

**KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Monthly meeting held on**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
**Kilwinning Academy**

<b>Present</b>	Jim Watson(JW) - Chair Janey Grier(JG) - Secretary Andy Robb(AR) Jim Kennedy(JK) Jackie Hamilton(JaH)	Stephanie Krus(SK) – Treasurer Ted Somerville (TS) Jim Miller (JM) Nairn McDonald (NM) Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
<b>Visiting</b>	Police     John Dillon     Tom Stewart Deirdre Oakley & representatives of Kilwinning Youth Forum Ciaran Shanks – Irvine Times	

**ACTION**

**1.0**    **WELCOME**    The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW

**APOLOGIES**

Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair    John Harrison (JH)    Blair Kerr (BK)  
 Councillor Donald Reid (DR)    Councillor Joe Cullinane (JC)    Councillor Robert Steel (RS)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Agreed by meeting

**2.0**    **POLICE REPORT**

Since last meeting

1 serious assault – detected.  
 19 drug offences, significantly up on 4 for the same time last year. A great deal of work is being done by the Locality Policing Team. 3 drug dealing sites were detected.  
 Some minor fire-raising in Main Street and at library area.  
 1 racially motivated breach of the peace.  
 Slight increase with house break-ins – probably due to darker nights.  
 Vehicles have also been targeted. All warned to keep houses secure and valuables out of sight in cars – please warn others.  
 Some vandalism and thefts at the allotments.  
 Assault with an attempt to rob – being investigated.  
 Total crimes and offences are down by 12 on the same time last year.

Police are continuing an education process on Blue Badge holders in the Main Street.  
 Speeding on Dalry Road is an ongoing problem, this is being monitored.

JW commented on the good news that more drug offences are being detected.  
 JaH commented on the fact that the new street lighting is not good – this is causing concern for some people, NAC are investigating the issues. JF mentioned that this might be contributing to house break-ins.  
 NM commended the police for their actions after a recent incident in his street.  
 JK asked if house break-ins are mainly opportunist – yes, mostly they are, with thieves wanting to be in and out very quickly.

<p><b>3.0</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b></p> <p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><u>Sun clock &amp; McGavin Park</u> Ongoing The meeting agreed that the presentation from Colin Young was very informative.</p> <p>JW has agreed to present the Wreath on Remembrance Day.</p>	
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u></b></p> <p>Letter received from Melanie Anderson – nominations for Kilwinning Community Council must be submitted to NAC by 10<sup>th</sup> November. Forms must be complete in full. JW encouraged young people to become involved, and explained about the nomination process. Elections will take place at next meeting, 17 members can be elected. JaH attended one of the awareness sessions and found it very interesting. An officer from NAC will attend next meeting. JW felt that there has not been as much promotion of Community Councils as we had hoped.</p>	
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b> Project Account - £199.80 Admin. Account - £765.81</p>	
<p><b>6.0</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <p>Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.30pm – briefing at NAC on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) – in conjunction with Locality Planning they will help to identify very specific problem areas and help direct funding/grants to these areas. Discussion ensued about how important these very precise statistics can be in targeting resources to the correct areas.</p>	
<p><b>7.0</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p>	<p><b><u>VISITORS</u></b></p> <p>Deirdre Oakley spoke a little about the work of Kilwinning Youth Forum. JW commented on how good it was to see young people at KCC. She also spoke about the Participatory Budget Process and how this will be bettered this year – this will heavily involve the young people of the town this year and be more democratic than in the past.</p> <p>John Dillon again spoke about the U55 back road from Dalgarven to Whitehirst Park. There has been no update on this issue, although RS has reported that an officer at NAC is reviewing the issues of U55. Ongoing.</p> <p>Tom Stewart brought up the issue of speeding drivers in North Acre. He would like to see traffic calming measures introduced on this road, as he feels the situation is dangerous. Tom Stewart has been monitoring the situation for some time. JF will forward the comments to Roads Department and the Police.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p> <p><b>JF</b></p>
<p><b>8.0</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>JG thanked NAC for providing a grit bin on Dalry Road. JM stated there has also been one placed in Underwood.</p>	

<p><b>8.2</b></p> <p><b>8.3</b></p> <p><b>8.4</b></p> <p><b>8.5</b></p>	<p>TS asked about factoring charges to residents in Pennyburn. Has heard that these charges may be increasing, and that some people were not aware of these costs when houses were bought. JF explained that this is an issue for Irvine Housing Association and not NAC – this has been an ongoing concern for some years now.</p> <p>JK commented on the Recycling Centre in Irvine – it is not particularly well laid out for elderly people. JF stated that there are workmen there that can be very helpful. He will ask if this can be better publicised.</p> <p>JW asked what happens when roads have been badly repaired. JF said to report this to NAC and ask them to look at it again. JW was referring to some work that has been carried out on Whitehirst Park Road.</p> <p>JW commented that the Carnegie Trust has launched a scheme about Domestic Twinning of towns – this may be of interest to KCC in the future, as there is much that can be gained through this.</p>	<p><b>JF</b></p>
<p><b>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 7.15pm – Kilwinning Academy</b>  <i>Minutes compiled by JG</i></p>		