

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Kennedy(JK) Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Ted Somerville(TS) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer Andy Robb(AR) Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)
<b>Visiting</b>	Police - Inspector Jim McMillan, Sgt. Jackie Shivas Jackie Hamilton(JH) – Chair Kilwinning Academy Parent Council Community Wardens	

**ACTION**

<b>1.0</b>	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JK</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Jim Watson(JW) Bill Taylor (BT) Jim Miller(JM) Colin Hedley(CH) Paul Quirk(PQ) John Harrison(JH) Councillor John Ferguson(JF)</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 16th April 2015</u></b> Minutes agreed by SK &amp; AR.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Inspector McMillan has taken over from Inspector Conway and attended to introduce himself and deliver report. A number of sheds at allotments have been broken into – police have put out request for information via social media – mostly small items that have been taken.</p> <p>Cars in McLuckie Drive have been vandalised – one arrest has been made.</p> <p>Vehicle has been identified as being responsible for fly tipping in Blacklands area – enquiries are ongoing. Looking to have area tidied and consulting with landowners over this.</p> <p>House-breaker was apprehended after crimes in Kilwinning, London, Glasgow &amp; Edinburgh.</p> <p>3 serious assaults in town – some arrests have been made. Youths with knives are a concern, as is the rise in consumption of alcohol by youths. Higher police presence in Main Street and Abbey grounds.</p> <p>It is Inspector McMillan's intention to visit KCC when he can – and welcomes any comments or suggestions on the content of report.</p> <p>TS asked for clarification on One Way system on Main Street – police are continuing to enforce the restrictions.</p> <p>JH commented on the congestion in Almswall Road due to traffic from car-park and parking outside surgery. Police will check on this.</p> <p>RS brought up subject of cold callers – literature is available for all residents, and police happy to do community safety visits thus helping with public reassurance.</p>	

	<p>Encouraged group to report any information about cold callers or bogus workmen to police.</p> <p>JK complimented the police for the work they are doing in the town.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b><u>REPORT on PLANNING AID CONFERENCE – COLIN HEDLEY</u></b> Colin not present – C/F to July meeting.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b></p>	
<b>4.1</b>	<p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> JG asked if there had been a good response to the placing of the lamp – all seemed happy with it. Discolouration at base of lamp still visible, but is being monitored. SK has placed an item on social media about the lamp.</p>	
<b>4.2</b>	<p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> JK will speak to Douglas Hunt, who created the clock, about what needs done and how much it might cost to improve it. JH has spoken to Unpaid Work who have sent a supervisor to inspect it – they would be happy to provide labour. RS waiting to hear about any grants that may be available.</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></b> Nothing new.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b> Administration Account - £648.48 Project Account - £199.80</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b> SK had received e-mail re crossing in Corsehill area that has faulty button on one side of the road – this is a safety issue for school children. DR advised group that pedestrian crossings are checked on a weekly basis and this fault should be picked up at this time. The fault can also be reported directly to NAC.</p> <p>JG reported on new Facebook Group for all Community Councils in Scotland. This has been set up to help share ideas and issues facing CCs. SK has joined this group.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b><u>VISITORS</u></b> Community Wardens – keen to attend KCC meetings. Have now been in Kilwinning for 20 weeks and have seen an improvement in the town. Youths in the Main Street continue to be a problem – this has been reported to the police and they are involved. Wardens are due to leave Kilwinning on 21<sup>st</sup> June - they have enjoyed being here and do feel that they have made good progress. RS commented that he was very impressed with the work that has been done by the wardens and that the police are very supportive of them.</p> <p>JH commented that youth crime has fallen dramatically in the area – a huge improvement in the area.</p>	

<p><b>9.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b></p> <p><b>RS</b> - Fly tipping in Nethermains is now at an industrial level – this is a huge concern to all Councillors and they are working hard to rectify the situation. AR is concerned that NAC is not doing enough as they do not own the land and are unsure who does.</p> <p>There are concerns re travelling people on the land – although they are not necessarily responsible for the fly tipping area in the area. There are some residents that are contributing to the situation.</p> <p>JC commented that there are various points of access and it is extremely difficult to stop people getting into the area.</p> <p>DR - blocking off the area is not possible for a number of reasons. Long discussion ensued on the situation including the use of CCTV.</p> <p>AR keen that NAC should be informing the community of exactly how they are tackling this.</p> <p><b>DR</b> - First phase of development at fire station is underway – public have been asked for suggestions re naming of streets. DR has suggested Dynamite Way and JK has suggested Ashenyards Place/Park. Wee bit of a '<i>political</i>' debate is going on round whether the site is Kilwinning or Stevenston.</p> <p>Kilwinning Sports Club has been targeted with some break-ins and vandalism. Work has started in Eglinton Park on the site of the car park – all going well.</p>	
<p><b>10.0</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b></p> <p><b>10.2</b></p> <p><b>10.3</b></p> <p><b>10.4</b></p> <p><b>10.5</b></p> <p><b>10.6</b></p> <p><b>10.7</b></p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Discussion re photograph of KCC members on Facebook page – continue to next meeting.</p> <p>SK asked JK if KCC members can get a guided walk of the town round the new blue plaques.</p> <p>JG spoke about wall at McGavin Park – lots of loose stones – DR will speak to StreetScene – still a delay in getting the trees removed as road will need to be closed.</p> <p>JG reported difficulty and confusion of contacting Trading Standards via NAC. DR acknowledged that it can be confusing.</p> <p>SK asked if the Farmer's Market would be back – there is no publicity for this weekend – looks like they are not coming.</p> <p>SK asked about the Ardeer siren going off on Sunday – no-one was quite sure why this had occurred.</p> <p>JK asked about weeds on pathways – the edges are cleared but not the paths, with a result that weeds appear in the cracks. DR – some paths have been identified that need work – this has started.</p>	
	<p><b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b></p>	

*Minutes compiled by JG*