

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 18th April 2013
Kilwinning Academy

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair	Jim Kennedy(JK)
Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer	Colin Hedley(CH)
Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary	May Burns(MB)

Visiting

Ted Somerville(TS)	Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
Police – PC Rebecca Paterson	

ACTION

1.0	WELCOME The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW	
2.0	APOLOGIES Bill Taylor Jim Miller Andy Robb Councillor Robert Steel	
3.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>No serious crimes in the town. Card skimming attempted at Tesco Store cash machine – this was detected prior to being used – advice is <i>‘if it doesn’t look right, don’t use it’</i>. Main Street Police Station has been refurbished and is has reopened – police will be working from here. Stolen wheelie bins continue to be a problem. JW expressed concern over the speed of taxis in the Main Street. MB had received a complaint from someone who had been blocked in by a van behind the Post Office. The police will pay extra attention to the Clydesdale Bank Car Park. JG was glad to see traffic police on Dalry Road recently. Miriad Operation is now completed – went very well, house break-ins are down. CH commented on the use of Social Media to alert people to police matters in the town – it is good that young people can see this and can help to act as a deterrent.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21st MARCH 2013</u></p> <p>1) May Burns did attended Approved by SK, seconded by MB</p>	
5.0 5.1	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u></p> <p>JW has spoken to Crawford Forsyth, but no progress has been made. SK Residents have not agreed to the price for the tarmac – factors are not going to do it. KCC were surprised at the outcome as such a small price (£17) was being asked for this. SK Has passed the issue to Kilwinning Academy Parent Council as there is still the issue of lighting. She will continue to ensure that vegetation is kept tidied. JF Ownership of the path remains unresolved – efforts are being made at NAC to see what can be done in the way of surfacing and lighting from the bridge to Dalry Road. JW If NAC were to help with East side of path, KCC could help to encourage residents on the other side to work with the factors. Ongoing.</p>	

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p>	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> CH Station Car Park is getting busier – no further incidents. Monitoring device has been installed on McLuckie Drive for traffic flow. Councillor Steele has put in request for ‘20’s Plenty’ sign – suggested a letter from KCC should back this up. CH This is a residential area and safety is still an issue as the traffic is heavier. Intends to monitor the situation again in May. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>War Memorial at the old Fergushill Church</u> JK showed the picture of the framed role of honour. Kilwinning Heritage to return £40 to KCC who paid the full price of £80 for the photograph.</p> <p><u>Community Survey re Unemployment</u> Copy of suggested questions circulated by JW. An opportunity to engage with other community groups about this very serious subject. CH asked JF what the local plan was for Kilwinning in terms of employment. JF stated that economic development is strong in North Ayrshire – the Economic Development Board with chair Prof. Alan McGregor is trying to get things done. Kilwinning Gateway is looking good – not expecting large companies to move into North Ayrshire – the key to economic development will lie in attracting smaller businesses. JW agreed that the Main Street is looking good & that the town has benefitted from the work – but still a lack of start-up premises and space. Flexible, suitable space is needed – this should not just be down to NAC – cited the case of Alloa who have an enterprise trust of some form and are encouraging small businesses. Sees a role for KCC to help develop a plan for Kilwinning and engage with Stakeholders – community survey would help with this – hope to encourage others to help. Lengthy discussion on unemployment and labour statistics ensued – we can learn from other areas – there are things that we can do. CH agreed to look at property analysis. JF suggested it would be good to contact Karen Yeomans and discuss the feelings of KCC on this matter. JK very keen that JW’s input and expertise be heard by NAC. CH KCC can be the catalyst to get things moving – there are others in the community that can help. Focus must be on Kilwinning. List of community groups in Kilwinning to be updated. Survey is a good place to start.</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> This will be discussed at next Rotary Meeting.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>JG & all</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> Balance of account £823.20</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Note from Councillor Steel to say he had spoken to Crawford Forsyth re comments made about monitoring traffic at Auchenmade. Letter from Donald Wilson NAC StreetScene stating that they will attend to Memorial Gates on Park – signage on gates has now been removed. Expecting to hear from Craig Haining re other projects that KCC might become involved with – very positive outcome. Tim Swan has agreed to attend May KCC meeting.</p>	

	<p>Irvine Community Council minutes circulated. Extensive letter received from Kristian Smith re planning process. All planning applications are now being received weekly – JG will monitor and alert KCC if there is anything of interest. Community Planning have JW as contact. Modified Local Development Plan – comments required by Tuesday 9th May. Policy for Licensing Board circulated.</p>	JG
8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Ted Somerville expressed an interest in joining KCC – co-opted, MB proposed, SK seconded.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p>	
9.1	JK – Cemetery gates need a tidy up – agreed to write to Donald Wilson again.	JG
9.2	SK – working on new Website for KCC. Facebook group will be started. Photographs required. JG agreed to look at logo.	JG
9.3	CH – Co-op notice board – ongoing.	
9.4	JW – Kilwinning Carnival 1 st June – Tell Me Scotland looking for feedback	
	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 16th May 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.</p>	

Minutes compiled by JG