

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 20th December 2012
Kilwinning Academy**

Present - Community Council

Bill Taylor(BT) – Vice-Chair	Jim Kennedy(JK)
Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer	Andy Robb(AR)
Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary	Jim Miller(JM)
Colin Hedley(CH)	

Visiting

Councillors John Ferguson(JF) & Robert Steel(RS)	Inspector Joe Conway
Nairn McDonald(NM)	
Ian McLean – Locogen	

ACTION

1.0	WELCOME: The meeting was opened with a welcome from BT Acting Chair	
2.0	APOLOGIES: Jim Watson(JW) – Chair May Burns(MB)	
3.0	<p>POLICE REPORT: from Inspector Joe Conway</p> <p>Comparison figures for Beat 5 & Beat 6 in Kilwinning for April to October 2011 & April to October 2012 were presented. Beat 5 – the town centre – reported crime down by 30%. Beat 6 reported figures down by 20%. A marked reduction of crime in the town largely due to targeting areas of concern and multi-agency working.</p> <p>A full copy of the figures can be supplied.</p> <p>A mobile Police Office, based in Saltcoats, will be available to smaller towns in North Ayrshire. The unit will be based in Kilwinning every Friday 10am – at Cranberry Moss for 1 hour, then the Main Street till 12noon. PC David Anderson will be in attendance – this will provide a drop-in facility for all residents – it is hoped this will be high profile and information about it is being circulated widely.</p> <p>Ten Community Police Officers still active in the town – 2 in each area – looking at the possibility of setting up small surgeries with these officers e.g. in community halls.</p> <p>A great deal of work being done throughout Strathclyde to reduce crime figures.</p> <p>A bid has been placed for a Multi Agency Action Group to be established in Kilwinning to continue the good work.</p>	
4.0	<p>PRESENTATION FROM IAN MCLEAN, LOCOGEN – BENTHEAD FARM WIND TURBINE</p> <p>18 months ago Locogen, an energy company based in Edinburgh, started discussion with Robert Barnhill of Benthead Farm, Kilwinning about installing a wind turbine. In July 2012 planning consent was granted for a 300K/W wind turbine (61mt to tip). Part of the planning application expressed a desire to provide a community benefit from the wind turbine. Construction is due to start in Summer 2013. Locogen are keen that KCC be the sole recipient of this community benefit fund. The purpose of Ian’s visit was to open discussion on this matter. Level of fund would be £500 - £1000 per year – Locogen keen that KCC put forward ideas of local projects that could benefit from this fund. Printed copies of the planned development were provided. Usually these funds are administered by councils. Ian explained that the monies for the fund come from the generated electricity. SK & CH asked about some of the logistics of administering the fund.</p>	

	<p>Ian explained that the fund would be made available to KCC on an annual basis and would be content that disbursement of the fund lay with KCC. SK & CH asked if a separate account would be needed – SK suggested that the Project Account could be used – will seek advice from NAC. All agreed that this is an excellent idea but aware that greater discussion is needed on the matter. All information to be passed to JW to proceed. AR commented that some of the neighbours to the farm have objected. Ian explained that these objections are being addressed and they are in discussion with some of these neighbours. Ian happy to visit again once KCC has discussed.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>JW</p>
5.0	<p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 15th NOVEMBER 2012</u> Approved by Stephanie Krus, seconded by Jim Kennedy</p>	
6.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
6.1	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Following our letter to Elma Murray a reply has been received dated 26th November stating she has forwarded our letter to Craig Hatton – Craig Hatton, Corporate Director Development & Environment asking him to respond. To date, no correspondence received from Craig Hatton. Agreed to leave matter till after Christmas and re visit if nothing received.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> Letter had been sent requesting meeting with various parties – this has now taken place. CH reported on meeting with himself JW and David Lodge & Crawford Forsyth to raise concerns. Some residents are now taking NAC to court as they have gone outside the scope of works as agreed – this action is separate to the issues of KCC. KCC have been asked to write formally to them raising concerns. CH has documented concerns and will liaise with JG on formal letter. Main concern is safety for school children. CH felt that NAC officials were quite dismissive of all fears and concerns raised – this is a designated safe route to school. Concern also raised about parking in McLuckie Drive & again safety of school children. Various issues continue to be a concern. CH will provide report of meeting. New car park is now operational. JF stated that some residents have been in touch with him about concerns of parking issues.</p>	<p>CH&JG</p> <p>CH</p>
6.3	<p><u>Awaiting formal response from NAC Councillors about attendance at Community Council meetings and support for KCC.</u> AR commented on this - JG bringing up under correspondence</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> JF – has looked at this, ongoing.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> SK reported £903.01 in bank account – recorder & external hard drive both paid for. JG asked for funds for printer ink at a later date.</p>	
8.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>	
8.1	<p>Number of items e-mailed from JW</p>	
8.2	<p>Response from NAC Councillors about attendance at Community Council meetings and support for KCC. RS & JF both responded and replies circulated. Reply from Councillor Donald Reid received and reported. RS has not had conversation with Councillor Reid about being dedicated or sole representative at</p>	

	<p>KCC meetings. Reply from Councillor Joe Cullinane had been received by May Burns former Secretary to KCC – wishing us well.</p>	
<p>9.0</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>A.O.B. CH – Community Council Notice Board – Many towns have these days and it is an ideal way to promote KCC and inform residents of what is ongoing in town. CH happy to approach Co-Op to see if they would provide space. Know that there is a great need to market KCC and inform residents about ongoing issues and projects. Agreement that this would be good for community as a whole.</p>	<p>CH</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p>JG - Footpath at Dalry Road first mentioned in minutes 16th Dec. 2010</p>	
<p>9.3</p>	<p>SK – Straight Talking – interesting – main objective in North Ayrshire is creating jobs – Ross Martin was speaker. More Straight Talking sessions planned on specific themes. Interesting information re – Ardrossan Castle – similar to Kilwinning Dig. JF – spoke about Community Engagement – ways of empowering local people with local knowledge to be part of things happening in their locality.</p>	
<p>9.4</p>	<p>JK – Drilling in Public Park – JF this is a big & expensive project – safety of retaining wall – ongoing project.</p>	
<p>9.5</p>	<p>NM – Ruth Maguire has been appointed as Youth Champion by NAC. Looking at age of Community Council Members – possible reduce from 18 to 16 years of age JF –on going work SK – suggested that we should write with support of this initiative</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p>9.6</p>	<p>RS – advised that there were strong objections to the Wind Turbine previously discussed at 4.0</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday 17th January 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.</p>	

Minutes compiled by JG