

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 19th March 2015**  
**Nethermains Community Centre**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer Andy Robb(AR) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Ted Somerville(TS)
<b>Visiting</b>	Police; Gordon McGibney	

**ACTION**

<b>1.0</b>	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Paul Quirk(PQ) Jim Kennedy(JK) Colin Hedley(CH) John Harrison(JH) Nairn McDonald(NM) Jim Miller(JM) Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19th March 2015</u></b> Minutes agreed by meeting.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Youths in the Main Street continue to be a problem, particularly in the Abbey Grounds – some vandalism. Police are patrolling the area regularly. Large numbers of youngsters are a bit intimidating to shoppers in the evening, but on the whole not much drinking or trouble.</p> <p>A number of traffic tickets have been issued on the Main Street, which is making locals a bit unhappy. JW asked if this was getting better – police said people are becoming a bit more aware of restrictions.</p> <p>A couple of vandalism incidents to 2 nurseries in the town, damage to play areas and vehicles – 4 youths have been reported for this.</p> <p>Some incidents of shop lifting and a break-in to a local take-away, police have suspects for this.</p> <p>RS reported an incident of a cold caller to a house in Woodwynd – police advised about this and stated they would drop in and see householder. Booklets are available with advice about this type of situation. RS advised on ‘True Call’ being rolled out by NAC to help prevent unwanted phone calls. RS asked about some trouble in the Pennyburn area at weekend – police that were present were not aware of this.</p> <p>AR commented on the continuing fly-tipping at Nethermains. AR made the point that travelling people are not responsible for this, although they are back on a near-by site. Police stated that all information should be passed on. Discussion ensued about individuals looking after their own property.</p>	

3.0	<p><b>REPORT on PLANNING AID CONFERENCE – COLIN HEDLEY</b> Colin not present – C/F to next meeting</p>	
4.0	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>4.1 Following last meeting JW had received an e-mail from Karen Yeomans stating an interest in creating an innovation facility &amp; entrepreneurial hotspot. She is keen to progress this with colleagues and will keep KCC informed. This is a good positive outcome from the meeting. JW will reply and offer assistance if needed.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Bill has now been paid for the work done &amp; path is now being maintained. Happy to close this for now.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> This is now in place. Area Committee would like the site monitored for 6 months. KCC will also monitor. All agreed that lamp looks very good and locals are happy to see it back. There does seem to be some discolouration and staining of the pavement from the base of the lamp.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Gordon McGibney informed meeting that Rotary don’t want to restore this. Nothing moving on this – discussion ensued about possibility of applying for a grant to have this restored. Kilwinning Heritage may be interested, as may Kilwinning Academy. RS will ask at NAC if any grants might be available.</p>	JW
5.0	<p><b><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></b> JW reported on the demise of some Community Councils in North Ayrshire. There is potential for 17, however only 10 are functioning. There is little encouragement from NAC to develop these and concern was raised that the voice from the community is being lost. Agreed to attempt to forge links with other CCs with an initial meeting re SIFT - a charity dedicated to over-fishing in the Clyde.</p>	JW
6.0	<p><b><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b> Administration Account - £708.48 Project Account - £199.80 SK reminded meeting that any required training costs can be met with funds. Idea of a Community Notice Board was raised – this would be an excellent use of funds. JW said this would be good to link with a Town Trail Map now that the blue plaques are in place. This would be a good addition to the Town Centre.</p>	
7.0	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b> 7.1 E-mail from JC stating that ‘Stop’ sign in Woodwynd will be lit.</p>	
8.0	<p><b><u>VISITORS</u></b> Gordon McGibney gave a presentation re the difficulties of gaining planning permission &amp; the planning system. Gordon has been trying to get planning permission since 2007 for a new house on his own ground – he has found the process frustrating with a number of issues. No clear reasons were given for refusal of planning permission. Gordon felt they were often working in the dark,</p>	

	trying to do something that planning would like, but without them actually informing you of what they would like. The latest suggestions from planning seem far removed from Gordon's initial vision and far removed from the prevailing houses in the area. This was an interesting insight into the whole process.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b> Nothing	
<b>10.0</b>	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	JW will contact Kilwinning Heritage re a guided walk of the town – this will also afford an opportunity to take some photographs of any problem areas in the town.	<b>JW</b>
<b>10.2</b>	JW leaflet drop should be arranged soon – Woodwynd area proposed.	
<b>10.3</b>	TS commented on an area of land behind the Cosy Corner Pub that is in disarray and also has a crop of Japanese Knot Weed. RS suggested that planning be advised of the situation.	
	<b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b> <b>Thursday 21st May 2015, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b>	

*Minutes compiled by JG*