

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 15th October 2015
Nethermains Community Centre

Present	Jim Watson(JW) Jim Kennedy(JK) Nairn McDonald(NM) Ted Somerville(TS) Jackie Hamilton(JHa)	Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) John Harrison(JH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)
Visiting	Christine Watson – Kilwinning Heritage Blair Kerr	Tristan Lindsay

		ACTION
1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JK</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Stephanie Krus(SK) Bill Taylor (BT) Jim Miller(JM) Councillors Robert Steel(RS) John Ferguson(JF) Joe Cullinane(JC)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17th September 2015</u> Agreed by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> No Police</p>	
3.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
3.1	<p><u>Weir on River Garnock</u> No update</p>	
3.2	<p><u>Cemetery</u> Letter still to go to Streetscene re poor paths and lack of proper kerbs.</p>	JG
3.3	<p><u>Kilwinning Academy</u> Not clear exactly what issues are. Is there a need for further investment? JW will contact Director of Education to ask for a meeting to make things clearer. JaH – Investment is needed in the infrastructure of the school. No Wi-Fi; lack of space in dining hall; no astro-turf.</p>	JW
3.4	<p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> JK & JW have looked at this and spoken to Douglas Hunt, who has provided documentation – will report at September meeting.</p>	
3.5	<p><u>Crossing on Dalry Road at entrance to school</u> The lights seem to be on red for some time and can cause tailbacks at busy times. DR – as this is a narrow pavement, pedestrians get priority. Two schools crossing here. JK – There is quite a delay after people have crossed. RS still to report from Roads Dept. Keep on.</p>	

<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Letter received from Jim McHarg – looking to hold a meeting with Community Councils to follow-up on the Review. JW will attend, anyone else interested in attending should let JW know. Good to hear that previous input to the Review will form part of the next consultation. DR - Locality Partnership Group (formally Community Planning) to meet to identify priorities for local communities, and agree where budgets are best spent.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> Treasurer not present Wreath to be paid for – approx. £30</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>6.1 Invitation to attend Straight Talking About Sustainability in North Ayrshire – 26th Oct. 6.2 Community Planning Training Workshop – 2nd Nov. 6.3 Scottish Power – Winter Preparedness Meeting – 27th Oct. 6.4 Licence Application for Pennyburn Stores at Station Plaza. Discussion followed, no strong objections.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u></p> <p><u>Christine Watson</u> The Abbey Tower is a telecoms base – there is a planning application in to upgrade equipment from 3G to 4G, causing some concern for Kilwinning Heritage, who will be putting in an objection. Christine read letter to be sent to NAC with 2 main concerns 1) Pole (antenna) on top of Tower will be higher and broader – will probably not be able to be used as a flag pole, and will not look good. 2) Proposed upgrading of equipment inside the Tower might cause restrictions and limit access to both visitors and staff. Question of electrical safety was also raised. Historic Scotland has also objected. Meeting agreed that the success of the Tower should not be put at risk by these plans – agreed to support the objection.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p><u>COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>DR – gave a thorough report on local issues <u>Library</u> - there is to be a consultation on the hours of the library – proposal to cut back on late nights. <u>Cemetery</u> – the trial period for the maintenance contract will end in October, and there will then be decisions made as to continued maintenance. <u>McGavin Park</u> – upcoming meetings re ACES proposals for the park – very ambitious plans. <u>Main Street</u> – traffic regulations are still being enforced, and situation is improving. <u>Bonfire Season</u> – concern that there can be many dangers with bonfires, urged to report any spotted to NAC.</p> <p>Full discussion followed re proposals to change opening times of library, agreed to write asking that if the hours are to be re-arranged they should not be reduced. NAC</p>	<p>JG</p>

	should also be encouraged to be more creative with ways to use the library.	
10.0	<u>AOB</u>	
10.1	JW – Ayrshire Leader Funding Programme has grants available to support rural projects – available for both community and business purposes.	
10.2	JK – raised concerns about plans for solar farm between Kilwinning and Stevenston This is a vast project which covers around 20 acres. The meeting was informed of the very sad news of the sudden death of Paul Quirk who was a member of Kilwinning Community Council. Condolences will be sent to Paul's family.	
<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 19th November 2015, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy		

Minutes compiled by JG