

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 19th September 2015
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair	Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary
	Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer	Andy Robb(AR)
	Jim Kennedy(JK)	Ted Somerville(TS)
	Nairn McDonald(NM)	John Harrison(JH)

Visiting	Police - Inspector Jim McMillan,	Sergeant Jackie
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1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Bill Taylor (BT) Jim Miller(JM) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Paul Quirk(PQ) Councillors Robert Steel(RS) John Ferguson(JF) Donald Reid(DR) Joe Cullinane(JC).</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20th August 2015</u> Crawford Monument correction to August Minute – Stephen’s Monument in Abbey Graveyard is falling over and is supported by Crawford Monument. Minutes accepted by the meeting.</p>																															
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>Inspector McMillan presented crime figures for the town for the period 17 Aug to 17 Sept and comparisons with the same period last year.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">2014</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2015</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All crimes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">123</td> <td style="text-align: center;">119</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detection</td> <td style="text-align: center;">73 (59.3%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">77 (64.7%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Serious assault</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 (2)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 (2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Common Assault</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 (5)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15 (8)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>House Breaking</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6 (6)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6 (2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vandalism</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20 (2)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19 (2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 (10)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1 (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anti-soc behave.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16 (12)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18 (16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Motor vehicles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21 (21)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17 (17)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For the period April – Sept overall crime has dropped by 5% compared with the same period last year. Within this there are variations and Domestic Abuse is of concern in Kilwinning. Other areas focused on include youth vandalism and youth problems outwith the Sports Club. Fire and Rescue Service are concerned at the number of fires in the Longford Avenue area mainly resulting from fly-tipping. CCTV is under consideration for this area. there is a need to get the area cleaned up and owners of property and land will be contacted about ensuring any mess is removed. NAC Environmental Health officers can also be involved where there is concern about the illegal disposal of toxic or dangerous substances.</p> <p>Volunteers may be recruited to help with maintaining the area and local residents are urged to be aware of anyone disposing of rubbish and vehicle numbers should be reported to the Police.</p>		2014	2015	All crimes	123	119	Detection	73 (59.3%)	77 (64.7%)	Serious assault	2 (2)	2 (2)	Common Assault	10 (5)	15 (8)	House Breaking	6 (6)	6 (2)	Vandalism	20 (2)	19 (2)	Drugs	10 (10)	1 (1)	Anti-soc behave.	16 (12)	18 (16)	Motor vehicles	21 (21)	17 (17)	
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AGM

The meeting was suspended for the AGM. the Treasurer presented the Financial report. An Administration Grant of £340.68 was received for the year and the closing balance was £648.56. During the year an Access Grant of £500 was received to fund improvements to the Woodside Path. The Project Account has a balance of £199.80

The Chair commented on a number of issues that were covered during the year, in particular the lack of progress in the Review of Community Councils. The restoration of Lady Glasgow's Lamp was highlighted. It was agreed to have eleven meetings in the forthcoming year.

Due to the continuing uncertainty about the Community Council it was agreed to ask for volunteers for the office bearers. No volunteers came forward and current office bearers agreed to continue in post with all community councillors agreeing to continue. John Harrison proposed that in the absence of any other guidance all members and office bearers remain in post. Seconded by Andy Robb. It was agreed that the dislocation caused by the review of community councils is having a negative impact on the role and work of the community council. Bill Taylor will be asked if he is willing to continue as the Vice Chair.

It was agreed to contact members not present to ask if they are willing to continue. John Harrison will enquire about Paul Quirk.

Jackie Hamilton expressed an interest in joining the Council. Proposed by Janey Grier, seconded by Stephanie Krus and agreed by the meeting.

The AGM was concluded.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1

Weir on River Garnock

NAC has confirmed they do not own the dam and the Legal department has confirmed that it is owned by Scottish Water. Patricia Rowley, the NAC Flood Risk Management Officer is willing to contact Scottish water and ask if they have made any structural assessment of the dam and if there are any plans for future work.

4.2

Cemetery

NAC has confirmed that maintenance of the cemetery is being monitored by Streetscene. Agreed to look again at maintenance after the end of October.

Letter from Fiona Porter informed there are two taps in the cemetery and there are no plans to provide any more. Fiona Porter also agreed to investigate the state of the Crawford Memorial in Abbey Churchyard which appears to be unsafe.

Concern was expressed at the poor condition of the roads and paths within the cemetery. Photographs from JH showed a comparison between Kilwinning cemetery and Stevenston and Knadgerhill with respect to poor paths and lack of proper kerbs. It is unclear what criteria are used for some head stones that have stickers applied about their safety.

Agreed to write to Streetscene about these issues.

4.3

Kilwinning Academy

Nairn McDonald provided an update on the campaign for more investment in the school.

Concern was expressed at the lack of detail in what investment is required and how this relates to the normal pro rata funding of establishments.

4.4	<p>After an extensive discussion it was agreed to write to the Director of Education and express the Community Council's support for more investment in Kilwinning Academy.</p> <p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> Ongoing</p>	
5.0	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></p> <p>Letter and maps from Melanie Anderson, NAC, regarding the proposed change to Locality Planning and recognition of the Community Empowerment Act. Six Locality Planning Partnerships are to be set in N Ayrshire, incorporating the new combined Health and Social Care responsibilities. NAC are to carry out a further public consultation on these new arrangements, including the role of Community Councils. This will end on Friday 13th November.</p> <p>The meeting felt that we had already looked at the proposed changes at length and it was not felt necessary to have a further meeting about this. Individual members have the option of submitting their own views to NAC. It was felt important that our previously recorded views should continue to be considered as part of the Review process and the Chair agreed to contact Melanie Anderson to ensure this would happen.</p> <p>If anyone wishes to raise any specific issues or new issues these can be considered at the October meeting.</p> <p>Jim Kennedy commented that Kilwinning Community Council has been operating as a 'model' community council until recently, with very regular attendance by the Police and NAC Councillors. He felt that the continuing uncertainty caused by the Review was having a detrimental effect on the Community Council and this was agreed by the meeting.</p> <p>It was felt that NAC needs to do much more to promote Community Councils and consideration should be given to co-ordinating CC elections to achieve maximum promotion of CCs and encourage wider participation.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> As per AGM.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>7.1 Email from Cllr Robert Steel about the closure of Innerwood Rd for four days.</p> <p>Due to time pressures the Chair will distribute information about other correspondence by email.</p>	
8.0	<p><u>VISITORS</u></p> <p>No visitors</p>	
9.0	<p><u>COUNCILLORS</u> None present</p>	

<p>10.0</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Jim Kennedy enquired about the length of time traffic lights are at red at the crossing outside Kilwinning Academy. This seems to be causing tailbacks of traffic at peak times. It was agreed to contact Cllr Robert Steel to progress this matter.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 15th October 2015, 7.15pm – Nethermain Community Centre</p>		

Minutes compiled by JW