

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

**Present - Community Council**

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

**Visiting**

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
Ian & Dorothy Miller	Mr & Mrs David Watson
Tim Swan – Kilwinning Academy	
Police – Rebecca Paterson & Steven Prendergast	

**ACTION**

<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> May Burns Andrew Chamberlain	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>Operation Miriad has been going on in the town, and will continue for some time – far greater police presence in the town. Decrease in house break-ins. AR commented that national press had listed Kilwinning as being 8<sup>th</sup> in the top ten hot-spots for break-ins in Scotland – concern that this is contrary to what had previously been reported that crime figures were going down. National and local crime figures do continue to fall. JK asked about EVA (Environmental Visual Audit) – KCC had not been invited to attend. This is something that we would like to be part of. JF commented that this was possibly an oversight and will confirm KCC contact details for future. BT asked about new mobile police unit – little information known, but it is in town on a Friday morning.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013</b></p> <p>Approved by SK, seconded by CH</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>JW has contacted Jo Kingsbury from RSPB to inform her that plans have gone in from Ashten for the redevelopment at Nethermains.</p> <p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u></p> <p>SK continues to investigate the ownership of the path. She has spoken to a home owner living in the area who does not know ownership – the path is a particular problem to the gentleman who has nurses visiting, also cannot manage bins – this gentleman had arranged for clearing of hedges. SK intends to call land manager of Barrats who have been using the path with heavy vehicles. SK has also been informed that the factors have asked for quotes to tarmac from Dalgarven Meadow to before the bridge. People using the path seem to think that it is owned by NAC. JF was asked about the progress of the land search being undertaken by NAC. He explained that a great deal of time and money has gone into this, but there is still no conclusion. Awaiting update and response from NAC – ongoing.</p>	

	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> Is open, about ¾ full and is being landscaped. The road from James Clement's Close to the car park has been resurfaced. Police not aware of any further traffic accidents. Road markings have been replaced on the roads surrounding the car park, including parking lines in McLuckie Drive. Still awaiting reply to letter sent to NAC. JF CCTV has been in operation to monitor the area; road marking has taken place; traffic calming works and new signage proposed for Ashgrove Road. New footway and dropped pavements also proposed. NAC and the police do seem to be monitoring the situation – there has been some acceptance that there are issues. CH Safety measures still need to be addressed. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Locogen</u> JW Decision needed about the Community Benefit money that KCC had been offered from Locogen at the Dec.'12 meeting. Lengthy discussion ensued on wind turbines and the Benthead Farm situation. Visitors, who all live in the surrounding area, explained that they still have complaints and concerns about the building of this turbine. The remit of KCC was to decide for, or against, the acceptance of the Community Benefit – as no agreement could be reached, it was decided to invite Ian McLean back to raise concerns of KCC and visitors. As a result of this discussion and the car park discussion both containing concerns about the planning process, and the fact that KCC are not receiving any planning applications despite being a statutory consultee it was agreed to write to NAC and raise these issues.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JG</p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><u><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></u> Balance of account £903.11</p>	
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><u><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></u> JW 'Tell Me Scotland' – website detailing planning and licensing applications for the whole of Scotland. Irvine Community Council minutes circulated.</p>	
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><u><b>VISITORS</b></u> Detailed under Locogen item. Tim Swan expressed an interest in speaking to KCC at a future meeting.</p>	
<p><b>9.0</b></p>	<p><u><b>A.O.B.</b></u> JK requested KCC to support John Harrison's project concerning the war memorial at the old Fergushill Church. KCC may be able to help with the cost of relocating the memorial to somewhere in the town centre, the cemetery or the Abbey grounds.. There is a fund available from the Government, but it is spread very thinly.  JK voiced concern about the park gates – these are centenary memorial gates and are not in good order – they have unsightly notices and are in the need of painting. We should be helping to improve the look of our town, even in small areas like this. A discussion followed re involving community groups in helping to tidy up and paint these gates – it was agreed to write to NAC for approval and advice. Also agreed to investigate working in partnership with local groups including James Watt College.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JW &amp; CH</p>

CH advised that a great deal of works are being carried out at the cemetery.

CH notice board at Co-Op – ongoing.

JW advised that the arrow belonging to Kilwinning Archers has been removed at present for safety reasons.

JF expressed concerns about some comments that had been in circulation re the removal of Community Wardens in Pennyburn. These wardens were greatly respected but due to budget constraints there was no alternative but to remove the wardens. JF expressed his regret that these wardens had gone.

RS attended a presentation about new Head Injury unit proposed for Dirrans area – this was very good.

JW expressed concern about condition of path near Whitehirst shops.

SK commented on the flooded area at Whitehirst. JF said NAC is aware of this and it is an ongoing situation.

**DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.

*Minutes compiled by JG*