

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

**Present - Community Council**

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair	Jim Kennedy(JK)
Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer	Jim Miller(JM)
Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary	Andy Robb(AR)
May Burns(MB)	

**Visiting**

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)  
 Ian Miller    Mr & Mrs David Watson    Mr Roddy McIntyre  
 Police – PC Bob Glenroy & PC Keith Hyndes

**ACTION**

<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Bill Taylor Colin Hedley Councillor John Ferguson	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>Extra patrols are still out and about in the town – particularly at night. House break-ins in the town are down considerably as a result of this. Higher figures for theft, due to a large amount of wheelie bins being stolen – no known reason as to why this occurs, and many more of these thefts go unreported.</p> <p>Most crime figures for Kilwinning are down. Serious crime figures halved in the last year. Town Centre much quieter. One serious crime at Tesco Stores on Main Street – still being investigated.</p> <p>Mr David Watson asked about speed limit at Auchenmade – a small hamlet that has a 60 limit where there have been a number of accidents including some fatalities – some accidents have gone unreported. Mr Watson believes that this should be a 30 limit, as it is single track – campaigning has been going on for this for some time. Police will look into this – asked that all known accidents are reported. RS agreed to put in a request to roads department to have area monitored for numbers of cars and their speed.</p>	<b>RS</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2013</b></p> <p>1) Correct month at top of minute from January to February          2) Path item should read ‘...to before the bridge’</p> <p>Approved by JK, seconded by AR</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> <u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u>          Price for tarmac has been received by residents from factors – 50% of residents need to agree to fund this. This will help on one side of the path, but only to before the bridge – and does not help with lighting          Nothing received from NAC, despite a lengthy letter being sent to Craig Hatton. JW agreed to call Crawford Forsyth to progress.          Ownership still seems to be in question.          Ongoing.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> <u>Station Car Park</u>          Extensive letter has been received from David Lodge replying to all points made. JW – Ashgrove Road is still potentially dangerous for school children. As NAC state in their letter that it has ‘long been an aspiration’ to provide extra parking at</p>	<b>JW</b>

	<p>the station, we must question why more consideration was not given to the wider implications, and why there was not better consultation with residents in the area.</p> <p>RS – A risk assessment should have been carried out on Ashgrove Road.</p> <p>JW will consult with CH. SK will consult with Parent Council of Kilwinning Academy on both this issue and the path, as both these routes are being used heavily by school children - KCC still believe that there are risks in both areas and that we could be waiting for an accident to happen.</p> <p>RS – will investigate if it is possible to have a ‘20s Plenty’ sign in the area of Ashgrove Road.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	<p><b>JW SK</b></p> <p><b>RS</b></p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u></p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
<b>5.4</b>	<p><u>War Memorial at the old Fergushill Church</u></p> <p>JK reported on the site of the War Memorial – the church is now a dwelling house and the new owner has re-sited the memorial very tastefully and is happy, if asked, to let people visit it. There is also a framed role of honour of men from the area who served in the first world war. This has been photographed as an educational tool at the cost of £80. KCC were asked to meet half of these costs, £40 – all agreed.</p>	
<b>5.5</b>	<p><u>Locogen</u></p> <p>JW – following the February meeting he spoke to Ian McLean and explained about discussions that had occurred. JW had also contacted all members of KCC and it has been agreed not to accept the offer of disbursing the Community Benefit from the Benthead Wind Turbine.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Balance of account £903.11</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <p>Letter from David Lodge re Station Car Park – dealt with at <b>5.2</b></p> <p>Irvine Community Council minutes circulated.</p> <p>JW – training being offered on Working with Partners – circulated by e-mail</p> <p>JG has written to NAC expressing concerns on planning consultation, awaiting response.</p> <p>RS suggested that KCC formally ask Local Councillors to forward information they receive on planning.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p>
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b><u>VISITORS</u></b></p> <p>Residents from the Benthead area thanked KCC for the stance they had chosen re the Locogen Community Fund <b>5.5</b></p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<p><b><u>A.O.B.</u></b></p>	
<b>9.1</b>	<p>NAC updating website – SK &amp; JW had attended a focus workshop to comment on new site – reported that new site will be much clearer and easier to use.</p>	
<b>9.2</b>	<p>It was agreed to invite Tim Swan from Kilwinning Academy to the May meeting.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p>
<b>9.3</b>	<p>JW – circulated papers on unemployment stats. and the lack of economic development in North Ayrshire and Kilwinning in particular. The revamp to the Main Street has been successful, but there seems to be no plans for business development for the town beyond the Main Street. More opportunity for businesses in the town or for businesses to set up in the town is needed. It appears that no one is taking a lead a real business development strategy for the</p>	

	<p>area. Need in Kilwinning for a forum from within the community that can start to raise and look at the issues surrounding a clear business development strategy. A lengthy discussion ensued on the poor unemployment figures and the lack of prospects in the Kilwinning area – an opportunity for the town to take a lead in this themselves – local individuals with knowledge and expertise can help – Survey of local community organisations, asking what sort of town they want and how this can be developed, was proposed – this would help to identify areas of support from within the town. Keen to progress this under the banner of KCC. All asked to help update list of community organisations. JW will update notes and draft paper for organisations.</p>	<p><b>JW</b></p>
<p><b>9.4</b></p>	<p>JK - Sun clock in McGavin Park in need of repair, will speak to Rotary who installed this.</p>	<p><b>JK</b></p>
<p><b>9.5</b></p>	<p>MB – thanked RS for having lane at Whitehirst shops tidied.</p>	
<p><b>9.6</b></p>	<p>SK – attended a Cultural &amp; Diversity Workshop held by NAC – very interesting and informative. Various workshops are available free for community council members.</p>	
<p><b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></b></p>		
<p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.</p>		

*Minutes compiled by JG*