

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 21st November 2013
Kilwinning Academy

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair

Ted Somerville(TS)

Jim Miller(JM)

Bill Taylor (BT)

Colin Hedley(CH)

Visiting

Councillor John Ferguson(JF)

Joshua McCormick(JM) Member - Scottish Youth Parliament

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Janey Grier, Stephanie Krus, Andy Robb, Jim Kennedy, Councillor Robert Steel</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17th October 2013</u> Amendment to 8.1 – The Caravan Club did not gain access to Eglinton Park. Approved by JM, seconded by CH</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT:</u> Police were unavailable because of duties at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Kilwinning Main Street. A report on local crime statistics was forwarded by Inspector Joe Conway and circulated to members. This information was appreciated by all.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
3.1	<p><u>Leaflets & Website</u> JW reminded everyone of the need to contribute information or news about the town for the website and Facebook.</p>	
3.2	<p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> JW has discussed with Jim Friels of Kilwinning Old Parish. Jim expressed some concerns with respect to large vehicles entering through the Abbey gates. After discussion it was felt there is no obvious alternative and it was decided to write to NAC Transport Department for guidance and JF suggested we enquire about planning permission. Lamp may need some refurbishment – CH suggested a possible project for James Watt College.</p>	JG, JF
3.3	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Letter from Councillor Donald Reid was noted and Councillor John Ferguson explained there is a backlog of road and lighting works for which there is currently no funding. It was decided to continue with arranging a meeting with relevant parent councils to explore a joint approach to NAC. JF felt the council will be unable to fund any upgrade to the path in the foreseeable future. Agreed to go ahead with meetings with parent councils.</p>	JG
3.4	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> CH informed the meeting that the new car park spaces are now filling up regularly and parking has resumed on McLuckie Drive. A further traffic survey showed a significant increase in pupil numbers but not to the walking route guidelines. It was agreed there is nothing more to be done at present but it is important to continue</p>	

	to monitor traffic flow and usage by school pupils.	
3.5	<u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> A new bus shelter is now in place.	
3.6	<u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing	
3.7	<u>Community Survey re Unemployment</u> Ongoing. Agreed that Jeni Park of Job Centre+ will speak to the Community Council at the February meeting on youth employment project.	
3.8	<u>Park Gates</u> Ongoing	JG
3.9	<u>Main Street</u> Recycling bins trial to be considered at December meeting.	
4.0	<u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Awaiting further information on the consultation from NAC. JF highlighted there will be an information session on the new Neighbourhood Planning model in January 2014 (possibly 24 th) and this will be important for Community Councils. It was agreed it is important that a representative attends.	
5.0	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Balance is £951.38	
6.0	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Community Empowerment Bill – email from Scottish Govt. One aim of the Bill is that there should be greater opportunities for communities to take control of property and common good assets. Noted NAC – advance notice of significant upgrades to mobile phone masts. Noted War Memorials Trust JF explained that NAC have taken responsibility for the maintenance of all War Memorials and is actively seeking funding for this. It was noted that the Kilwinning branch of the British Legion is involved in projects with local schools. Noted	
7.0	<u>VISITORS</u>	
8.0	<u>AOB</u>	
8.1	BT asked that it should be noted that the caravan club had not gained entry to the Eglinton Park facility as was stated in the previous minutes because of difficulties with traveller families. As a result of these difficulties there is continuing concern among caravan club members about a further rally at Easter 2014 in Eglinton. JF	BT

	indicated that NAC legal department is actively looking at ways of providing more control over who can use the caravan park facilities.	
8.2	JM reported that Connie Jaffrey has been proposed as a baton carrier by Kilwinning Academy for next year's Commonwealth Games. JM will submit Connie's nomination.	JM
8.3	Councillor Robert Steel has received confirmation from Woodwynd Community Association of their continuing interest in the sports facilities at McGavin Park. CH suggested using a multi-surface in any redevelopment so that other sports could be accommodated. JM offered to approach Colin Young and seek clarification on progress and timescales for any development. JF will seek further clarification within NAC.	JM
8.4	JW reminded everyone that Craig Crosswaite from the Foodbank will speak at the next meeting. Anyone wishing to donate on the evening is asked to bring along a 500g bag of sugar as this is what they are most short of. Other donations of dried and tinned food will be very welcome.	
8.5	JW reported that he had contacted Scottish Community Alliance re the possibility of holding an open, non-political meeting regarding independence. This group has been attempting to hold such meetings, but they have proved difficult – a new model for such meetings is being sought. Ongoing	
<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u>		
Thursday 19 th December 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road		

Minutes compiled by JW