KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2013 Kilwinning Academy

Community Council Present -

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair Stephanie Krus (SK) – Treasurer

Jim Kennedy(JK)

Visiting

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)

Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary

Andy Robb(AR)

Police – PC Craig McDonald

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1.0	WELCOME The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW	
2.0	APOLOGIES May Burns; Colin Hedley; Jim Miller; Councillor John Ferguson (e-mail of support noted and welcomed)	
3.0	POLICE REPORT PC Craig McDonald is new to Kilwinning as a Community Officer. 447 calls to police in last month – including 10 assaults; 25 missing person reports (mainly relating to children's unit); 14 thefts & 9 house break-ins. House break-ins are main concern. There has been an issue with the restricted road entry at back of old Post Office – tickets had been issued without the prior knowledge of the community police. Signage has been in place for some time, but locals seem to be oblivious to them. The local press may be asked to help raise awareness of the restrictions and local police will also take time to ensure drivers are fully informed. BT - painted road markings are ambiguous. RS - taxis and blue-badge holders can use the no entry – has requested NAC to improve the signage in the Main Street as it is not clear. JW - traffic concerns have existed since the opening of the Main Street. Agreed that locals should be aware of, and comply with, traffic regulations and restrictions. The issuing of the tickets has made people more aware. JW asked about any pattern in the house break-ins. PC McDonald not aware of a pattern, but did raise concern that 10 is a high number. Happy to be a point of contact for any issues and messages can be left if not on duty. JW commented on high turnover of police in the town. AR requested that a sign be placed on the old police station stating that this is no longer in use. Asked about new 101 number. PC McDonald explained this is a new national telephone number for any enquiries to the police. JK asked about recent sightings of police helicopter around town - PC McDonald not aware of this.	
4.0	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 16 th May 2013 Approved by AR, seconded by JK	
5.0 5.1	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES Footpath at Dalry Road Ongoing	
5.2	Station Car Park Councillor Steel's information on the Risk Assessment for the area was circulated. It does indicate that Ashgrove Road is a suitable path for school children. JG raised the point that this was carried out on 21 st May during exam time when	

	there are less children using the route. RS will request that this be redone when schools return in August. RS reported that issues are being raised by residents in Claremont Crescent about the amount of traffic, including station users, and cars dropping off/picking up school children. Parents, residents and council officers have formed a team to review this. JW commented on problem at other schools requested this is raised again at return of schools in August. Ongoing	
5.3	Bus Shelter at Bridge End Ongoing.	
5.4	Sun clock in McGavin Park Will be restored by Rotary. Ongoing	
5.5	Community Survey re Unemployment List of community organisations and groups continues to be updated and collated. E-mail to go to Councillors to ask for input. JW reported that Ashten have received planning permission for development at Nethermains – industrial/commercial properties and a woodland area. West Byrehill, residential development, planning permission has stalled at present – this is disappointing as Nethermains development is dependable on the cash that would	JG
	be generated from West Byrehill development. RS agreed to investigate present position.	RS
5.6	Western Gateway, Main Street Has now been opened. Jim Miller from KCC attended opening. RS informed that NAC are seeking suggestions of street names for new development at Redstone Avenue. Nothing back from Post Office re old building. JK stated the paving blocks in Main Street need cleaned - Street Scene to be contacted. JW commented on new blue recycling bins in Main Street. RS suggested that Donald Wilson who is involved in this project and working closely with schools and the college should be invited to KCC. JW commented on planning submission by Buzz Works for Howgate area – it is hoped this will be successful.	JG & RS JG
5.7	JG unable to attend resilience seminar 25 th June.	
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT £60 insurance has been paid. Account balance - £803.20, including project fund of £199.80. JW commented on the need for a new leaflet – agreed.	
7.0 7.1	CORRESPONDENCE Letter received from Martyn McKeown re Review of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire – circulated and discussed. RS commented on suspension of any forthcoming Community Council elections. JG reported that all Community Councils had been in agreement. JG reported on the meeting about the Review – a lengthy discussion ensued as the proposal to hold the Review has been passed by NAC. First consultation period will run until 30 th August – add to agenda for meeting of 15 th August.	JG
7.2	RS reported on missing post at St. Winnin's Road – this is going to be replaced by a post or a fence.	

7.3 7.4	No further correspondence re ad hoc signage appearing round town. RS agreed to approach Street Scene. E-mail received from Jim Miller stating that he has located Lady Glasgow's missing street lamp. JW asked KCC to consider where this might be situated in future.	RS
8.0 8.1	A.O.B. AR & JK commented on letter received by residents re Scottish Water works in the town throughout the summer. Agreed to write asking for disruption to be kept to a minimum.	JG
8.2	AR commented on fly-tipping at Longford Avenue – the area has been tidied and progress made.	
8.3	JG commented on access to Segton & Winton Avenues – traffic is heavier with new estate RS agreed to investigate.	RS
8.4	RS reported that parking at the new Irvine Leisure, which is a facility for all of North Ayrshire, is still a concern despite the new site being agreed. Census data is being collated and RS will inform KCC of demographic statistics when available.	
8.5	JW commented on the loss of a theatre facility in North Ayrshire with the repositioning of the new leisure centre.	
8.6	JK informed meeting of intention to introduce QR code information points around Kilwinning.	
	DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday 15 th August 2013 – 7.15pm Abbey Church Hall, Vaults Lane, Kilwinning.	

Minutes compiled by JG