

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Monday 22nd September 2014
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Community Council Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Andy Robb(AR) Ted Somerville(TS)	Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Jim Kennedy (JK) Colin Hedley (CH) Jim Miller(JM)
Visiting	Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Councillor Donald Reid (DR)	Councillor John Ferguson(JF)

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice-Chair Nairn McDonald</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – 21st August 2014</u> Approved by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> Sergeant Graham Reid accompanied by PC Vicky Tomlinson provided a written report for July and August with a verbal explanation. Statistics were provided for July and August and the overall number of crimes rose when compared with the same period last year. Most of the increase was due to greater incidence of vandalism. During the period there were two serious assaults. The annual community consultation is currently under way. This is used to help guide next year's priorities. A report on the recent Action Plan to be forwarded to the Chair. Recent issues at Kilwinning Sports Club highlighted by RS.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>AGM</u> Following discussion about guidance from NAC on the current status of Community Councils and with advice from NAC Councillors present, it was agreed that the existing office bearers would remain in place. SK presented the Balance Sheet for the year. The Project account was unchanged for the year at £199.80. We received an Administration grant of £361.50 from NAC and during the year our expenditure was £340.88. Our closing balance for the year was £454.48. We have received an Administration Grant of £340.52 for the current year. The meeting approved the accounts unanimously.</p>	
4.0 4.1	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u> <u>Main Street</u> Blue bins in Main Street. JW to pursue. Litter continues to be an issue in the Main St and immediate surrounding area, particularly at lunch time. DR informed meeting that an additional one-way sign has been erected in the Main St and some of the signage at Abbey Gate has been changed. Further changes to the signage are to be made. JK highlighted the problems of vehicles inappropriately accessing the Main St and JG highlighted the problem of illegal parking at the eastern end of the Main St.</p>	JW

	DR informed the meeting that Land Engineering are investigating what is required to allow access to repair the electronic system controlling the bollards and ensure the street surface is fully reinstated.	
4.2	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u></p> <p>SK indicated that the vegetation along the path should be cleared in the coming week. Once this initial large clearing is done, the area will be maintained by the factors.</p> <p>A press release regarding the grant and a photograph were included in the local newspaper recently. One resident who lives next to the path did not wish to see any improvements and had received a letter from Katy Clark MP confirming that no improvements would take place. After consulting with members the Chair had written to Ms Clark indicating that the Community Council had been campaigning for improvements to the path for over three years.</p>	JG
4.3	<p><u>Lady Glasgow's Lamp</u></p> <p>JW spoke recently with Jim Cummings of NAC and contractors have been invited to submit quotes for the refurbishment and installation of the lamp to the Council.</p>	JW
4.4	<p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u></p> <p>JK to contact Douglas Hunt to find out what may be required to refurbish the dial.</p>	JK
4.5	<p><u>Parking strategy</u></p> <p>Oxenward car park to be a time-limited car park to a maximum of three hours. CH suggested there be a loading bay in this car park to accommodate commercial vehicles outwith scheduled access times to the Main Street. RS offered to raise the parking issues with council officers. DR indicated that car parking will be reviewed after one year.</p>	RS
4.6	<p><u>Community Event</u></p> <p>Still to be decided on.</p>	JG
5.0	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></p> <p>Awaiting update from NAC</p> <p>Senior school students to be invited to send representation to KCC meetings. As NM was not present this was held over to the next meeting</p>	JW NM
6.0	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>See AGM details above</p>	SK
7.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>	
7.1	Contact for Poppy Wreath is Lynn Doyle. Cost for the wreath this year is £28. It was agreed that JG would order.	JG
7.2	Minutes received from Irvine Community Council	
8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u></p>	
8.1	<p><u>Councillor Donald Reid</u> informed the meeting that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work on the Library roof is at the final design stage and then it will go to tender with work expected late November/early December. Some trees will be felled at McGavin Park to facilitate repairs to the supporting wall and secure the adjoining footpath; a temporary walkway will be put in 	

<p>8.2</p>	<p>place during this work. Replacement trees will be planted elsewhere in the Park. CH suggested the felled timber could be donated to Kilwinning Academy for Technical projects. CH will investigate if this is feasible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remedial work has been carried out at the pedestrian entrance next to the traffic lights and it is now DDA compliant. • Promoting Kilwinning will work with Kilwinning Academy pupils and the campus Police Officer throughout October as part of the clean up programme. The main clean up will take place after the school holidays. The Police Officer will also contact Ayrshire College to request their participation. • The Fireworks display will be Wednesday 5th November in McGavin Park. <p><u>Councillor Robert Steel</u> recently attended a presentation at the Ambassadors leadership training course run for Kilwinning Academy pupils at the Arran Outdoor Centre. RS commended this course and the participants and suggested they present to the Community Council. It was agreed this would be worthwhile.</p>	<p>CH</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>TS highlighted that a new car park has been constructed on a gap site on Corsehill Rd and how this has improved the area. CH indicated that a similar car park has been constructed at Robert service Court.</p> <p>JK raised the need for the Main St to be cleaned. DR indicated that work has started on this and is planned to be repeated at six month intervals. CH identified that oil on the street surface has been a hazard at times. DR indicated that further enhancements to the streetscape are planned to soften the hard landscaping and improve the overall appearance.</p> <p>JM volunteered to represent the Community Council at the Remembrance Day parade. This was agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>JM</p>
	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Due to the school holidays the next meeting will be Thursday 16th October 2014 – 7.15pm Abbey Church Hall (lesser hall)</p>	

Minutes compiled by JW