside vets was raised. Cllr Bibby will action this with RC

Concerns raised about stones falling from wall in Well Road.

Steps at Steeple square were raised again. Cllr Doig will find out who is responsible for this area.

Steeple Hall requires investment. Cllr Bibby will action this.

A local resident raised the idea of exercise machines being placed in the park. The idea was well received and CC will look into funding from the Village Improvement Fund. Helen raised concerns over two properties whose hedges are impeding the pavements. Helen will action this with the council.

Date of next meeting .Wednesday 29th August at 7.30 in Steeple Hall

Agenda.for next meeting

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Police Report
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Kilbarchan at Christmas
6. Planning
7. Reports from sub groups/committees
 - Quarry
 - CSO
 - Kilbarchan Smile
 - Traffic
- 8 Secretary's report

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Date of next meeting.