

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Ted Somerville(TS) Andy Robb(AR) John Harrison(JH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair Jim Kennedy(JK) Jim Miler(JM) Nairn McDonald(NM) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
<b>Visiting</b>	Blair Kerr(BK) Tristan Lindsay(TL) Inspector McMillan	

**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>          Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer          Councillor Robert Steel(RS)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016</u></b>          Agreed by meeting</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b>          Inspector McMillan updated the meeting on recent events in the town. Priorities are still the Main Street and engaging with young people. Police have been in the area speaking to the young folk, have also spoken to Greggs about shutting down wi-fi in the evenings. There will be a police presence in the area over the next few weeks. There have been a few fires behind the shops recently and the police will be discussing this with The Traders’ Association and NAC. Young kids are open about the fact that there is nothing for them to do – they do want to be safe, warm and have wi-fi – there are some diversionary activities planned and the police continue to engage with these young people.          Thefts of wheelie bins continue to be a big issue – this is a major problem throughout North Ayrshire.          There have been a few house break-ins, with one arrest. Fly tipping in Longford Avenue continues to be an ongoing problem – the blocks that had been placed there have been removed.          Locality Policing will begin in our area soon and Inspector McMillan wishes to introduce the team to KCC. He will give a presentation on this team and its impact at April meeting.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b><u>Presentation from Forestry Commission</u></b>          Stewart Towers, a Planning Forester gave an interesting and informative presentation on the planned Community Woodland area at Woodgreen Farm on the Blair Road. The concept is being developed and he is keen to get feedback from the community as to what they would like from the planned area. The site will cover 30 hectares and will take a number of years to be fully developed. It is expected that this will be a great natural asset to the area and enjoyed by the community. Walks will be provided in a woodland area. A fuller draft plan will be presented in the next few months.          JH asked about parking – the access may not permit for this, but infrastructure still to be decided on.</p>	

	<p>JW commented that this would be a good area for schools to visit, and a great opportunity to engage with young people in the town.  TL spoke about an area in Dalry that was transformed in a similar way and spoke very highly of it.  ST explained that this will be the property of, and managed by, The Forestry Commission.  JK expressed an interest in having an archaeological survey done on the area.  All agreed that this was a very positive plan for the town and welcomed the development.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<p><u>Further update from Budget Meeting</u>  NM commented on the Citizen’s Advice services being cut – one full time office will remain in Saltcoats. There will be a satellite office in Kilwinning.</p> <p>Eglinton Park may be managed by the new Charities Trust.  Some form of Campus Policing will remain in Kilwinning Academy.  A discussion ensued on how Community Associations and volunteers would run &amp; manage Community Halls under the Charities Trust. AR particularly concerned about how this will work for the volunteers that have worked hard for many years.</p> <p>More definitive details of the budget will be released after the forthcoming elections.</p>	
<b>4.2</b>	<p><u>Library Consultation</u>  Mon, Thur &amp; Fri :10am – 5pm  Tues : 10am – 7pm  Wed : 9.30am – 12.30pm  Sat : 10am – 1pm</p>	
<b>4.3</b>	<p><u>Weir on River Garnock</u>  No update</p>	
<b>4.4</b>	<p><u>Cemetery</u>  JG commented on information regarding Kilbirnie Cemetery, and asked if there were plans to extend Kilwinning Cemetery should the present grounds reach their capacity. Councillors informed the meeting that there were plans to have an extension area should this be necessary in the future.</p>	
<b>4.5</b>	<p><u>Sun clock &amp; McGavin Park</u>  New plan is being discussed by ACES.</p>	
<b>4.6</b>	<p><u>Crossing on Dalry Road at entrance to school</u>  No update.</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></b>  Third phase of consultation closes at the end of March. Will send positive feedback re postal/electronic voting.</p>	<b>JG</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b>  Treasurer not present.</p>	

<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>	
<b>7.1</b>	Coin to commemorate Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday has been received.	
<b>7.2</b>	Participatory Budgeting this weekend.	
<b>7.3</b>	Public meetings/briefings are being planned re Locality Participatory Planning – dates have been e-mailed.	
<b>7.4</b>	Planning Application in for houses at back of Buckreddan Nursing Home.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>VISITORS</u></b> Nothing	
<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b>	
<b>9.1</b>	Main Street bollards are broken again.	
<b>9.2</b>	Road budget expenditure for Kilwinning will be mainly for maintenance.	
<b>9.3</b>	40 social houses planned.	
<b>9.4</b>	Community Wardens will be replaced at the end of the month with 4, litter and dog fouling, Enforcement Officers – this will be on a 6 month trial. DR is hoping this might be increased to 6.	
<b>9.5</b>	New retail park is now fully open – so far, no great problems with traffic.	
<b>9.6</b>	Scottish Water starting work in Eglinton Park.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	JW announced the sad death of Jim Cownie, former member of KCC.	
<b>10.2</b>	NM remarked on the wide pavement at Winton Avenue/Segton Avenue causing problems for cars turning in.	
<b>10.3</b>	Catherine Williams may attend May meeting re Development Trusts.	
	<b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b> <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b>	

*Minutes compiled by JG*