

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 19th December 2013
Kilwinning Academy

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) - Chair
 Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer
 Jim Kennedy(JK)
 Jim Miller(JM)
 Colin Hedley(CH)

Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice-Chair
 Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary
 Andy Robb(AR)
 Ted Somerville(TS)

Visiting

Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
 Nairn McDonald(NM)
 PC Claire Smith

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)
 Craig Crosthwaite – Food Bank
 Christine Watson

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> None</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21st November 2013</u> Approved by JM, seconded by CH</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> – PC Claire Smith had been asked to attend by Inspector Conway as local police on leave. 2 serious assaults that had previously been reported. No issues arose at switching on of Christmas Lights or at Firework Display. Directed Patrol Plan has been put in place – focusing on violence and disorder; bogus workmen; disqualified drivers and drug offences – this will continue over the next few months. Housebreak-ins continue to be a concern – this is the case all over – figures include break-ins to outhouses and garages – plain clothes officers are being used to help. RS commented on new leaflets and stickers that have been produced by Community Safety in the campaign against bogus workman – will bring a sample to next meeting.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>CRAIG CROSTHWAITE – NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK</u> Craig gave a very interesting and informative chat on the Foodbank. Launched 1st Dec.'12 – initially expected to distribute about 400 boxes annually, but in one year have already distributed nearly 3,000. Indications are that this will continue to increase. Most boxes are distributed in a one off crises situation. Run completely by volunteers. More accessible distribution points for boxes are needed. Outside agencies, not the Foodbank, provide the vouchers for the boxes. Boxes are carefully nutritionally balanced. Kilwinning does have some, but not a large amount of requests for boxes. Planning a link with schools. 60% of food is donated at supermarket collections. Over 25 tonnes of food have been donated throughout the year, with 22 tonnes being distributed. KCC donated a number of bags of food brought along on the night, for which Craig was very grateful. JW thanked Craig and asked that if he felt that KCC could help in any way that he please contact us.</p>	

<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p> <p>4.7</p> <p>4.8</p> <p>4.9</p> <p>4.10</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Leaflets & Website</u> All going well – ongoing.</p> <p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> Planning and Roads & Transport have both been written to for advice about having lamp installed at gates of Abbey grounds. JF noted that Historic Scotland may need to be contacted also. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> Parent Councils have been contacted re a joint meeting. AR asked for clarification from Councillors on a recent comment about not all paths needing to be lit. JF offered a visit from a NAC Official at the January’14 meeting – to clarify the position of NAC on this path. Everybody happy with this proposal. SK stated that only one householder is still maintaining the path as best he can. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Station Car Park</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> Complete</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Jeni Park of Job Centre+</u> will speak to the Community Council at the February meeting on youth employment project.</p> <p><u>Park Gates</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Main Street</u> E-mail from Councillor Reid stating that blue bins are proving successful. JW – more information needs to be gathered on the success of the trial – to discuss at January meeting.</p> <p>Colin Young & ACEs at Woodwynd Hall are in discussion with NAC re developing sports facilities in McGavin Park – may hear more at January meeting.</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></p> <p>Report has now been produced on initial set of responses. Can be accessed on-line. Feedback meeting to be held in January.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Balance is £951.38</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> – covered elsewhere in meeting.</p>	

7.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Nothing</p>	
8.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>8.1 JW - Nairn McDonald has now had his 18th birthday, and is, therefore eligible for membership of KCC, Co-Opted – proposed by JW seconded by SK.</p> <p>8.2 JW - <u>Abbey Grounds & Tower</u> Increasing amounts of damage and destruction within the Abbey Grounds. This is a concern to many groups. Police have already had complaints from Kilwinning Old Parish. JW asked PC Smith to report to colleagues on concerns of KCC. PC Smith acknowledged that the local police are aware of the issues and are addressing the situation. Long discussion ensued as to the cause and the possible preventative measures that could be put in place to alleviate this problem. All agreed that this is a project, not just for KCC, but for many other groups in the town – including residents, schools, the college, Churches and community based organisations. Agreed to consider this and discuss in January.</p>	
<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Thursday 16th January 2014 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road</p>		

Minutes compiled by JG