

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 18th June 2015
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) Nairn McDonald(NM) Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer Jim Kennedy(JK) Ted Somerville(TS) John Harrison(JH) Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)
Visiting	Police - Inspector Jim McMillan, Sgt. Graham Reid Jackie Hamilton(JH) – Chair Kilwinning Academy Parent Council Community Wardens Tom Stewart Aaron McDonald	

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JK</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Bill Taylor (BT) Jim Miller(JM) Colin Hedley(CH) Paul Quirk(PQ)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21st May 2015</u> Minutes agreed by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>Following on from concerns raised at previous meeting Inspector McMillan reported on traffic issues and youth disorder in the Main Street & Abbey grounds. Plenty of Officers highly visible in the area, and also the Wardens. Large groups of youths are still congregating in the Main Street & there has been a few arrests for breach of the peace, also anti-social fixed penalties have been issued. Parents are also being spoken to. Campus police are helping. Reason for youths being in the street seems to be free Wi-Fi. Shops are going to be asked to stop providing this.</p> <p>Traffic issues – action plans are ongoing, police are trying to educate prior to enforcement.</p> <p>There has been a number of wilful fire raising issues in the town, including one at the library – some arrests have been made.</p> <p>Police have visited the Blacklands area, which continues to be a cause for concern because of the amount of rubbish in the area. Ask that residents are encouraged to report anything.</p> <p>Youth disorder has also been reported at the Sports Club area – police have been present and are working closely with organisers of various groups. Keen to ensure that locals are not put off using these facilities because of disorder.</p> <p>There has been a number of metal thefts, resulting in power cuts as sub stations are targeted – investigations are primarily being lead by transport police at present.</p> <p>Vehicle crime – 4 cars have been targeted in Whitehirst Park – do not leave valuables visible.</p> <p>HM Stores are selling BB guns – Councillor Reid had asked for this to be looked at. Over 18 signage is displayed. Some of these look very real. Officer have been in to check this out – shop keeper has assured police that anyone not appearing to be 18 will be challenged if they attempt to purchase these. Parents should play a social responsibility role in this matter. Police keen to hear of any incidents</p>	

	<p>involving these.</p> <p>In May there was an issue in Eglinton Park where a dog owner allowed his dog to attack another, resulting in the death of a small dog – great deal of media coverage of this incident, police are still working on it and will welcome any further information.</p> <p>JW thanked Inspector McMillan for his concise report.</p> <p>Discussion ensued as to whether bollards should be erected in the Blacklands area to help with the fly tipping situation. ‘Street Scene’ is doing a good job of trying to get owners to clear their land. There is a legal responsibility as well as a social responsibility – NAC prepared to take a legal stance. Police are keen to secure reports of number plates of anyone spotted fly tipping. Police and Council Officers are trying very hard to engage with local residents and gather as much information as possible.</p> <p>Question was asked about lack of disabled parking in the area - Inspector McMillan suggested that this should be taken up with NAC and the Disabled Access Forum.</p> <p>Question was raised re speeding in North Acre which has 20 mile an hour signage - Inspector McMillan will take this to traffic police.</p> <p>JK commented that although there are youths in the Abbey grounds often they are not a problem.</p>	
<p>3.0</p>	<p><u>PRESENTATION FROM COLIN REID – TOURISM VOLUNTEER, AYRSHIRE & ARRAN</u></p> <p>Colin, Volunteer Coordinator from the Ayr Office, gave a very interesting report on the Volunteer Programme being developed to promote tourism throughout Ayrshire & Arran. The programme provides volunteers to help promote and showcase Ayrshire & Arran to the many visitors who come into the area. They provide a welcome, assistance and information where and when required. These are easily identifiable local people. The volunteer programme is open to anyone in the area from aged 16 and training is provided. There is an on-line training package ‘Ayrshire Smiles’ – this is open to all.</p> <p>Volunteers can be found at strategic points such as Ayr town centre and at local events. Some will be volunteering at Live in Largs this summer. Volunteers also collect demographic and statistical information on visitors to the area, which can be very useful for future events and tourism planning.</p> <p>16 fully active volunteers trained to date. Looking to recruit new volunteers from North Ayrshire – there is no minimum time requirements & travelling expenses are provided. SK will put information on KCC website.</p> <p>DR – this scheme is part funded by NAC.</p> <p>Colin is keen to see a Pipe Band Championship Competition held in Ayrshire, which has huge potential.</p> <p>JW thanked Colin for his presentation and wished him all the best with the Volunteer Programme.</p>	<p>SK</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> Nothing new.</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> JK has spoken to Douglas Hunt, who suggests that a monumental sculpture might be the person to approach. JK & JW will take a closer look at the Sun Clock.</p>	<p>JK & JW</p>

4.3	<p><u>Farmers' Market</u> Did not take place and probably will not come back to Kilwinning – all disappointed that this is the case, as it did add something to the town.</p>	
5.0	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Nothing new. Community Empowerment Bill still ongoing. There are now only 10 Community Councils in North Ayrshire.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Administration Account - £648.48 Project Account - £199.80</p>	
7.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Nothing</p>	
8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u></p> <p><u>Tom Stewart</u> Asked about the Kilwinning Dam which is deteriorating. As NAC are spending a great deal of money in Irvine, it would be welcomed if they could fund an upgrade for the dam. DR explained that the dam is on private ground therefore NAC cannot fund this. TS asked who it belongs to, and disputes that it is privately owned. Concerned that there is little fishing opportunity in Kilwinning because of the dam. DR explained that there is the Flood Prevention Scheme ongoing in the Garnock Valley & Kilwinning, discussions are ongoing with SEPA – these may involve the dam. RS stated that all the man-made dams in North Ayrshire are being looked at. RS will forward relevant information to TS. TS will forward photographs of the dam. Discussion ensued re the dam, fishing, health & safety and flood prevention.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>JC – Pop-up shops are not to be supported in Kilwinning. Town is being regenerated – 9 new businesses have been created, very few premises remain not let. Any particular project/request would be considered. General concern raised about Clydsdale Bank leaving the town.</p> <p>DR - Hazeldene, Enable Project have taken on works at Kilwinning Cemetery and the formal gardens in Kilwinning and Eglinton Park. Bedding plants and hanging baskets due to go up. This contract has been awarded by NAC – and will be monitored. There has been a planning application for change of use at the old Ladbrooks – Barnardo's have been awarded contract to provide services to the Council & clients. Fire at the back of Tesco's could have been very serious – concern about bins at the back of the shops – Roads are going to look at having these removed. School holiday clubs will take place during summer. S1 Kilwinning website has closed. Irvine Life has not been successful and will not continue. JH commented on the mess that the cut grass is leaving in the cemetery – asked if</p>	

	<p>buckets could be made available to collect grass cuttings. JK also commented on the grave stones being covered in cut grass. NM commented on how beautiful Stevenston Cemetery is.</p>	
10.0	<u>AOB</u>	
10.1	<p>SK – the web site for all the Community Councils in Scotland is very good, and worth looking at ‘<i>Scotland’s Community Councils Chewing the Fat</i>’ JW suggested that we should have a review of our website and Facebook Page SK reported that most interest and comments have been for Lady Glasgow’s Lamp.</p>	JW & SK
10.2	<p>JH – commented on the new and changed signs stating where Stevenston starts. JK stated that the boundaries are very old, and have not changed.</p>	
10.3	<p>JG – commented on the unkempt road signs – some are squint and others covered in stickers. DR has noted this.</p>	
10.4	<p>JK – tower clock and bells are not working. Councillors will progress. Asked about provision for flowers in the Main Street – DR this is underway.</p>	
10.5	<p>NM – Can minutes be sent to Kilwinning Youth Forum. Part of the play park at St. Michael’s Wynd is still broken after more than a year. DR stated that due to vandalism issues this will not be replaced.</p>	JG
	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 20th August 2015, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</p>	

Minutes compiled by JG