

KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL
AT 7PM ON MONDAY 26th April 2001

Office Bearers Present:

Tom Mitchell: Chair
Alan Graham: Vice Chair
Andrew Greer: Treasurer

Apologies for Absence:

Tony Doyle: Secretary
Victor Mclean

The meeting opened at 19.06, with the Chairs opening remarks and welcoming a group of local teenagers who attended the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

Prop. Mrs R. Mitchell

Sec. Mrs E. Crosbie

The first issue to be raised was the problem of rubbish, including furniture and garden refuse dumped in Afton Road, Lochlea Road, Clouden Road and Tarbolton Road.

Councilor Murray advised that unless people were willing to come forward and give the names and addresses of the offenders there was very little that could be done. She stated that perhaps the people dumping items of furniture thought there was a charge by the Council for removal. Suggesting that the North Lanarkshire free newspaper was delivered to every household and may be willing to print an article explaining the procedure for the uplift of furniture and appliances etc.

Community Police

Sergeant Bird of the local Community Police gave a report on crime in the area, pointing out the rise in vandalism and people throwing stones at vehicles and private homes.

There were further complaints about groups of youths congregating, loitering, throwing litter and making a lot of noise in the Kildrum area. This is causing discomfort to some older members of the local community who are afraid of reprisals if they ask them to move.

Sergeant Bird stated that it requires members of the public to come forward as witnesses to breaches of the peace etc., before they can go to the Procurator Fiscal.

Local teenagers responded to this by saying that it was unfair that their age group were apparently singled out as a problem and that only a minority of teenagers were the problem. They complained about the lack of amenities for

teenagers and the amount of crime and escalation of violent attacks on teenagers in the area.

The possibility of drop in centers or youth clubs being set up to give them somewhere to go was discussed, which would help reduce the number of teenagers hanging around the area in groups.

Members of the Community Council agreed to look into this and the possibility of setting up a youth crime prevention panel in conjunction with Community Police.

There was again concern at the presence of squatters and rough sleepers in Tarbolton Road, it was claimed that the rough sleepers included a couple with a small child.

Sergeant Bird said that the Police have been looking into this, but had been unable to catch anyone as yet and that this is ongoing inquiry. He agreed that the offenders of such incidents would be reported to the Social Services Department.

Guest Speaker

Colin Hope gave a talk about the Cumbernauld Housing Partnership, how it was structured and the inclusion of local residents on its Board. He spoke about a 30-year plan developed for the future of the Housing Stock. He said that although there were no home improvements at present, only repairs carried out, improvements such as double-glazing and, fitted kitchens were in the future plans.

Lockups payment frequency changes and repairs were discussed. Colin pointed out that payments could be changed to the previous frequencies if required and that anyone interested in doing so should contact Cumbernauld Housing Partnership.

The Chair thanked Colin Hope for speaking to the residents and giving them an insight into future developments.

Environmental Issues

Alan Graham gave an update on environmental issues, and said that the current areas requiring most attention are the nine wooded areas, bus stops and burns.

Tarbolton Road has been cleaned up after the return of a member of staff who was off work due to illness.

Alan confirmed that abandoned trolleys at Kildrum Church, Campsie View and the High School have been removed.

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A wooden post was removed at Redburn School and a car set alight, the car has now been removed.

Shrubs have been thinned-out around the Kildrum area to help cleansing staff in the removal of litter.

Alan concluded by confirming that an action plan was being established by the Community Council to help combat cleansing problems.

Councillor Murray

Following a fatality in Lamerton Road, Councillor Murray explained that she was waiting for the police report to see if anything could be done to help prevent further road accidents in the area. She suggested a reduction of the speed limit or road-calming scheme may be the answer.

Councillor Murray responded to complaints about cleansing in the Kildrum area and confirmed that a meeting had been scheduled with the cleansing department, but was canceled by them at the last minute. A new date was yet to be fixed.

New lighting is now being installed all over the Kildrum area following the number of complaints received about poor lighting from residents.

After complaints about the use of telephone box at Clouden Rd. shop for alleged drug dealings, Cllr. Murray confirmed that correspondence with BT was ongoing.

Plans to deter graffiti on the wall at Sacred Heart School by painting a mural of Cumbernauld's history around the wall were under way.

Cllr. Murray stated that amendments to transport arrangements for school children had been made to help alleviate complaints of unfairness by parents and children.

Cllr. Murray finished by confirming that the Ainslie and Maclehose Road problem was ongoing and she would keep them informed of any progress.

No further issues were discussed due to time constraints and the meeting was closed at 20.57 with the Chair thanking all for attending and the teenagers for their open and candid remarks.

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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD BY KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON MAY 21st 2001.

Minutes of the April meeting, together with the Tresurers report ,were read to the meeting and approved by Rachel Mitchell and seconded by Niven McMillan.

Following the Chairs opening remarks, a discussion on the future of Kildrum Primary School was held - Councillor Murray addressed issues concerning access for alternative uses, the future of the Kildrum nursery provision and the uncertainty concerning the play areas connected to the school.

The councillor stressed her commitment to retaining the nursery provision at the Kyle Road centre.

In response to a question from the floor, the Councillor also gave a firm commitment to the future of recognised community facilities in Kyle Road and Braehead Road.

Sgt Bird confirmed that Bryan Connell is the new Inspector of police for Cumbernauld, and that on a year-on -year basis crime trends had been in decline in Cumbernauld.

Issues concerning the actual response procedures to crime reporting were raised.....it was established that reports were handled at the Coatbridge office but were then passed on to the most appropriate local vehicle.

Responding to complaints that innappropriate responses were occassionally used when officers addressed youngsters, Sgt Bird

suggested that any issues should be raised with a senior officer, and that any poor police approaches to anyone would be subject to disciplinary procedures.

It was confirmed that action is being taken on rubbish dumping and fly-tipping.

Traffic problems, particularly in Afton and Braehead Road were discussed - Councilor Murray confirmed that measures to establish the levels of the problem were in hand, particularly with regard to yellow lines and a possible one way system.

With regard to the Ainslie and Maclehose Road flats issue, the feeling was that the final reports would be 'bleak', but that the specific terms of the deeds are still being investigated by Councillor Murray.

There was some discussion concerning land ownership in Kildrum, particularly with regard to responsibility for littering, car dumping and heavy refuse dropping - all of which are agreed to be problems in the area.

Prior to the meetings closure, it was agreed that Simon Doyle be co-opted onto the committee as a youth representative following his 16th birthday in November.

The Chair closed the meeting at 2030hrs.

KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2001 AT 7PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were moved by Niven McMillan, and seconded by Irene Raeburn.

The Secretary advised that he had verbal confirmation from the community council from Paul Cameron. This had not yet been confirmed in writing.

The guest speaker, from Womens Aid, described the outlines of the Womens aid project and detailed the financial needs of the group. Councillor Murray requested an opportunity to visit one of the refuges, and the request was granted on the condition that the refuge be vacant at the time of the visit.

It was agreed that Kildrum Community Council assist a refuge in Kildrum to a maximum of £200.

Sergeant Bird expressed concern that youngsters were confusing civility on the part of the police with patronising behaviour.

He also advised that while the general crime trend was decreasing, indecency offences were becoming a problem, and that underage crime, including vandalism was a cause for concern.

With regard to underage alcohol offences, it was confirmed that consumption, rather than possession, was the offence.

Infrastructure problems such as tree swings, tree houses and phone box abuse were raised.

Sgt Bird raised the issue of the role of primary schools in raising an awareness of human rights, while the Chair drew the attention of the meeting to the possibility of a parental role in the jurisprudence process.

Councillor Murray reflected concerns regarding the special uplift schemes - particularly that actual uplifts did not match the promised schedule, but acknowledged that tipping was as much a problem as collections.

The proposed housing development at Cumbernauld House was also raised by Councillor Murray, and the meeting unanimously supported her objections, particularly with regard to future developments being approved in the wake of the initial proposals. It was agreed that Kildrum Community Council obtained detailed plans of the development with a view to considering the matter in greater detail.

Councillor Murray also confirmed that she had been appointed to the sub-committee concerned with the siting of radio masts in North Lanarkshire.

The treasurer reported a current credit balance of £2500 in the Community Councils accounts.

The Vice Chair confirmed that Mr McCabe would be the guest speaker at the next meeting.

Questions concerning rubbish uplifts were raised again, specifically regarding leaves on stairways in the area - we were advised that the Castle Way stairs were the responsibility of the Scottish Wildlife Trust rather than North Lanarkshire Council.

Worries concerning a water main repair and rubbish left following work completed by Transco were raised.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 2040 hours.



KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2001 AT 7PM.

The Chair opened the meeting by extending a welcome to Councillor J McCabe, Leader of North Lanarkshire Council.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as an accurate record. The motion was moved by M Urquhart, and seconded by B Watson.

In response to a question, Alan Graham confirmed that the wooden steps leading into the glen in Kildrum, rather than the concrete steps at the bus stop, were the responsibility of the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Constable Sampson apologised for Sgt Bird's absence. He confirmed that a local officer had been injured by a car, but that the officer was recovering and that an individual was awaiting trial for the offence. There were still problems with the licensed grocer at Clouden Road and ongoing action will continue, but problems still remain concerning gathering evidence without contravening civil liberties legislation.

Councillor Murray suggested the possibility of a petition, but we were advised that the essence of the problem lies with the Courts, and their willingness to back up outside initiatives.

Alan Graham raised the issue of recent Transco excavations in Afton Road, which would hopefully soon be resolved. General litter issues were raised; Alan agreed that overflows from rubbish bins on collection dates were the responsibility of the street cleaners, that bonfire debris was now being cleared and that the problems with dumped cars were now being resolved.

He also confirmed that Harry Morgan from the Cleansing Department would attend the next meeting.

At 7.30 pm the Chair welcomed Councillor S Grant.

Councillor McCabe opened his speech by confirming that drink and licensing problems were not unique to Cumbernauld, but were common throughout North Lanarkshire, and suggested that a firmer approach from the judicial system would possibly improve the situation. He also mentioned the possibility of an 'anti-social task force' which may help matters.

With regard to the proposed developments behind Cumbernauld House, he advised that while not being a designated green belt area, developers cannot 'just build on it'. On the other hand planning may be granted if it can be shown that it is necessary to fund refurbishment.

With regard to the environment, he outlined a range of initiatives including

localised 'hit squads' targetting leaf falls, dog fouling and weeds, a new EU strategy for litter segregation and a recycling and composting strategy which is due to start in Kildrum in February 2002. Councillor Murray made the point that a large proportion of the fly tipping problems came from the flatted properties.

Councillor McCabe outlined the ownership structure of Cumbernauld Town Centre, and explained the problems involved in attracting new investments and commercial tenants to the Centre, but also stressed that many of the problems facing the Centre were historical, and had been inherited by NLC.

He explained that school funding was dependent on the NLC PPP and that a sound business case was required to fund any new developments or major structural work.

The question of the future of handicapped schools was raised, and cases were made for segregation, to avoid stigmatisation, and for a more unitary approach, to encourage social cohesion.

The possibility of traffic calming measures in Kyle Road discussed, but the problems this may cause for emergency services were highlighted.

Issues concerning the sale of public land, particularly Campsie View and Kildrum Primary School (the Afton Road site) were raised. Councillor McCabe told the meeting that under the PPP such sales were allowed, but advised that the development of two new schools in Cumbernauld being financed by ring-fenced funds resulting from these sales. Councillor Murray confirmed this.

The future of the old Kildrum Primary school was raised, but as yet no final decision has been taken. Councillor Murray expressed her hope that the land might be developed as sheltered accommodation.

Councillor Murray then addressed refuse collection issues - firstly advising that a pilot scheme for paper recycling was being developed, and that the cleansing department were piloting a rescheduled refuse collection scheme, and that all Kildrum residents would shortly be receiving a calender advising them of the new collection dates.

She also advised that parking problems in Mossgeil Road were being addressed, and that a leaf collection in shrubbery areas was being developed. However, she expressed dissatisfaction with drain blockages not being attended to, particularly one drain outside Kildrum Primary School.

The 20's Plenty campaign group is still pressing hard but legal problems are slowing down its enforcement.

The Ainslie Maclehose Action Group advised that a further meeting was scheduled for January.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

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KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2001 AT 7pm.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the regular guests, Councillor Margaret Murray and the Community police.

The community police reported that investigations into the Clouden Road licensed grocers was at an 'advanced stage'. There was some dissatisfaction that the community force for Kildrum was based in Kilsyth, but we were advised that Inspector O'Connell was investigating the options available - in the meantime Constables Paterson and Sampson are responsible for the area.

Councillor Murray advised that a decision concerning the old Kildrum primary school in Afton Road would be made in the new year, possibly after 14th February, and that new cleansing equipment was being introduced in the area.

She also made reference to new regulations concerning guide dogs in taxis, but made the meeting aware of the difference between taxis and private hire cars.

Cleansing was briefly discussed, with particular regard to the role of those serving community service sentences.

Andrew Wilson MSP, the guest speaker, gave a presentation on the role of the community in political life, and the role of politicians in community life, with specific regard to public spending and expectations. The contents of the paper are not appropriate to the minutes of the meeting, but a precis can be made available on request.

Alan Graham welcomed Councillor Murrays report concerning more cleansing equipment, and confirmed that he would shortly be touring the area with local officials to assess the needs of the area with regard to cleansing initiatives.

Once again, it was agreed that the most critical need was a culture shift - litter is largely the result of people; whilst the schedule for emptying litter bins is not good enough, the bins themselves are not good enough.

Specific structural problems were reported at 11-13 and 8 Kyle Road. Councillor Murray has already requested smaller coping stones.

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The Treasurer confirmed that a cheque for £200 had been passed to Womwns Aid, and Councillor Murray advised that she had been invited to visit a local Womens Aid refuge.

We were told by Councillor Murray that Cumbernauld was low on the priority list for traffic control measures, due to its low accident statistics. With specific regard to Afton Road, a one-way system is opposed by planners - a petition may be useful, but a lack of recorded incidents creates a situation where no great need for change is perceived.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2002 AT 7PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a proposal by Andrew Greer, and seconded by Victor McLean, subject to the amendment that references to "8 and 10 Kyle Road" be changed to "8 and 10 Afton Road".

We were advised that the owners of the licensed grocers shop in Clouden Road had been charged with breaches in regard to the sale of alcohol, but that the most likely outcome would be a serious warning, unless further breaches were reported.

The Chair expressed disappointment that a previous visitor, who had promised that the shop would, in future, follow best practice, had not been able to make his promise hold.

We were advised that the recycling project in Kildrum had been postponed until 1st March 2002.

Councillor Murray further confirmed that the "20's plenty" signing scheme would be completed in Cumbernauld in February, and she also confirmed that the old Kildrum primary school was not scheduled, at present, as a drug initiative centre.

Proposals to build a mobile telecom mast in Campsie View were being investigated by Councillor Murray along with local residents.

Mr Harry Morgan, from North Lanarkshire Council, described in detail both the strategic and tactical techniques used for litter collections in Cumbernauld in general, and Kildrum specifically. Particular attention was paid to shrubbed and wooded areas, and the need for more awareness of the special uplifts scheme - too many people still prefer fly-tipping to booking a collection of heavy goods with NLC. In response to a question concerning possible charges for special uplifts, we were advised that there were no such plans at present.

It was agreed that Kildrum Community Council consider some local initiatives to improve the litter situation in the area. Mr Morgan promised his full support, and it was also agreed that we contact the local press to get general support for such an initiative.

The issue of dumped cars was raised, but it was generally agreed that the situation in Kildrum, at least in this respect, was improving.

The Chair moved a vote of thanks to the guests at 8.45 pm.

The Treasurer reported a credit balance in the accounts of £2267.60.

It was confirmed that the Ainslie/Maclehose options study had been completed, with a recommendation to demolish the existing flats, and rebuild on the land. The AMAG AGM was due to be held on the following evening to discuss the proposals.

Councillor Murray endorsed the proposals on the basis that they would regenerate Kildrum as a whole.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD BY KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 26th FEBRUARY 2002

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present and also welcomed Councillor Margaret Murray our local Councillor and David ~~McGibbin~~ ^{McGIVERN} a young artist who has ideas for a Mural on the wall at Kildrum School.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and were accepted by all present as being a true and correct minute of the meeting.

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Mr. ~~McGibbin~~ was then asked to make his presentation and he passed round some drawings he had made and then the Chair threw the meeting open to questions from the floor, Mrs. Lindsay, Head teacher expressed some concerns re the type of paint to be used whilst other questions were raised from the body of the hall regarding what was going to be done with the surrounding area, the Chair was of the opinion that it was up to North Lanarkshire Council to decide on this as the Community Council were sure it would cost a great deal of money to refurbish the whole area, it was decided to also look at other alternatives and this was left to the Community Council to take the matter further.

Questions were raised regarding the collection of papers, bottles and cans on a fortnightly basis, and people were concerned that they might not get the same bags back every week, and there will be a follow up assessment of the situation.

Vice Chair Alan Graham gave a comprehensive report on all of the matters he had been involved in with the Cleansing Dept. and this was welcomed by the Community, Councillor Murray said she had also written to The Wild Life Trust re the state of the Areas they were responsible for and they seem to have a problem with lack of resources so these matters will have to have a close eye kept on them as will all the other situations regarding the cleanliness of Kildrum.

Councillor Murray then addressed the meeting and that she would raise the issue of cars being dumped with Traffic Management Dept. in Motherwell, she also addressed issues which were raised from the floor and she was thanked for her help in these matters.

There being no other business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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The March Public meeting of Kildrum Community Council had to be cancelled because due to illness we did not have a Quorum of Officebearers. This is Certified by Tom Mitchell, Chair, KCC and Alan Graham, Vice Chair.

Tom Mitchell chair

Alan Graham Vice Chair

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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7pm ON 26th FEBRUARY 2002.

The chair opened the meeting by confirming that Alan Graham should take any credit for the work on environmental issues detailed in the local press over the past few weeks.

He also confirmed that plans for discussions with the local licencing committee were in hand.

A local artist, Dave McGivern gave the meeting a presentation of a proposed mural to be painted on the boundary wall of Kildrum Primary School. It was explained to the meeting that the project had the approval of NLC Education Department so long as it met with the schools head techers approval.

The Head Teacher, Mrs Lindsay, expressed concerns regarding the durability of the paint once in place, and whether or not the school itself would have an active role in the project. It was confirmed that NLC Education Dept had already agreed to put the wall in good condition and prime it ready for painting.

A local resident raised objections to the project, arguing that a larger scale project, including partial demolition of the wall, draining the pitch next to the wall and the introduction of thorny shrubs next to the wall would be a more efficient vandal deterrent.

Other residents expressed concerns, but were ready to praise the subtlety of the proposed designs.

Councillor Murray advised that she had been offered funding for a similar project but was unconvinced of its wisdom. She drew attention to a number of other run-down facilities in Kildrum, such as the tennis courts.

Mr McGivern put in a request for local input should the project be approved.

The Chair requested the proposer of the larger project put his ideas on paper for consideration.

The next guest speaker was Mr Green from Action Recycling, who were responsible for the new paper and glass recycling initiative in Kildrum.

He outlined the logistics of the project, which were subject to a number of objections on specific issues such as the return of the bags to individual households, soiling and the potential for arson.

It was agreed that the project should be given a trial, wnd that Action Recycle be invited back after several months for mutual feedback.

Councillor Murray advised the meeting of a forthcoming meeting concerning the siting of a telecoms mast in Campsie View.

Alan Graham gave details of the problems and improvements in the environmental issues facing Kildrum, and announced a Community Council based initiative to clean up neglected parts of the area.

Issues concerning the role of the Scottish Wildlife Trusts role in keeping areas in their custodianship tidy were raised.

A number of specific littering issues were raised from the floor, as was the issue of untaxed cars in public areas.

The meeting was advised that 98% of the residents of the Ainslie/Maclehose Action Group had voted for the demolition and re-building of their flats.

It was agreed that £5.00 be given to Mr McGivern to cover his travel expenses.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.