

KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

24/11/04

WELCOME

Chairman welcomed everyone. A special welcome to the Community Police and Councillor Margaret Murray.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Mitchell, Chairman: Andrew Greer, Treasurer: Babs Crosbie, Margaret Robertson, Bill Inglis and Martin Conway

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minute was approved. Moved Margaret Wilson. Seconded – Lillian Sutherland

MATTERS ARISING

None

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman gave an informative overview of his recent visit to the Scottish Parliament building. He had been most impressed with the tour and with the hospitality afforded to him and his wife. He thanked the Community Council for affording him this opportunity.

The Chairman reported that he had been speaking to the engineer in charge of maintaining footpaths in the Kildrum area. This was being given serious consideration. The chairman would monitor the situation closely.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the current account stood at £3260.00.

COMMUNITY POLICE

It was reported that "high visibility" policing was being undertaken in Kildrum. There had been some incidence of drinking in public and knife crime. The police were targeting those who were known to be causing the problem. Of 105 calls 40 were for general crimes. There had been no reports of house breaking or car theft. It was emphasised that the public must be vigilant.

A question was asked as to whether there were ever any patrol cars in the area. Patrol cars are used to get the police to and from the areas they are required. Resources go where there are most calls.

A comment was made about works vans being parked on the side of the road outside houses. This was thought to be OK as long as they were not causing an obstruction, but the constables would investigate this further.

The constables went on to clarify the Anti Social Behaviour Act and explained the role of the Anti Social Task Force.

The constable asked for support in supplying Festive packages to senior citizens in the Kildrum and Carbrain area. It was agreed to donate £300.00 towards this and to help

with delivery. The chairman would work closely with the Community Police on this project.

The Chairman thanked the Community Police for their input.

COUNCILLOR MURRAY

Councillor Murray thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the meeting. A meeting regarding the A80 had been held in Condorrat. It had been well attended. Councillor Murray confirmed that there is now to be a Public Enquiry. This evening Civil Servants from the Scottish Executive were meeting with Castlecary Community Council to discuss this issue.

With regard to the footpaths – a change of personnel could explain the lack of response.

Nursery: Since the last meeting Councillor Murray has received letters of objection. Those have been forwarded to Director of Education. Councillor Murray had received a letter from Jane Liddell (in charge of nurseries) giving information re nursery education. Councillor Murray had replied that she was already aware of this and that she should have been advised of the plans before they were made public.

Concern was expressed re green spaces in Kildrum. Councillor Murray now has direct contact with Sports Scotland. A new strategy for green spaces going through council. She would keep us informed.

There has been a council re-shuffle. Councillor Murray read out a list of key regeneration issues. A direct approach will be made to Scottish Executive for money to upgrade Cumbernauld.

The meeting was reminded that the Freedom of Information Act would come into force on 1st January.

AOCB

It was proposed that a digital camera be purchased. This would be useful in supplying evidence when complaints are made regarding the condition of footpaths, litter etc. This was agreed by the meeting and the Treasurer was asked to purchase a suitable camera.

CLOSE

The Chairman thanked Councillor Murray and the Police Officers for their input and there being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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Kildrum Community Council 26/01/05

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Chairman welcomed everyone. A special welcome to the Community Police and Councillor Margaret Murray.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

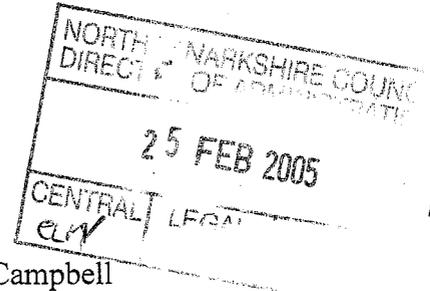
Tom Mitchell, Chairman: Margaret Robertson, Bill Dempsey

APOLOGIES

Andrew Greer, Martin Conway, Babs Crosbie

APPROVAL OF MINUTE

Minute was approved. Moved Nan Wallace. Seconded Steven Campbell



MATTERS ARISING

Planning Application for the Nursery has been withdrawn.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman informed the meeting of the success of the Seasonal gifts" and thanked all those involved in the distribution. A special thanks was given to the Community Police and to The Princes Trust Team that helped with distribution. The chairman would personally write to all those involved.

The chairman commented on the bins that were appearing at peoples door. Comments from the floor agreed that it was getting out of hand and that residents did not have space to store so many bins for recycling. A general discussion ensued.

The Chairman commented on the new road signs that had been put up. There were still some missing, but it was a vast improvement.

Councillor Murray commented that the work was nearing completion and that she was to go round with someone from the department concerned and they would be corrected.

TREASURERS REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer The Chairman reported that finances were stable.

COMMUNITY POLICE

The constable reported on the calls to Kildrum in the period. There had been 52 Public order offences and investigations were ongoing.

Three vehicles had been stolen and there had been one housebreaking. All those crimes were being investigated.

Vandalism was rife in Kildrum and Carbrain. There had been some success in identifying those involved.

35 crimes had been successfully detected.

The constable asked that the public report any incidence of graffiti in the area.

He emphasised that they were aware of "trouble spots" in Maclehose Road and Braehead Road in particular.

Comments were made from the floor re kicking doors and drinking in the street. One resident though reported a story of a gang of youths who had been very polite to her. It was agreed that the vast majority of people are law abiding.

Someone asked if the fire rising from 3 months previous had been detected.

The constable reminded the meeting that extra patrols were in operation in Kildrum. Some "plain clothes" work was ongoing, so just because the police are not always obvious it does not mean that work is not going on.

A general discussion took place re shopping trolleys. They are seemingly still the property of the supermarket no matter where they are found. They can be reported to the shops or the public can phone Northline and they should be uplifted.

The Chairman Thanked the constable for his interesting report

COUNCILLOR MURRAY

Councillor Murray thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the meeting. Councillor Murray reassured the meeting that although she had been ill over Christmas and New Year she was now making progress.

Councillor Murray had been in discussion with officials re the "bin" situation. A suggestion has been made re communal bins. She will keep us informed on this.

Councillor Murray has had had complaints that the Braehead road shop is selling alcohol to young people. This will be investigated and there may be information for the Licensing Board Meeting in March.

Councillor Murray reported that the situation regarding the land around Kildrum Church Manse has been resolved.

Councillor Murray reported that she had information about the site for the Nursery, but as it was not yet common knowledge she could not inform the meeting.

Plans are going ahead for the regeneration of Kildrum. Football pitches are being tidied and the High School pitch is to be grassed. She would have more information at the next meeting.

A new Pilot Scheme to leave grass uncut is being tried at a few sites in Cumbernauld including part of Cumbernauld House Park. Cumbernauld House is to be floodlit.

Tryst swimming pool is closed for refurbishment. It is to cost £1.7 million and will open in July 2005.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Murray and hoped that her health would continue to improve.

K.C.C

AOCB

A general discussion took place relating to vans, cars and trucks parked on footpaths etc. It was also agreed that some residents generate problems by careless dumping of litter and parking in awkward areas.

Concern was voiced about the increased amount of traffic that would be using the roads in Kildrum. It was asked that a measure of traffic be taken by the Roads Department. The secretary would write to the appropriate department.

Joan Findlay reminded the meeting about the Credit Union which runs from the old bank building in Afton road. The meeting was informed that it was an ideal way of saving.

Joan also informed the meeting of a "Glenn Millar Concert" to be held in Kildrum parish Church on 9th February 2005

CLOSE

The Chairman thanked Councillor Murray and the Police Officers for their input and there being no other business, the meeting was closed.