

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Jim Miler(JM) Colin Hedley(CH) John Harrison(JH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Ted Somerville(TS) Andy Robb(AR) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)
<b>Visiting</b>	Blair Kerr	

**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>          Jim Kennedy(JK) Nairn McDonald(NM) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)          Councillor John Ferguson(JF)</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016</u></b>          Agreed by meeting</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b>          No police present</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b><u>DISCUSSION ON NAC BUDGET MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Councillors Reid and Steel lead an informative discussion on key points agreed at NAC's Budget Meeting.</p> <p>Libraries, Community Centres, Museums, some of KA Leisure and some other areas are to be remove from direct council control and managed by a charitable trust. Funding will still come from NAC. Both Councillors raised some concern about this.</p> <p>Montgomery House in Kilwinning will cease to exist, and staff moved elsewhere. Garage will remain and NAC will attempt to lease the building.</p> <p>Funding is being looked at for the Saltcoats – Dalry Road, due to the Dalry bypass.</p> <p>Financing of around £5 million to Kilwinning Academy over a 2-3 year period.</p> <p>Main Streets in Kilwinning &amp; Irvine will not be brined during the winter, they will be salted only.</p> <p>NAC could not raise Council Tax due to financial restrictions placed by Scottish Government, so areas of savings are inevitable.</p> <p>Some work taking place at Bridgend re flood defences.</p> <p>Street Scene has agreed to 10% reduction of street cleaning.</p>	

	<p>Campus Police Officers are going, as are the Community Wardens – this was of great concern to the meeting. Councillors are working to have the decision about Wardens reversed as they are an excellent source of enforcement in areas of dog fouling and littering. Meeting had a full discussion about NAC’s priority of Safer Communities and how this does not fit with the losses of Campus Officers or Wardens. It was felt that there is a huge risk of any perceived savings being wiped out by others having to compensate for this work not being done. Meeting agreed that these decisions were not good for the community and agreed to write to NAC expressing that view.</p> <p>Meeting discussed all the above in detail – acknowledging that NAC did have difficult budget decisions, some concern was raised on all issues. Full details have yet to be announced.</p> <p>JaH expressed great thanks to all Kilwinning Councillors for their support to Kilwinning Academy.</p> <p>JW thanked both Councillors for their input.</p> <p><b><u>Councillor Steel gave a brief update on Locality Planning Group</u></b>  Locality Community Planning Group meetings &amp; Integration Joint Board meetings have all been moving forward. Local projects in the town are being looked at. If there are areas that the meeting are keen to be involved with please inform Councillors.</p> <p>A discussion ensued over lets in schools.</p>	<b>JG</b>
<p><b>4.0</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p> <p><b>4.4</b></p> <p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><u>Weir on River Garnock</u>  No update – but work is being done on Garnock with a view to flood prevention.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u>  No update.</p> <p><u>Sun clock &amp; McGavin Park</u>  No update, but ACES plans for the park have moved forward with adjusted plans. Any alterations to the park will be in stages.</p> <p><u>Crossing on Dalry Road at entrance to school</u>  No update.</p> <p><u>Library Consultation</u>  Uncertain where this sits in light of budget discussions.</p>	
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></b>  Meeting has been held and third phase of consultation taking place, mainly due to issue with Irvine Community Council.</p>	
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b>  Balances  Admin. Account £744.36 &amp; Project Account £199.80</p>	

<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>	
<b>7.1</b>	Items re telephone kiosk at Tornyard – no comments	
<b>7.2</b>	Grameen UK – local banking – no comments	
<b>7.3</b>	Forestry Commission – Woodgreen Farm, coming to next meeting.	
<b>7.4</b>	Kilwinning Sports Club would like to speak to us re volunteers	
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>VISITORS</u></b>  Nothing	
<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b>	
<b>9.1</b>	Road repairs are underway, has been delayed due to weather.	
<b>9.2</b>	Discussion about Pennyburn roundabout.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	JH informed meeting that there is a new person in charge of the War Memorial – on going.	
<b>10.2</b>	JaH - Participatory Budgeting – event to be held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March as to where budgets will be spent – groups can bid for funds.	
	<b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b> <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b>	

*Minutes compiled by JG*