

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Nairn McDonald(NM) Jim Miller(JM) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) John Harrison(JH) Colin Hedley(CH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)
<b>Visiting</b>	Police - Inspector Jim McMillan Blair Kerr	Tristan Lindsay(TL) Janette Boyle(JB)

**ACTION**

<b>1.0</b>	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW who informed the meeting that Dorothy Lynham had been unwell – KCC will forward card.</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>          Jim Kennedy(JK) Bill Taylor (BT) Ted Somerville(TS) Councillors John Ferguson(JF) Joe Cullinane(JC)</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015</u></b>          Agreed by meeting</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b>          Inspector McMillan gave a roundup of incidents during October. A couple of arrests for drugs. Complaints about speeding in Main Street &amp; Stevenston Road – area is being targeted with speed gun. Arrest for recent robberies in the town. Youths in Main Street are causing concern, 25% increase in complaints in the last year – based on this, a robust problem solving plan has been put into action with a number of partners. Wheelie bins going missing are also a concern. One female charged for buying alcohol for youths. Expected that there will be more visible activity in Main Street to help with the issues – police are also looking at ways to keep the youths safe.</p> <p>Crimes on the whole in the town have increased from last October, but for the year are down by 6%. Domestic abuse figures are down.</p> <p>Wheelie bin thefts are a serious issue in North Ayrshire – this presents a huge health &amp; safety risk, particularly the risk of fire.</p> <p>JW asked about the stair way in the south transept wall in the Abbey Grounds – youths dropping items from the wall. CCTV unit has been in the area. Important that the youths are encouraged to understand the historical interest of the area.</p> <p>JG asked about speeding at top end of Dalry Road – police will look at this.</p> <p>TL spoke about burnt out bench &amp; fly tipping at Bridgend.</p> <p>JB asked about traffic lights at Bridgend – cars come too fast over the bridge, then have to break hard for lights – will be passed to traffic.</p> <p>JaH lead an interesting &amp; informative discussion on domestic abuse and The White Ribbon Campaign. 1 in 4 people have some connection to domestic abuse, great deal of work being done on this across Scotland – but it is a great challenge to police.</p> <p>JG informed of Carol singing in Main Street on 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am -12 noon.</p>	

### **3.0** **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **3.1** Weir on River Garnock

Prospect of work being done at the weir beside the suspension bridge in Eglinton Park this is to provide a fish pass.

#### **3.2** Cemetery

NAC has resumed maintenance work at the cemetery. Winter Maintenance Programme has begun. Have asked for paths to be looked at.

#### **3.3** Kilwinning Academy

Steven Quinn & John Butcher have agreed to attend January meeting. Still waiting to hear about the review.

#### **3.4** Sun clock in McGavin Park

No update.

SK gave an update on the meeting held about proposals for McGavin Park with Colin Young & ACES. Interesting meeting, but not well attended. Looking to form a subcommittee to take things forward – very ambitious plans, particularly aimed at young children. Looking at ways to create an income – cafe, tennis courts, football, crazy golf, dog area & pond all being considered – no funding secured yet and no definite decisions made. Plans could be more accessible. CH stated much feedback on social media.

Opening the park to cars seems to have caused some concern – this may result in the sun clock being moved.

JW commented on the fact that the park was gifted to the town – raised concerns over any legal issues that might arise.

JM, who lives in the vicinity, has had a number of neighbours asking where they can find details.

#### **3.5** Crossing on Dalry Road at entrance to school

RS has asked for sequencing to be looked at. Concern that few cars get through on light change versus safety to kids. Keep on.

#### **3.6** Locality Planning Partnership

Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – this is the last consultation prior to everything being in place for April. RS feels that this is moving too slowly.

#### **3.7** Library Consultation

Continues till 16<sup>th</sup> December. All encouraged to complete on-line survey.

#### **3.8** Straight Talking Session

SK attended this meeting on Sustainability – not a great meeting. Felt like it was a promotional night for NAC.

### **4.0** **REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire**

JW attended meeting lead by Jim McHarg & Audrey Sutton. Only 5 Community Councils were represented. The delay in the Review has been caused by the Community Empowerment Bill, now that this is underway things can again resume & a new timetable has been laid out – should complete by 16<sup>th</sup> June'16. Issues are - boundary changes; election arrangements; constitution and financial arrangements; protocol for exchange of information between NAC and Community Councils – previous comments will be retained. By next summer we should be able to move to elections.

5.0	<p><b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>  Balances  Admin. Account £795.09 &amp; Project Account £199.80  Grant is £146</p>	
6.0	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p>	
6.1	<p>Draft policy on Wind Farm Community Benefit – 2 drop in sessions about this – Ardrossan Library 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. &amp; Dalry Library 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.</p>	
7.0	<p><b><u>VISITORS</u></b></p> <p>Janette Boyle – concerned about human waste being spread on fields. Discussion ensued.</p>	
9.0	<p><b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b>  DR – Budget proposals upcoming  RS – Integration Joint Board</p>	
10.0	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p>	
10.1	<p>JH – War Memorial in Abbey Grounds – meeting now 9<sup>th</sup> December. Request to repair – write to Tony Gurney. RS will progress.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p>
<p><b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b>  <b>Thursday 17th December 2015, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b></p>		

*Minutes compiled by JG*