

KILBARCHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON THURSDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE STEEPLE HALL

Members present :- Graeme Stockton, Marie Alexander, Gordon Hamilton, Christine Steele, Jim Curran, Fraser Campbell.

Councillors present :- Emma Rodden, Derek Bibby, Andy Doig, Bill Binks.

Visitors :- Aileen Wilson, Christina Taylor, Lynette Dunning.

Chair :- Damon Scott

APOLOGIES :- Fiona Stewart, Helen Kissell, Kate Seaman, Heather Strachan.

Minutes for the meeting of 29th August :- Proposed, Jim Curran, seconded,
Christine Steele.

POLICE REPORT :- there have been 2 recorded crime reports

1 Anti social (breach of the peace/vandalism) Broken window at the dentist

It is anticipated that charges will be made over this.

2 hit and run incident on A737

We were advised that the serious assault and the 2 common assaults notified in the August minutes have resulted in charges being made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT :- This has been circulated previously and a hard copy will be retained with the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT :- Financial transactions since last meeting,

Monies out:- Rent , Steeple Hall room, £18:00

Monies in :- nil

Balance :- £5232:36

Petty Cash :- £236:08

Confirmation that the £6,000 Christmas Lighting Grant will be in our account shortly.

FESTIVE LIGHTS UPDATE :- Christine Steele advised that the lights had been ordered but payment not required immediately, an £18 shortfall had been covered by Kilbarchan Smile.

The lights will be from the roundabout to the old library along with some in Ewing St. Unfortunately the logistics of including these in the "Big Switch On" is not possible to arrange.

The idea of having shops put up individual displays was too late for this year but it was hoped this could occur for next Christmas.

It is hoped that a further extension of the lights could take place next year.

Councillor Bibby warned that a grant for lights next year might be difficult to obtain though Councillor Doig held a slightly more positive view.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Renfrewshire Council is not the only possible source for funding for these and other initiatives and that other sources should be explored with the possible help of Renfrewshire Council staff.

GREEN SPACES AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATIONS :-

These funding programmes will shortly be open for applications.

Damon stressed that individuals make a significant impact and that anyone can instigate an improvement initiative and should be encouraged to do so.

Councillor Doig advised that there is no core funding for building improvements such as the Steeple Hall but this could be included in the village improvement application and that a visit by Building services be arranged. He also suggested that local involvement by way of a "friends of the Steeple Hall" type group be organised to stimulate interest in this.

Christine Steele asked "why, since it is Renfrewshire Council property, do they not accept the responsibility for keeping the Steeple Hall wind and water tight?"

Councillor Biggs suggested that the "Flight Path Fund" from Glasgow airport be approached as a potential source of funding for the suggested exercise equipment for the park.

The Leadership Fund could be a possible funding source for the old Library

Councillor Bibby has been lobbying that the improvement grants cease to be Paisley-centric since the history of Renfrewshire has been shaped by the history and crafts of the villages.

Councillor Rodden reminded the meeting that the leadership fund are keen to receive application for European funds whilst they are still available.

The £50,000 (almost ring fenced) is still in place for the park upgrading and it was suggested that some of this could go towards the exercise equipment. Graeme Stockton volunteered to co-ordinate the park upgrade. It was also the view of the meeting that the pavilion be not forgotten.

The community Pay-back Team advised that they could not cope with the upgrading of the park benches and Fraser Campbell suggested that a commercial specialist company be invited to assist in a survey of all the required park equipment.

Whilst on the subject of the Park, Christine Steele asked when the gate capital will be replaced and that her concern is that it will disappear in storage somewhere and

never be seen again. The R.C. stand on this is that this will be replaced as funding permits but meantime the gates are safe to pass through and the capital is in safe storage.

General Village appearance.

The roundabout caused some debate and some members of the CC reported complaints from villagers on this and other matters, this generated some discussion and it was suggested that, instead of sitting in front of computer screens complaining, they might care, if they are fit enough, to become involved with groups such as Kilbarchan Smile and lend a hand!

A meeting will be arranged with the Community Pay-back Team to undertake tidying up the Millennium Garden

Councillor Bibby emphasised that the CC is not in place to solve problems but to represent the Village views to the elected representatives who attend the CC meetings and they, in turn, pass these views on to Renfrewshire Council.

In general, it was felt that the more residents became involved, the fewer the complaints there would be.

PLANNING :- the developers for the West Church have asked for a meeting with the Community Council and this has been arranged for Tuesday 9th Oct at the Old Library at 7:00 pm. Councillor Doig pointed out that in light of the fact that Renfrewshire Councillors may be asked to vote on future proposals for this development, they should not be invited to this meeting and it was agreed they would not attend.

SUB GROUPS

There was nothing to report from any of the sub groups.

AOCB :-

Residents who attended the meeting expressed, as always, concern over speeding in the village and after some discussion over 20mph limits and traffic calming schemes, the conclusion was that enforcement of whatever limits were in place with police presence and traffic cameras would be the only guaranteed solution but with resources as they are, this remains unlikely short term.

Councillor Bibby advised the meeting that a Renfrewshire decision not to re-instate the mobile library service is being questioned and the Council are being urged to re-consider this.

THE NEXT MEETING, IN THE STEEPLE HALL, WILL BE THE AGM ON TUESDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER AT 7:30pm, THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL FOLLOW ON FROM THIS.