

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 15th November 2012
Kilwinning Academy**

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair	Jim Kennedy(JK)
Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice-Chair	Andy Robb(AR)
Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer	
Jim Miller(JM)	

Visiting

Councillor Robert Steel	
Councillor John Ferguson	
PC Fraser Mitchell	PC John Money

ACTION

1.0	<p>WELCOME: The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p>The new voice recorder is now in use and everyone was made aware of this and how the recorder should be used. It was agreed that it would be switched off if any sensitive subjects are under consideration.</p>	
2.0	<p>APOLOGIES: Janey Grier Colin Hedley</p>	
3.0	<p>POLICE REPORT: from PC Fraser Mitchell, Irvine Police Station Kilwinning Police officers unavailable as attending an incident.</p> <p>Crime figures are down in the town.</p> <p>JK commented on the increased police presence at the path leading to Dalry Road and asked the officers to pass on the Community Council's thanks for the increased patrols at this path.</p> <p>One local licensed premises has closed after having its hours restricted due to underage drinking.</p>	
4.0	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18th OCTOBER 2012 Approved by Stephanie Krus, seconded by Jim Miller</p>	
5.0	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p>	
5.1	<p>MB – Thanked Cllr Steel for the fast response in clearing the path at Whitehirst Park Nursery & the hedge trimming at Main Road. A number of residents had commented on the maintenance repaired.</p>	
5.2	<p>Footpath at Dalry Road</p> <p>SK gave an update – Hacking & Paterson will provide an emergency path surface on the ground for which they are responsible.</p> <p>Cllr Ferguson advised that this had originally been a road but it has never been adopted by the council. Ownership of the road is unknown to the east of the railway line.</p> <p>An informal survey of path usage was carried out by the School Travel plan co-ordinator and the Road Safety officer – 40 pupils were counted using the route. The timing and extent of this survey is unknown. There was a full discussion about determining ownership of the path, the safest route to school for pupils, parents responsibility.</p> <p>Cllr Ferguson advised there was no money available to upgrade the path however, Roads Dept is supporting Legal to find out who owns the path. He also</p>	

	<p>questioned if this path was indeed a designated Safest, Shortest Route to school. He also stated that the long route via the railway station has been agreed as the correct walking route to school.</p> <p>JK pointed out that the path is a right of way. That many pupils stay longer at school for supported study and after school activities and will be using the path when it is dark.</p> <p>SK advised that the hedges had been cut back and the drains cleared which is an improvement.</p> <p>A full discussion took place on how complicated this matter is, and how long KCC have been trying to get action. The meeting agreed to write to the Chief Executive and request a meeting with a senior official from the department that should be leading on this matter.</p>	JG
5.2	<u>Eglinton Park Development</u> – Ongoing	RS
5.3	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> to be kept in Matters Arising.</p> <p>Angus Bodie at NAC has been contacted and a meeting will be arranged to discuss all the concerns about the car park expansion. It was agreed that, if possible, CH should be involved in the meeting.</p> <p>Marion Biondi of Ashgrove Road had a meeting with David Lodge of NAC and it is understood that some alterations to street parking will be introduced.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Signatories on the bank account have been updated and bank statements are now going to the Treasurer.</p> <p>Balance of £941</p> <p>Cheques have been issued for the last meeting's hall let, Poppy Wreath and the voice recorder. A hard drive has been ordered for the secretary.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p><u>NAC Licensing Board</u> consultation on Gambling Act, Statement of Principles – 2013-2016. Noted</p> <p><u>Scottish Government</u> – National Planning Framework consultation. Noted</p> <p><u>Strathclyde Police</u> – Front Counter Reform. Agreed to write to Chief Inspector Gary Ritchie about the possibility of Community Police holding surgeries in different parts of the town on a trial basis.</p> <p><u>Irvine Community Council</u> minutes – circulated.</p> <p><u>NAC Volunteer Action Fund</u> awareness meeting. Noted.</p> <p><u>NAC Straight Talking meeting</u> – agreed that Janey Grier, Stephanie Krus and Jim Watson would attend. JW to respond.</p>	JW
8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u></p> <p>No comments.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p>	
9.1	Awaiting formal response from NAC Councillors about attendance at Community Council meetings and support for KCC. It was agreed that in future email would produce a faster response.	
9.2	JM No bus shelter at the Bridgend. Cllr Ferguson agreed to investigate.	
9.3	JK raised the ongoing problem of dog fouling in the Main Street and the problem of food litter when there are large numbers of students.	
9.4	SK – Highlighted that the play area at Stobb's Crescent is to be rebuilt.	
10.0	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Thursday 20th Dec. 2012 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.</p>	

Minutes compiled by JG from notes by JW.