

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 17th October 2013
Nethermains Community Centre

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair

Stephanie Krus (SK) – Treasurer

Ted Somerville(TS)

Jim Miller(JM)

Visiting

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)

Nairn McDonald(NM)

Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary

Andy Robb(AR)

Colin Hedley(CH)

PC Braddock

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Bill Taylor; Jim Kennedy; Councillor John Ferguson</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & AGM – 19th September 2013</u> Amendment to accounts – balances should read: Administration Account - £603.49 Project Account - £199.80 Approved by JW, seconded by TS</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT:</u> from PC Braddock Main concern at present is the high number of house break-ins. This is being targeted with Action Plans & extra patrols in specific areas at specific times. Complaints have been made from the public about motoring offences – parking and speeding – local police are liaising with traffic police to monitor. Better signage is needed in Main Street to enforce one-way system – police liaising with NAC. JW commented on the new Divisional Commander – Gillian MacDonald, based in Kilmarnock. Also commented on the review of Counter Service Provision & the review of Traffic Wardens.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
3.1	<p><u>Leaflets & Website</u> JW commented on how good the website is looking, thanks to SK. Stories, information and photographs are still needed – please forward to SK. Leaflet drops have taken place throughout the town in areas where there is little or no representation on KCC – most of the leaflets have been distributed.</p>	
3.2	<p><u>Lady Glasgow's Lamp</u> Kilwinning Heritage has reviewed this and the consensus is that most people want this back in the Main Street – probably outside Kilwinning Old Parish gates. RS will take this suggestion to NAC. JW will discuss with Kilwinning Old Parish.</p>	RS, JW
3.3	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Craig Cosgrove has been contacted by SK asking for the vegetation to be maintained. RS stated that NAC still unsure of ownership – will inform NAC, once again, that the view of KCC is that NAC adopt the path and proceed to light it. JG expressed to PC Braddock the concerns of KCC with regards to the safety of</p>	

	<p>this path, especially as the darker nights are approaching. PC Braddock unaware of any particular issues regarding the path.</p> <p>JW suggested that the Parent Councils of Kilwinning Academy & Abbey Primary be approached on this matter - councillors should be invited to attend, along with PC Young (campus PC at Kilwinning Academy), Tim Swan (Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy), Mrs Patrick (Head Teacher, Abbey Primary).</p> <p>3.4 <u>Station Car Park</u> Starting to get busy – heavy vehicle traffic in morning. Carney Contracts (plant hire) are now situated in the area – causing greater concern as large, heavy vehicles around at the same time as school children. There is also an issue trying to exit car park in the evening – large volume of traffic in McLuckie Drive turning on to Stevenston Road. RS stated that numbers of school children using this area has to be monitored again. Asked both CH & SK (as parents) to contact Colin Kay and ask for another road survey to be done.</p> <p>3.5 <u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> Ongoing</p> <p>3.6 <u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p> <p>3.7 <u>Community Survey re Unemployment</u> Ongoing</p> <p>3.8 <u>Park Gates</u> Nothing has happened – agreed to write again – disappointing that nothing has been done.</p> <p>3.9 <u>Main Street</u> All the current work is looking good and things seem to be back in place. JW commented on the ongoing issue of litter – unsure as to how the blue recycle bins are progressing – RS stated that there does seem to be an improvement. It does seem that the college is more responsible for litter than the school – PC Braddock agreed to liaise with contacts on the college campus. TS had also seen a recycle bin outside Crosshouse Hospital that looked better than the ones in the Main Street.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></p> <p>Initial consultation has now closed – all active Community Councils (17) responded, as did 3 individuals. All responses can be read on NAC website.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>8p interest added – total balance £979.88</p> <p>JW had received a call from Michael Kirkton looking for support for an endurance fund raising event – suggested that Kilwinning Rotary might help. This item brought forward a suggestion that KCC look at ways to raise funds of their own – JW asked that suggestions (e.g. a town calendar) be put forward at next meeting</p>	<p>All</p>

6.0	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
6.1	Request to be included in NAC 'What's On' publicity leaflet received from Audrey Sutton – agreed to add KCC to this.	
7.0	<u>VISITORS</u>	
7.1	Nothing Agreed to contact Craig Crosswait – and invite to speak about Food Bank.	JG
8.0	<u>AOB</u>	
8.1	The Caravan Club did not eventually gain access to Eglinton Park at their recent visit, due to problems with travelling people on site. This is now being looked at by the legal department at NAC. RS will update. All agree that this is an excellent facility in the town. <i>(amended on the 21/11/13)</i>	RS
8.2	NM as Chair of Kilwinning Community Events, gave a full report on the forthcoming firework display in the town. All risk assessments and safety checks have been carried out. Residents in the area have been consulted. The committee have been well supported financially by various groups in the town and also received a sum from NAC.	
8.3	Wreath to be collected for Remembrance Parade – cost £28.50	JG
8.4	JW asked if there was any movement in upgrading the tennis courts in McGavin Park. There has been some talk from various parties, but nothing seems to be being done. In view of the Commonwealth Games there could not be a better time to have these upgraded. Both Saltcoats & Irvine have had their courts upgraded. A multi-surface court is desirable for the town. RS will speak to John McKnight to see if any group are progressing. KCC would be keen to progress.	RS
8.5	Brief discussion took place about traffic management in and around the town.	
8.6	JW – Review of polling districts underway – e-mail circulated.	
8.7	JW – NAC have published the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-17 – this is part of the Community Planning Process and sets out the priorities for the next 4 years – Health; Safety; Jobs and Employment. This will have many implications, including budgets. RS stated a great deal of work going into this. JW asked if this is going to be mapped into a definite plan with more substance.	
8.8	JW asked if it might be an idea to hold a non-political open meeting regarding independence. All aware that this could be very difficult. JW will investigate a group who are holding such information meetings in other parts of the country.	JW
	<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u>	
	Thursday 21 st November 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road	

Minutes compiled by JG