

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 19th May 2016
Kilwinning Academy

Present	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Jim Miller(JM) Andy Robb(AR) Councillor Donald Reid(DR)	Stephanie Krus(SK) - Treasurer Blair Kerr(BK) Nairn McDonald(NM) Councillor Robert Steel(RS) Councillor Joe Cullinane(JC)
Visiting	Chief Inspector Ross	Yvonne McLellan

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 Jim Kennedy(JK) John Harrison(JH) Jackie Hamilton(JaH) Ted Somerville(TS) Councillor John Ferguson(JF) Inspector Jim McMillan(JM)</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21st April 2016</u> Agreed by meeting</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT from Chief Inspector Tim Ross</u></p> <p>As Inspector McMillan was on holiday, the meeting was visited by Chief Inspector Ross, who oversees the Locality Policing Teams. These teams have now been in place for 4 weeks and the feedback is very good. There will be a lot of relationship building together with regular community policing and working in partnership with other community groups and agencies.</p> <p>Good start to the reporting year in Kilwinning, with no serious assaults or violence. Slight increase in common assaults. Some incidents of fire raising, three young people have been dealt with as a result of these. Police are keen to not criminalise youngsters in this type of situation, rather to have them understand what the consequences might be. Police working closely with Fire Services in these situations to educate.</p> <p>Couple in incidents of youngsters throwing stones at buses and causing damage. No major incidents of concern at present. Main Street has been a bit quieter since introduction of Locality Team.</p> <p>Good detection on drug supply in the town recently – couldn't comment in detail on this.</p> <p>Meeting was encouraged to take part in the Your View Counts survey on the Police Scotland website – this is an opportunity to input your concerns for your area.</p> <p>JW commented on a build-up of traffic at the St. Luke's roundabout – this is a concern as it was backing up onto the main road – will feedback.</p> <p>NM asked if there was an increase in disorder when Fairs are in the area – these can cause some disruption as there are people congregating in one place – police are aware of when they are in the area and have action plans in place.</p> <p>JW thanked Chief Inspector Ross for his visit and report.</p>	

3.0 PRESENTATION FROM CATHERINE MCWILLIAM – DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS

Catherine is a Membership & Communications Officer with Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS). She gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the background, value and setting up of Development Trusts, with some good examples of success stories. Development Trusts are about communities taking action to regenerate, revitalise and make their localities better places to live in. They are locally run, in partnership, and work across social, economic and environmental spheres using an enterprising approach, with long term goals of self-sustainability. Grant funding can be applied for, some have gone on to have charitable status. They rely on community backing, support and interest to help them grow and succeed. Each Development Trust is very different and DTAS can help to advise, support and promote communities in setting up and sustaining a Development Trust.

Catherine spoke highly of the work done in West Kilbride through their Development Trust – this is an excellent example of how much can be done by the community for the community. She also spoke about the great work done in Neilston after the demise of their local bank – the community bought the building and have developed it into a local hub for use by various groups in the community.

JW commented that there should be enough interest from our community to explore this sort of initiative. There is a good network of community groups within the town, but no overarching umbrella group.

RS commented on how well this fits with the Locality Planning work that is taking place in the area right now.

The meeting felt there was good scope to examine and discuss this further.

JW thanked Catherine for her presentation and taking the time to visit us.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Sun clock & McGavin Park
Nothing new

5.0 REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire
Nothing new

6.0 TREASURER’S REPORT
Insurance has been paid.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

JW - Locality Planning meeting on 2nd June – invitations have gone to Community Groups.

JW - New library hours will be in place on 1st June.

JW - Presented plans for new licenced premises at old Stag and Hound.

JW - Withdrawal of No27 bus. JC – petition has been started. Need to provide this service to local residents of Whitehirst Park. Stagecoach has been written to. Need to remember that this is ‘Public Transport’, not just a commercial viability.

RS - NAC has a duty of care to provide public transport for this area.

	Meeting agreed to communicate with SPT & NAC.	JG
8.0	<u>VISITORS</u> Nothing	
9.0	<u>COUNCILLORS</u>	
9.1	DR – Ideas for McGavin Park go to NAC next week. JM – very unsure of plans.	
9.2	DR – Enforcement Officer doing very well - have issued 6 fixed penalties in Kilwinning.	
9.3	Parking issues in Glebe Street are being looked at RS – Human sewage on farms has been a concern again.	
10.0	<u>AOB</u>	
10.1	JW – there are issues around the allotments in Kilwinning – agreed to write to NAC with concerns.	JG
	<u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 16th June 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy	

Minutes compiled by JG