

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 21st April 2016
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Jim Kennedy(JK) Jim Miller(JM) John Harrison(JH) Jackie Hamilton(JaH)	Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Ted Somerville(TS) Andy Robb(AR) Nairn McDonald(NM) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)
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Visiting Inspector McMillan Ciaran Shanks (Irvine Times)

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1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW.</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC) Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Blair Kerr(BK)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17th March 2016</u> Agreed by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT & PRESENTATION ON LOCALITY POLICING</u></p> <p>Inspector McMillan gave a very interesting and informative presentation about the new Locality Policing Team that has been formed for Kilwinning. Each of the 6 new localities in North Ayrshire will have a dedicated Locality Policing Team that will deal with local issues. The new shift patterns for the police officers in the team were explained and how this has been designed to give the community the best support and make the best use of the resources available. Inspector McMillan will lead the Locality Teams in both Irvine and Kilwinning. There will be a Community Policing Sergeant and Kilwinning will have 5 Police Constables and 1 day shift officer in the Locality Team. PC Sally Young, who was previously the Campus Police Officer at Kilwinning Academy, will be the day shift officer. This allocation will be monitored over the next few months to ensure resources are efficiently deployed. These officers will be working closely with the community and focus on local issues; there will be a team of ‘responding police officers’ at critical times and in emergency situations. The Locality Team will drive action plans for policing in the community. Inspector McMillan is very keen for these Officers to engage with local community groups. PC Sally Young will become the dedicated Town Centre Officer, and will continue to engage with Kilwinning Academy.</p> <p>Priorities in Kilwinning are at present - youth disorder; drug offences; violence and homes being broken into. The police are keen to engage with local communities and hear what their views are on policing priorities.</p> <p>Inspector McMillan updated the meeting on some recent issues – bogus callers had targeted Woodwynd and an arrest has been made; speeding has been a problem on Stevenston Road and this is being addressed; there have been a couple of fires behind the Sports Ground and this is being investigated. Inspector McMillan commented on the value of local knowledge in dealing with these issues.</p> <p>JW thanked Inspector McMillan for his excellent presentation. JG raised the issue of speeding on Dalry Road. DR raised the issue of bogus workmen. JH commented on instances of fly tipping.</p>	

<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Sun clock & McGavin Park</u> Still waiting to hear of new ACES plan</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> 3rd & final consultation is closed – correspondence received.</p> <p>1) Agreement to approve the retention of 4 Community Councils in the wider Irvine area, Irvine, Dreghorn, Springside and Girdle Toll.</p> <p>2) Agreement to approve, within the Scheme, a provision to allow the option of postal and electronic voting at Community Councils elections.</p> <p>The Council will now move to approve the publication of the approved Scheme. The Council’s Economy & Community Service will now be working to raise awareness of Community Councils. It is hoped that elections can now be held later in the year.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> £669.44 admin. account £199.80 project account</p> <p>JW suggested it would be good to again leaflet some areas in the town with information on KCC – could use some resources to highlight that CC elections will be coming up.</p>	
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Reply from Elma Murray – outlining some provisions for Policing & the Community Wardens in North Ayrshire.</p> <p>Pennyburn Post Office has been refurbished and will open on a Sunday.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Nothing</p>	
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p><u>COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>DR – Regulations round empty properties have changed – a property that is vacant for more than 12 months will be charged Council Tax at a higher rate - this is in an attempt to encourage owners to have the house occupied.</p> <p>Enforcement Officers are now out and about throughout North Ayrshire – dealing with fly tipping, litter and dog fouling – they have been issuing fines. 4 of these were Community Wardens. They will investigate particular areas when requested.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting – an update was provided on this new initiative, there was a mixed response. Lessons can be learned from the Kilwinning event.</p>	

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AOB

- 9.1** JW attended meeting on Locality Planning – Community Councils and other community groups will be involved. Public meeting to be held on 2nd June.
- 9.2** SK proposed Blair Kerr be co-opted onto KCC – agreed by meeting.
- 9.3** Minutes and Agenda will be e-mailed to members in future.

DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th May 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy

Minutes compiled by JG