

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 16th June 2016
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Blair Kerr(BK) Nairn McDonald(NM) Jackie Hamilton (JaH) John Harrison (JH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Colin Hedley (CH) Ted Somerville (TS) Jim Kennedy (JK) Andy Robb(AR) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)
Visiting	Inspector Jim McMillan	

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 Janey Grier (JG) - Secretary Stephanie Krus (SK) – Treasurer Jim Miller (JM) Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Councillor Joe Cullinane (JC) Yvonne McLellan</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19th May 2016</u> Agreed by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT from Inspector Jim McMillan</u></p> <p>There was a slight rise in the number of incidents last month 139 crimes against 132 in the same period last year. Common assaults were of concern, in particular, incidents involving domestic violence. This continues to be an area of concern for local police. Vandalism by spray painting graffiti at the Abbey is being actively investigated. Door-to-door enquiries have been undertaken around the area, CCTV is being reviewed and enquiries are being made at a number of secondary schools in Kilwinning and Irvine. A person believed to be responsible for making bogus house calls has been arrested. Thefts have been reported at Lainshaw and Goldcraigs. Although in its early stages, the new Locality Policing is providing valuable intelligence. Officers are around the town regularly and hope to make contact with as many residents as possible. Officers will be in attendance at the Carnival in McGavin Park on Saturday, 25th June. JaH raised the issue of dangerous driving at the pedestrian crossing at the Bridgend. There was a discussion about the siting of the lights and the need for drivers to be more aware as they approach the lights from the Abbot's Bridge. Insp McMillan will review the lights and the Community Council agreed to support a campaign after the summer break. Drivers ignoring traffic rules in and around the Main Street continues to be a problem and the Police will issue fines to anyone ignoring traffic regulations.</p>	

<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Sun clock & McGavin Park</u> JW asked about a press report that stated that an application for a 25 year lease for an unused part of the Park had progressed to stage 4 for consideration. (This is the final stage) After discussion it was agreed that no one is aware of the current plan for the Park. It was felt there should be a public display of any plans and these should be available for a period of time to allow all residents the opportunity to examine them. The Library was suggested as a suitable venue. It was also noted there should be a comprehensive public consultation once any plan has been published. In particular, there should be a full neighbour survey with all those living around the Park. Cllr Donald Reid intimated there may be a feedback stall at the Carnival in the Park although, this would depend on what information is available.</p> <p>It was agreed to write to Dr Audrey Sutton at NAC to express our concern that negotiations have reached a final stage without a final plan being published and to stress the importance of proper consultation. Cllr Robert Steel informed the meeting that the Park has been classed as dormant by NAC and valued at £1. Concern was expressed that the Park was gifted to the residents of Kilwinning and nothing should happen to control of it without a proper consultation.</p> <p><u>No. 27 Bus</u> This service is scheduled to finish on 18th July and JK asked Councillors if there was any progress. Discussions are ongoing with SPT and Cllr Steel reported that the Chief Executive has been in touch with them about this matter. It was pointed out that if this service is discontinued there will be a minimal bus service for residents around and to the north of Stevenston Road. Some elderly residents and those with mobility problems could experience very real difficulties in making journeys. Councillors will continue to press for the service to be maintained.</p> <p><u>Locality Planning</u> The election of Community Representatives to the Locality Planning group is now complete and the first meeting will be held in September. A Locality Plan meeting was held early in June with representatives from groups that had already contributed to the development process. This looked at the Place Standard that is available to support assessment of urban areas and facilities.</p>	<p>JW/ JG</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> No change from last month</p>	
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>The A738 between Howgate and Townhead will be closed on Sun 26th June between 6.00 and 18.00 hours for road repairs. This is re-scheduled from 12th June.</p> <p>Correspondence from British Red Cross Adult Education offering courses in First Aid for those working with groups or vulnerable people.</p>	

6.3	Correspondence from Wendy Sharpe of NAC asking for information about facilities that assist children and young people with additional learning needs. This is to help build Locality profile for private or voluntary providers.	
7.0	<u>VISITORS</u> Nothing	
8.0	<u>COUNCILLORS</u>	
8.1	RS reported that problems with sewage spread on local fields have been investigated and it was discovered that the pelleting process was not satisfactory. This will be rectified in future. There is an overspend in the Health and Social Care Partnership and this may have implications for refurbishment work at Kilwinning Academy. This overspend appears to have resulted from changes to working time regulations and to the increase in the Living Wage. There was a discussion about the implications for budgets in future and how this is likely to get worse with an aging population and CH explained some of the issues facing social care providers in trying to deliver services with increasing costs and no increase in revenue.	
9.0	<u>AOB</u>	
9.1	JH informed the meeting there was no further news on funding for the War Memorial. He expressed concern at the poor condition of the cemetery and urged Councillors to effect improvements. It was noted that in the past the Community Council had written to the Chief Executive about changes to working arrangements and we had been assured there would be no deterioration in the standards of maintenance. It was generally felt that there has been deterioration in maintenance and the cemetery is now in need of urgent attention. TS raised concerns about cars entering and parking in the cemetery.	
<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 18th August 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy		

Minutes compiled by JW