

Kilbarchan Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th August in the Steeple Hall, Steeple Square, Kilbarchan

Members Present: Helen Kissell, Fiona Stewart, Kate Seaman, Jim Curran, Gordon Hamilton, Damon Scott, Christine Steele, Heather Strachan.

Councillors Present: Derek Bibby, Bill Binks, Andy Doig

Apologies: Cllr Emma Rodden

Chair: Damon Scott

(1) The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Fiona Stewart and seconded by Jim Curran.

(2) Police Report

The following is a crime summary from 26th June to 24th August.

There have been a total of 14 recorded crimes, 8 have been detected.

4 thefts (1 clothing from a washing line, 1 wheelie bin, 1 cash & 1 handbag)
1 serious assault outside a home (detected)
2 common assaults (1 domestic assault, 1 on bus driver - both detected)
1 anti social (damage to a moving bus)
2 road traffic offences (1 no valid licence or insurance. 1 hit & run - parked vehicle)
4 other (1 communications offence - domestic, 1 sexual offence, 1 taxi fraud, 1 historical sexual offence - all detected)

Police report increase in Johnstone in break ins to unsecured garages, sheds and other outhouses. Police recommend securing all buildings.

Local officers still dealing with drinking in the woods and other local areas.

(3) Treasurer's Report

Financial transactions over the last 3 months

Monies out -

Rent of Steeple Hall £54 (3 x £18)
Gateway Garden Party expenses £100
Data protection fee £40
Girl Guides garden party £50

Monies in -

Kilbarchan Smile Lilies day stall & garden party £116

Balance of account - £5250.36

Petty cash £236.08

(4) Matters Arising

None due to summer break.

(5) Kilbarchan at Christmas

This christmas we have funding to light the village from the roundabouts to the railway bridge. We will be using refurbished lights to get more for our budget. These will be purchased when grant is released. Renfrewshire lighting department will hold them, fit them, bring down & store them after the festive period. Christine & Heather will work slowly on filling the rest of the village, Opportunity for local business to participate with a tree above door.

(6) Planning

A letter will be sent against local development on New St. This is a backyard development, however, would create extra traffic and it is part of the conservation area.

The developers who held an open meeting in regards to their proposal of application to Barrhill Cres created a large discussion. Community Council members were present to take objections on petitions. 2 residents of the area attended the meeting to discuss various concerns. These included traffic, access as the road is not wide at the moment and does not contain pavements, queries over whether school could cope with extra homes. Concerns over water logged areas, would there need to be rock blasting to level the ground? Residents looking into who owns the land as no one seems to know.

A Community Council member from Lochwinnoch attended to offer his support from their Community Council as we have assisted them previously fight developments.

Helen would like to thank Jim, Gordon, Fiona, Kate & local villagers who assisted her in delivering letters to residents notifying them of meetings.

(7) Sub committees

(a) Quarry

No update .Cemex seem keen to move forward but so far there is no movement.

(b) CSO

No further update since letter to Tom Arthur.

(c) Kilbarchan Smile

Strategy meeting has not yet occurred, table top sale raised £100. Unpaid working team assisting with village through Kilbarchan Smile. Discussion occurred over care of Millennium Garden.

(d) Traffic

Helen & Fiona were going to meet with Elaine Lorimer prior to Community Council Forum next week to look at village entrances. Update at next meeting.

(8) Secretaries Report

Helen sent an email to all members with her monthly report which is also attached below.

In addition to this we are going to approach Sustrans to see if they can assist at school to make it any safer & the scouts have applied to do their annual firework display

(9) AOCB

(a) Concerns regarding safety of Park Pavillion which council say has been secured now.

(b) A resident of the village came to the meeting to discuss concerns of transporting her children to school from lower end of the village on bikes. A group of concerned citizens with the community council will be formed to discuss potential for 20mph throughout the village. Cllr Bibby advised that it would need to be enforceable and the best way to move forward with this.

(10) Date of next meeting - Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm

Provisional Agenda

Kilbarchan Community Council

Agenda 27th September, 7.30pm

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Police report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Matters arising
5. Kilbarchan at Christmas
6. Planning
7. Reports from working groups and sub-committees
 - a. Quarry
 - b. CSO
 - c. Kilbarchan Smile
 - d. Traffic
8. Secretary's Report
9. AOCB
10. Date of next meeting

Secretary's Report
Wednesday 29th August

Attended the Renfrewshire Community Council Forum on June 5th 2018

3 guest speakers were invited.

Nicola Hanseen spoke about the work of Roar who are keen to tackle loneliness and social isolation by helping older people to stay mobile and therefore stay connected. They are associated with Age Scotland. They receive funding from Renfrewshire Council and monies from other grants.

Graeme McLatchie Senior Marketing Officer with Renfrewshire Council spoke about telling the story of Paisley in a new and positive way. How to attract visitors to the town, how to attract inward investment and retain talent within Paisley?

Gary Kerr spoke about "Baker Street". Gary spoke about using and building on the ground behind the old Arnotts which is being used as car parking space at the moment. The hope is, through charitable status, that on this piece of ground a new theatre, cinema, cafe, restaurant and bar will be built. It will be called Baker Street.

All three speakers indicated that they would be happy to attend one of our CC meetings if requested.

Joe Waclawski emailed to advise us that Sustrans may be keen to help with road safety up at the school.

Letters distributed around the village re the PON from Zanders/Cemax to build at Barrhill Cres. Distribution was difficult and I must thank helpers from the old library and some of the CC members, Jim and I did a poll on Thurs 23rd Aug to gauge feeling after the presentation. Consensus was against any kind of build.

Festive lights brochures have been sent by Stephen Clemenson. I met with John P Wallace from RC who has sent a map of lampposts between butchers and co-op. The posts have to be marked and sent in asap so John can get the infrastructure in place.

Derek sent an email re the upgrade of Steeple Hall.

Sinkhole outside the vets was repaired after Derek raised it with the council

Scottish water responded to Tom Arthur re CSO.

David Roy had made enquiries about the Millenium garden and if any decisions had been made.

An email from Andy Doig advising that the traffic island would be removed from the co-op area and a disabled parking space would be created..

I emailed Dorothy Kerr asking about monies from the 16/17 budget. No initial response so asked Derek to make contact. A reply has now been received. The council are keen to send out appropriate officers to talk to us about what we would like to spend the monies on in the park and green areas. We must remember as well that we could still use Archie White's team for benches etc. There will also be this years budget monies. I emailed Lynsey Havlin who suggested the outdoor exercise equipment. She hopes to be at Wednesday's meeting.

Anne McNaughton has emailed re update of the CC scheme. She thanked the CC members who attended, Thanks to Jim. A draft complaints procedure and guidance has been sent and there will be a survey sent to which all cc's will be asked for their views. No decision has been taken to include a complaints procedure.

The next CC forum is on Tuesday 4th Sept where those in attendance can ask questions of the council leader and the chief executive of the council.

I contacted the council re the overgrown hedges at Meadside and West Road. The hedges have been cut back.

Elaine Lorimer emailed re gateway features for the village. Fiona, Damon and I are meeting with her on Tuesday 4th Sept..