

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 20th March 2014
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Community Council Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Andy Robb(AR) Ted Somerville(TS)	Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Nairn McDonald(NM) Jim Miller(JM) Colin Hedley(CH)
Visiting	Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Local Police	Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Cieran Shanks

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice-Chair Jim Kennedy(JK)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20th February 2014</u> Approved by JM, seconded by AR</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> Youth disorder in Main Street has improved and the general disorder in Abbey grounds is getting more attention. Both Tim Swan & Campus Officer have been more pro-active in visiting the town & the Abbey grounds during lunch times. CH commented of higher visibility of officers in the Main Street. House break-ins in the town are down. AR stated that all has been quiet at Nethermains. JW commented that Kilwinning Heritage have written to all Primary Schools in the town offering workshops to impress the value of the Abbey, Tower and surrounding area.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p>3.1 <u>Lady Glasgow's Lamp</u> Nothing from transport as yet. Planning permission not required to place lamp outside Abbey gates. All happy that this should be placed at Abbey Gates. RS will contact Crawford Forsyth as to how we progress. There will be some refurbishment required. JF commented that there will need to be decisions as to who is paying for upkeep of the lamp & the power supply. JM asked if lamp needed to be lit – RS will ask about solar panel. Ongoing.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> SK has contacted Louise Kirk at NAC, a grant of £500 can be obtained towards the upkeep. A meeting has been arranged with Hacking & Patterson for this coming week to establish costs involved – suggested that if we obtained grant, would H&P be prepared to pick up rest of costs? Question was asked if we could apply for similar grant in the next financial year. JF commented on planning permission that had been granted to Tay Homes in 1997 re the footpath (condition 4) – unfortunately Tay Homes no longer in business, so condition cannot be enforced. Red Row took over after Tay Homes – can this be enforced? SK will take to factors.</p>	SK

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Colin Young ACES</u> All agreed that Colin's presentation at last meeting was very positive, keen to maintain strong links with this group.</p> <p><u>Main Street</u> Blue Bins - trial has been completed and has shown positive results – however KCC still has an issue with the aesthetic issues, especially as so much has been undertaken for the upgrade & look of the Main Street. JW will contact Wallace Turpie re alternative bins.</p> <p>JW gave report on 'walk round' with Inspector Conway – one way system signage at Abbey Green is not good & cannot be policed as too complicated. Discussion took place as to best way forward. All agreed that a change is needed to enforce the pedestrian area and one-way system. Residents need to be consulted and a traffic impact study carried out. JW will report back to Crawford Forsyth that there are many issues to look at – suggest a meeting with NAC, KCC, residents and Abbey Church.</p> <p><u>Park Gates</u> Signs have been placed again on gates, and still not painted – Donald Wilson at Street Scene to be contacted again – ask for gates and pillars to be tidied in time for Queen's Baton on July 15th.</p> <p><u>Station Car Park</u> Cairney Contracts do have a licence to operate from present location. CH thanked RS for his help in establishing this – Cairney Contracts are now using a banksman and are mindful of safety of school children using Ashgrove Road. Car park is now full and spaces cannot be guaranteed after 9.30am. Cars are once again parking on surrounding streets.</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JG</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> JW attended meeting, but no further update. Concerns have been raised in press about Neighbourhood Planning and possible threat to CCs – Kilwinning not affected by this. NAC does want to engage more with all CCs. Timetable of review is being looked at.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Balance is £927.88</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> <u>ALV – Ayrshire Litter Volunteers</u> – information circulated. Discussion ensued re litter & dog fouling laws not being enforced. Police, Council Officers and Dog Wardens have rights to fine people on the spot – these issues should be included in the Police Action Plan for the Main Street.</p> <p><u>Rail Quest</u> – Iain Richards would like to present plans for upgrading rail link to Edinburgh. Will invite to future meeting.</p> <p><u>Police Action Plan for Abbey Grounds & Main Street</u> – feedback requested by Jason Peters</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>JW</p>

<p>7.0</p> <p>8.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Cieran Shanks from Irvine Times – keen to attend future meetings</p> <p><u>AOB</u> SK – good response on Facebook Page JG – asked about amount of money being spent on Gaelic by North Ayrshire – RS will pass comments to NAC JG – attended meeting with NAC re community projects in North Ayrshire – agreed a sub group of CH, JG, JW & NM would look at KCC holding an event in 2014.</p>	
	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Thursday 17th April 2014 – 7.15pm Abbey Church Hall</p>	

Minutes compiled by JG