

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 17th December 2015
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Jim Kennedy(JK) Ted Somerville(TS) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Councillor Robert Steel(RS)	Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) John Harrison(JH) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)
Visiting	Police - Inspector Jim McMillan Blair Kerr	Christine Watson

ACTION

1.0 **WELCOME** The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW who informed the meeting that Dorothy Lynham was much better.

APOLOGIES

Jim Miller(JM) Colin Hedley(CH) Nairn McDonald(NM)
 Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19th November 2015

Agreed by meeting

2.0 **POLICE REPORT**

Inspector McMillan gave a roundup of incidents during November.

Various incidents of dishonesty in a number of areas in the town – theft of motor vehicle and from cars; break-in at St Luke’s Primary school; reports of bogus caller (arrest was made).

Thefts of wheelie bins continue. Police are going to meet with NAC & Fire Service in New Year to look at this – there have been cases of wilful fire raising related to these thefts. Also incidents of areas being spray painted.

Concern still being given to speeding in Stevenston Road.

Overall, 11% reduction in crime from this time last year – this is a positive move, but domestic abuse has seen a 3% increase.

Main Street continues to be a main area of concern and a great deal of work being done in the area. Inspector McMillan met with Kilwinning Heritage to discuss their concerns. Large numbers of youths, not just from Kilwinning continue to assemble in the Main Street particularly at weekends. Police have involved Youth Workers, Diversionary Groups and others in helping to tackle this problem, even with this support, a number of serious incidents are still taking place. Alcohol is a problem with the youths – police engaging with licensed premises and attempting to reintroduce marked bottles. Despite these issues, many kids are not causing any bother. The large groups can be a bit intimidating. The holiday period will see an increase in police activity in the area. It’s important that the youths are kept as safe as possible. Police are trying to raise the profile of the risks involved & promote the safety aspect. Social media can help with publicising the risks of adults buying drink for youths

JK commented on the lack of facilities for the youths.

JaH will ask for Unpaid Work to help with clearing Abbey Grounds.

	<p>Inspector McMillan spoke about all the good work that is being done in the area, by various groups. The meeting was keen to acknowledge all the good work, especially that of the police – and also keen to spread the word that this work is ongoing.</p> <p>JK asked about the bogus caller and Inspector McMillan asked to be informed of any person that may be vulnerable – police happy to do visits on crime prevention. A leaflet drop and discussion platform in Main Street is being considered.</p> <p>Inspector McMillan expressed an interest in conducting a presentation about Locality Policing in the near future. This would be an opportunity to meet, and raise the profile, of the community Police Officers.</p>	
3.0	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u>	
3.1	<u>Weir on River Garnock</u> Nothing more	
3.2	<u>Cemetery</u> Nothing more	
3.3	<u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> No update.	
	<p>JK asked about ACES and the proposals for McGavin Park. Suggested that people are made aware this is a private group and not lead by NAC. RS suggested it might be an idea to ask Colin Young from ACES back to KCC when the development ideas are clearer.</p>	
3.4	<u>Crossing on Dalry Road at entrance to school</u> RS has asked Transport Scotland to ensure there are no safety implications for any person using the crossing.	
3.5	<u>Locality Planning Partnership</u> JW attended meeting on Monday 23 rd November – progressing slowly, more information should be available in New Year. Not yet clear what the involvement of the Community Councils might be.	
3.6	<u>Library Consultation</u> Consultation just closed today. Proposals still to be confirmed.	
4.0	<u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Code of Conduct – received, will be distributed. Nothing more at present.	
5.0	<u>TREASURER’S REPORT</u> Balances Admin. Account £744.26 & Project Account £199.80	
6.0	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
6.1	Meeting 5 th January re feedback on NAC website – details have been e-mailed.	
6.2	Meeting 18 th January re engaging communities via social media – details have been	

	e-mailed.	
6.3	Presentation on Community Empowerment Act 26 th January – details have been e-mailed.	
6.4	Consultation on Wind Turbine Community Benefits will continue into January.	
7.0	<u>VISITORS</u> Christine Watson provided the meeting with soft drinks and mince pies to celebrate Christmas – gratefully received, with much thanks.	
9.0	<u>COUNCILLORS</u>	
9.1	RS – Update from Tony Gurney re War Memorial – Fiona Porter is progressing with NAC and has placed the work for the War Memorial as high priority. JH concerned that meeting on funding has been postponed till January.	
9.2	DR – Scottish Water will be carrying out important upgrading of supply in North Ayrshire, Spring '16 – this will impact on areas of the town – more information in January.	
9.3	Marilyn Thomson is retiring from Kilwinning Housing Office after 37 years service.	
9.4	Dalry by-pass has been agreed in the new NAC budget – work will start in 2016. DR continues to pursue the requirement for a Kilwinning by-pass.	
9.5	Concerned about new access to new industrial estate at fire station. Looks to be causing chaos. There are job opportunities in the new estate.	
9.6	Robert Service Court has to be modernised.	
9.7	Flood lights are working at the Tower – one still to be fixed, but looks much better.	
10.0	<u>AOB</u> Nothing	
	<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 21st January 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy	

Minutes compiled by JG