

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

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Jim Kennedy(JK) Andy Robb(AR) Ted Somerville(TS) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Bill Taylor (BT) - Vice-Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Nairn McDonald(NM) Jim Miller(JM) Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
Visiting	John Harrison – Royal British Legion	Police

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Colin Hedley(CH) Councillor Donald Reid Brian Donohoe MP</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – 22nd September 2014</u> Approved by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>From the Local Community Policing Plan, the priorities for 2013-14 policing are: drug dealing & drug use; drunk & disorderly behaviour; house break-ins and theft; assault & violent crime. Public consultation has finished – this will be used to decide priorities for next year.</p> <p>Slight rise in number of calls to police this year.</p> <p>TS reported of a scrap metal dealer touting loudly for business – noted.</p> <p>RS, following questions from the public, asked about drug use in the town. Police reported that this is a priority area for them, and stop & searches do take place.</p> <p>JW asked about continuing problems in the Main Street – another bench has been damaged & drivers continue to flout no-entry & one-way signs.</p> <p>JG reported on e-mail received from Councillor Reid stating that the police have confirmed all signage on Main Street is legal & enforceable. Police confirmed that they do move drivers on from areas of the Main Street. Police commented that One Way signs at the entrance to Main Street have been missing, they have reported this to the council and asked for them to be replaced.</p> <p>JF replied that new signs are ready to go up.</p> <p>RS suggested another ‘walk round’ with all concerned parties.</p> <p>Visitor JH asked how long it takes for action to be taken once a member of the public has reported drug misuse – police response was that it can take anything from a few days to several months, depending on a number of circumstances. Advice is to continue to report any concerns.</p>	
3.0 3.1	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Main Street</u> Mainly dealt with above.</p> <p>JG reported further from e-mail from Councillor Reid – Streetscene has decided to remove the seat that continues to be damaged and replace with a stone design.</p> <p>JF reported that work on the bollards should be complete by November – Councillor Reid had stated same.</p>	

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> SK has e-mail pictures of the vegetation clearing – work is completed and should now be maintained. SK will arrange for funds to be paid. JW presented reply from Katy Clark stating that she has requested clarification on the Council’s position.</p> <p><u>Lady Glasgow’s Lamp</u> JW reported that contractors have been appointed to liaise with Roads Department and have the lamp restored and positioned in the Main Street. NAC is arranging through Town Centre Management to meet the costs.</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>Transport Survey</u> RS reported that KCC will be kept informed of planned changes to car parking in Kilwinning.</p> <p><u>Community Event</u> Still to be decided.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> No response from letter to Audrey Sutton, although a number of other Community Councils have been in contact to agree substance of letter. All agreed that it was strange not to have response from AS – agreed to contact again. Nothing else heard. JW asked NM to approach Kilwinning Academy & St. Matthew’s about representation at KCC.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>NM</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> Balances - Administration account £795.08 Project account £199.80</p>	
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Application for variation of the premises licence at Corsehill Bowling Club.</p> <p>Invitation from Largs CC to meeting of Largs Resilience Team. This is a group of volunteers who agree to turn out at times of emergency – JG agreed to attend.</p> <p>JW met with Alan Wilson from AMEC re proposal for a cluster of wind turbines in the Kilwinning area. This is in the early stages of consultation and they would like to speak with KCC. Mixed feelings about how this might impact on the town – agreed to meet with group at a future meeting to hear what is proposed.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u> John Harrison spoke passionately about the War Memorial in The Abbey Grounds & asked for support from KCC re his attempts to have this upgraded by NAC. Agreed to write to Fiona Porter with support.</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p><u>AOB</u> RS – dumping of rubbish at Nethermains continues to be a problem, particularly at cycle path. RS is going to approach NAC re maintaining cycle paths round Kilwinning.</p>	

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<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 20th November 2014 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy</p>		

Minutes compiled by JG