

# Kilwinning Community Council Minute



Chair: Jackie Hamilton (JH)  
Vice Chair: Colin Hedley (CH)  
Secretary: Nairn McDonald (NM)  
Treasurer: Ted Somerville (TS)



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December | 7pm | Kilwinning Academy.

**Present:** Jackie Hamilton(JH), Bill Taylor(BT), Colin Hedley(CH), Jim Miller(JM), John Harrison(JoH), Ted Somerville(TS), Blair Kerr(BK), Stephanie Krus(SK), Yvonne McLellan(YM), Linzi Chisholm(LC), Nairn McDonald(NM), Cllr Donald Reid(DR).

**Visiting:** Linda Cusick(LCs), Tim Swan(TS), Police Scotland

1	<p><b>Welcome:</b> JaH welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out the provided cakes and juice on behalf of KCC and tea and coffee on behalf of KAPC. It was agreed to work with KAPC to provide Tea and Coffee at each meeting. Introductions were carried out with all members introducing themselves and speaking a bit about themselves.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Cullinane, Steele and Ferguson, Jim Kennedy, Jim Watson, Deirdre Oakley and Janey Grier.</p> <p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting:</b> Approved.</p>
2	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <p>Drug dealing and misuse: 3 males reported and 1 production reported. Road Accident at the college with the driver not being seriously injured. Major disruption with multiple services. Investigation on going.</p> <p>Drink Driving: 1 male arrested.</p> <p>Violence and ASB: 21-year-old male throwing objects and being aggressive at police officers. 30-year-old male purchased alcohol and tobacco for underage recipients. 1 account of racial abuse. 71-year-old male reported for failing to keep dog under control.</p> <p>Main Street: 15-year-old reports for preach of the peace and assault on an officer.</p> <p>House Breakings: A spate of house breakings in recent weeks and these have been identified. Positive lines of inquiry for the break in at the School.</p> <p>Shop Lifting: Incident at West Doura Court.</p> <p>High visibility patrols in coming weeks to provide reassurance.</p> <p>Working in conjunction with NAYS to help during the upcoming weekends.</p> <p>Hogmanay will be extremely busy with the added challenge of a football game on these days.</p> <p>Stats: down with improvement in detection and positive outcomes; 13% reduction in call rate and 23% reduction in crime reports.</p>

	<p>Bin theft however remains an issue across the town.</p> <p>Period of misuse of blue badges and inconsiderate parking education has ended and has led to on the spot fines.</p> <p>TS raised the arrival of asylum seekers who have joined the school and raised concern about how they may be received in the community and how will be in the community over the Christmas period as they live in Kilwinning.</p>
3	<p><b>Visitors:</b></p> <p>TS thanked for his invited and will be discussing to arrange for senior pupils to come along. 5 asylum seekers have joined the school community with many senior pupils being helpful in being kind towards them.</p> <p>There has been an assembly due to having the fire department out 3 days in a row.</p> <p>The blazers will now be made in conjunction with a Kilwinning company.</p> <p>Prelims are upcoming and the school community is starting to take on more activities.</p> <p>The school is attempting to offer a very wide and varied choice and working with students to offer more.</p> <p>Discussions around renovations to KA have went to cabinet with a sum to bring some facilities upwards. Priorities have been identified with consultation with KAPC and pupils and these include: Better toilets and changing rooms, All weather pitch and upgrades to classrooms to bring them up to a better standard.</p>
4	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>U55: Information around ownership was received and the cottage owner owns the land and Cllr Steele has passed it onto the roads departments and RS is continuing to raise it. (Off the next Agendas)</p> <p>JH will get in touch with Scottish Power to arrange for someone to come along.</p>
5	<p><b>Social Media:</b></p> <p>JH updated the council on the background to the debate and opened it to the floor.</p> <p>LC raised support around the twitter and TS raised the great benefit of the media as the school sees it.</p> <p>CH raised concerns over possible negative buzz if comments and tweets were hijacked.</p> <p>JH raised that NAC run forums on social media and would seek to ask them to possibly come along.</p> <p>SK raised the question around who would control and who would have access to it and the time needed to regulate it.</p> <p>JH said we should use it to share events and links and tweeting out information about meetings etc.</p>

	<p>LCs asked about whether we wanted to be a two-way relationship.  YM raised whether the decisions should be made as a group and a discussion ensued.  JH proposed SK and NM link to come back with a proposal.</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  Admin: £965  Project: £199</p>
7	<p><b>Correspondence:</b>  Most correspondence shared via email however,  NM updated on our recent objections to the Ashenyard Development.  Unhappiness with the application but agreed we had done all we could.  Letter received from Patricia Gibson MP with the Minister for Local Government coming along to provide a discussion around the Community Empowerment Bill. (Letter will be circulated).  Christmas Card from Dr Phillipa Whitford MP.</p>
8	<p><b>Youth Forum:</b>  No member in attendance.</p>
9	<p><b>Community Councillors:</b>  BK raised from KAPC view that they have had lots of parent feedback however they have introduced an online booking system for parent night which has been very effective. A will be trialing an app called Show My Homework which gives parents right updates instantly of any homework or handouts.  YM raised the Kilwinning Sports Club Academy using the information issues via email and shared at the meeting. NM will write a letter of support.  YM also raised about KCC running events or projects around the community and raising the profile of the CC.  NM raised re constituting relationship with press and it was agreed to think around this and discuss in the new year.</p>
10	<p><b>NA Councillors:</b>  DR: Kilwinning House office will be closing in total next year and there will be a new office built at Alan's café. KA expenditure plan will be discussed at cabinet in the coming week. Spoke to the council about Almswell Road and work was carried out but however due to the accident this became additionally dangerous. Roadworks ongoing around the town and surrounding areas. LCs raised the sign and traffic lights on Almswell Road. TS and LC asked about recent accidents involving Cyclists and Motorcyclists. LCs raised the lack of litterbins around the Blacklands.  A discussion was had around littering and dog mess in the town and was agreed for DR to look into it and we would publicise areas for free dog bags.</p>

11	<b>A.O.B:</b> JH wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017   7pm   Kilwinning Academy</b>	