

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 19th March 2015
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) Colin Hedley(CH) Ted Somerville(TS) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice Chair Jim Kennedy(JK) Paul Quirk(PQ) Jim Miller(JM) John Harrison(JH) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)
Visiting	Police; Jackie Hamilton – Chair Kilwinning Academy Parent Council; Christine Watson(CW); Community Wardens	

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer Nairn McDonald(NM) Councillor John Ferguson(JF)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19th February 2015</u> Minutes agreed by meeting.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>PRESENTATION from KAREN YEOMANS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for ECONOMY & THE COMMUNITY NAC</u></p> <p>Karen provided an excellent presentation on work being carried out in North Ayrshire, particularly regarding economic regeneration and development. Karen was keen to voice the strengths of the communities and how these link with the economy. She also impressed the importance being placed on the employability and skills of the people within these communities and how this helps with future development. Karen also provided a full account of work across many of the services and action plans in NAC and how these are helping with the regeneration throughout North Ayrshire. Good progress has been made, but Karen acknowledged that more needs and continues to be done. A copy of the presentation is available for all.</p> <p>A discussion ensued on some of the real positive aspects with North Ayrshire and NAC.</p> <p>JK commented on the fact that signage promoting the positives of the area could be better.</p> <p>JW thanked Karen for her presentation and for taking the time to visit KCC. He also provided some slides on particular areas of concern within Kilwinning, highlighting some of the abandoned buildings in the town and the lack of premises available for start-up and growing businesses. The positives such as good transport links & the college campus were also pointed out. A positive action plan for further regeneration and development of Kilwinning would be welcomed by all. JW expressed a keen interest for investment in start up business premises within Kilwinning. Karen was grateful to hear the concerns and ideas of KCC.</p> <p>RS commented that community groups like KCC have an excellent opportunity to work with Karen & NAC towards a neighbourhood action plan.</p>	

	<p>CH commented on the need for greater consultation within the community. Agreement that there is a lot of expertise within the community that can be tapped into.</p> <p>JF commented on the need for greater links and collaboration with the college.</p> <p>JC commented on the empty shops within the Main Street & how these might be better utilised.</p> <p>JW also commented on the valuable services provided by the Community Wardens who were present at the meeting.</p> <p>Karen stated that she is looking forward to further developing her relationship with KCC.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>PC Kevin Reynolds updated on recent crimes in the town and provided a report. 26 house breakings since last report only 2 detected – this is a concern. Kevin did state that sometimes these can take a bit of time to investigate.</p> <p>Commented that Main Street continues to be a problem.</p> <p>CH stated that the police have been doing a good job in enforcing the traffic restrictions in the Main Street.</p> <p>RS asked about the break-ins – were they in a specific area? PC Kevin Reynolds stated that they were all over the town. Urged people to report anything suspicious.</p> <p>CH commented on the success of the ‘campus cops’.</p> <p>CW commented on the state of the Abbey Grounds and the hope that the police will continue to patrol the area. Commented on help of Community Wardens.</p> <p>JK commented on complaints from a Robert Pollock re dangerous parking in Baberton Way. Asked police to have a look at this area.</p> <p>JM asked about drugs coming into Kilwinning – where are they coming from? Police reported that they can come from all over the world.</p> <p>Written report provided.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
4.1	E-mail from RS to be circulated.	JG
4.2	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> No update - ongoing</p>	
4.3	<p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> Should be completed by end of financial year. Probably will not be lighted.</p>	
4.4	<p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> No update - ongoing</p>	
5.0	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Nothing.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> Not available.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>	
7.1	Request for ideas re street names.	

8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u> See below.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>COUNCILLORS</u> RS commented on the advantages of having Karen Yeomans attend KCC. JC commented that it was good to have councillors attend Kilwinning Academy Parent Council meeting. Jackie Hamilton agreed with this and commented on aspects where councillors are aiding Kilwinning Academy. JH also stated that another member of Kilwinning Academy has been appointed to The Youth Parliament. CH stated his approval at lunches being available to school children during the Easter Break.</p>	
10.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>10.1 JK told us about the bad state of the old job centre, particularly the roof area,. Rs will investigate.</p> <p>10.2 JG - Tourism Volunteer Representative will attend June meeting.</p> <p>10.3 BT – ‘Stop’ Sign in Woodwynd has been erected but is not lit. JW asked councillors to check if this should be lit.</p> <p>10.4 JM asked about development round Stag & Hound. A recent fire seems to have halted on-going plans.</p> <p>10.5 JM - Sign at Main Street was erected as a result of a legacy. CH commented on the lack of consultation process round this sign.</p> <p>10.6 JW mentioned SIFT – a charity dedicated to over-fishing in the Clyde. Opportunity for all Community Councils in North Ayrshire to get together and hear from speaker. This would help develop links with other Community Councils. To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 16th April 2015 – 7.15pm Nethermain Community Centre</p>		

Minutes compiled by JG