

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 16th January 2014
Kilwinning Academy

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) - Chair	Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice-Chair
Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer	Jim Kennedy(JK)
Andy Robb(AR)	Jim Miller(JM)
Ted Somerville(TS)	Colin Hedley(CH)
Nairn McDonald(NM)	

Visiting

Councillor John Ferguson(JF)	Councillor Robert Steel(RS)
Local Police	

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19th December 2013</u> Approved by JW, seconded by CH</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> Serious housebreaker apprehended and remanded in custody during December. Action Plans still in place with plain clothes officers to target youth disorder. Dalry Road & Nethermains Road targeted for speeding motorists after a number of complaints. A large number of outside taps have been stolen – plain clothes officers on patrol for this. Festive period was busy in the town, but with no significant problems. AR asked about young drinkers around the Nethermains Community Centre – advised to call 101 if any further problems. JK asked about travellers trying to enter site of Melvin House – a concern for residents – police were not aware of this, but will check. JW asked about increasing problems around The Abbey Grounds – JF reported that funding has been requested to improve the War Memorial. JW asked for police to monitor this area – police will ask for extra attention here.</p> <p>RS commented on new leaflets and stickers that have been produced by Community Safety in the campaign against bogus workmen – will bring samples when they are available.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road – David Lodge NAC Planning</u></p> <p>JW explained long time concerns of KCC re safety of this path – both the condition of the path and the lack of lighting.</p> <p>DL explained that this is a private path and due to budget constraints NAC cannot commit to work on privately owned areas. Suggested that KCC should attempt to discover who owns the path and attempt to get them to do upgrades. JW explained that KCC, together with legal department of NAC, have tried to establish ownership with no clear outcome. DL stated that there appears to be at least 3 different owners – one being a Trust which seems to have lapsed. Suggested that KCC might wish to apply for a grant</p>	

	<p>to do some patching work on the path – this would be to a maximum of £500.</p> <p>JW explained that the principal concern is the lack of lighting. Asked what happens when Trust has lapsed. DL again reiterated that NAC cannot be responsible, even when a Trust has lapsed. JK commented on various changes to the road layout since the residential building began. JW stated that Councillor Reid had stated that at one time it was a condition of planning that the path be upgraded – this has never been enforced. JF said there are no records of this, either in planning or with the legal department of NAC. SK commented that residents assumed that path would be upgraded after building work was complete – especially as it had been damaged during the construction of the residential area. Tarmac for that area had been priced at £3000. DL suggested further discussions with the factors on this matter, particularly if KCC were able to secure a grant of £500 towards this cost.</p> <p>The matter of lighting would still exist – this would need to be examined.</p> <p>RS commented on signage that states Cycle & Pedestrian Path – DL couldn't comment on this.</p> <p>SK will speak again to factors. Grant option will be pursued. Questions were raised as to what was to be the outcome of the path on the original Planning Application – DL will attempt to find this. SK asked if Network Rail do any maintenance on the bridge. DL will check on this.</p> <p>JW thanked DL for his input.</p>	
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Lady Glasgow's Lamp</u> Nothing definitive yet. RS reported planning permission not required to place lamp outside Abbey gates. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Discussed above No response from any of the Parent Councils. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Colin Young</u> was unable to attend tonight, has a meeting with NAC re developing sports facilities & possible maintenance programme in McGavin Park – JW will invite Colin to update KCC on any plans.</p> <p><u>Main Street</u> No further update on trial of blue bins. RS will speak to Street Scene for an update. Kilwinning Academy has produced leaflet on litter – ties in with the Keep Kilwinning Tidy Campaign. Traffic is still a problem on Main Street – bollards are still being damaged. Unclear if the bollards that rise and fall are actually working. Concern expressed that this is supposed to be a pedestrian area. Signage for cars is still not clear – not clear that this is a one way street. RS will check on this. Ongoing</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>

<p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p> <p>4.7</p>	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> CH commented on the low loaders being used by Cairney Contractors on Ashgrove Road and what operation licence might be needed for the use of such vehicles. Ongoing</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Park Gates</u> Ongoing</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> No update</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Balance is £927.88</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Planning Forum</u> to be held 24th Jan. at Cranberry Moss. This concerns the prioritising of resources allocated to Kilwinning – this forum is an attempt to engage with the community to establish what the priorities are. JF felt it was important that some members of KCC attend. JW, CH & NM will attend.</p> <p>Information received on <u>Community Engagement Strategy</u> from Barbara Hastings. This concerns ways to improve community engagement with community organisations, governed by national standards. JW will respond.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Nothing</p>	
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>JW asked if there was any news on the library – are there any impending reviews of libraries? JF stated that there are ongoing reviews of all buildings owned by NAC. looking at the purpose of each. RS stated that there are a number of empty buildings owned by NAC, yet they themselves rent some buildings from 3rd parties. JW commented on the NAC budget and how much of it is being spent on buildings in Irvine. JF commented that much of this spend was about regeneration and to encourage workers to the centre of the town. JW raised concerns about everything being concentrated in Irvine – Kilwinning has little visible presence of NAC. CH asked if there were ways which the library building could be better utilised , especially as there is good car parking and office space available. SK asked whether the library roof is going to be repaired.</p> <p>JW – Tide Lines Book Festival in Largs had proven successful – the organisers are keen to expand this to other areas. JW to meet with Melanie Nolan to explore whether Kilwinning could be a possible venue.</p>	<p>JW</p>

8.3	CH raised concerns about the state of Eglinton Park – this is proving to be an eyesore for the community and no building work is progressing. JF & RS will update at next meeting.	JF&RS
<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 20 th February 2014 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road		

Minutes compiled by JG