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Kilsyth Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 17 January 2007

PRESENT: Margot MacMillan Scott Johnson Alex Machray Jean McLachlan
Ian Jarvis John Freebairn John Smithson Callum McCann Brian Taylor
Carol Sullivan Alan Stevenson

ALSO PRESENT: PC Martin Docherty (part-time); Andrew McPherson and Jim
Armstrong, NLC Environmental Health Dept. (part-time);
Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES: Hugh Dempsey Gordon Letham Aileen Fleming Councillor
Jones

2. POLICE REPORT:

Constable Docherty provided a short police report. A total of 101 crimes had been reported since our last meeting. These included traffic and drug related incidents. The situation regarding young people gathering adjacent to the Royal Bank of Scotland was being monitored. The monitoring of Kilsyth CCTV cameras is to be centralised in Coatbridge in the near future. The Chairman enquired if the Police Station was to be moved to premises within the old Burgh Chambers and a new Health Centre built on the existing Police Station site. Constable Docherty said he could not confirm if any move was being considered. Constable Docherty confirmed that applications for a grant under the Community Police Fund should be completed as soon as possible. The Chairman thanked PC Docherty for attending.

**3. MR ANDREW MACPHERSON –TEAM LEADER, NLC
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

The Chairman welcomed Mr McPherson and Mr Jim Armstrong, the local Pest Control Officer, to the meeting. Mr McPherson had been invited to the meeting to discuss the Council's proposed solution to the problem of pigeons roosting on buildings within Kilsyth Main Street. Complaints had been received from shopkeepers and members of the public on the mess being caused by these birds. Mr McPherson reminded members that there had been previous culls of the birds but the population had increased again over time. He felt a concerted effort was necessary, including the public stopping feeding the birds. The local press could also help in highlighting this problem. One of the proposals was to site a coop in a suitable location within the Main Street. This would allow management of the number of pigeons over time. Another was for property owners to fit anti landing strips on window ledges and other areas where the birds were roosting. Mr McPherson agreed to discuss these solutions with NLC Town Centres Manager, Mr Jack Duffy.

The Treasurer raised the issue of recycling bins overflowing and the report of a rat having been seen. Mr Armstrong said he was aware of this problem and would speak to the Cleansing Department.

4. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

John Freebairn tabled a letter received from a member of the public regarding the condition of the "High Line" between Corrie Road and Balmalloch Primary School. John had also made some notes on the issue. The Secretary agreed to look into this matter.

John also suggested that the bus shelters at Croy Station needed to be reversed as the prevailing wind meant that the shelters were not providing sufficient cover for the public. The Secretary agreed to write to Strathclyde Passenger Transport, copying in Croy Community Council.

John asked if the continued parking of cars near the roundabout at the top of Airdrie Road could be raised again with NLC. He suggested new road marking might help. John also raised the lack of lighting at the Dullatur Road end. The Secretary agreed to raise these matters with Mr. Tom Peebles, NLC Traffic Team Leader.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2006:

The Vice Chairman, seconded by Brian Taylor, proposed that the minute of our November meeting be approved.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2006:

Matters arising from the November meeting were covered by the agenda.

7. ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT – TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer advised members that the bank balance was £970.68

8. PROJECTS ACCOUNT – SECRETARY’S REPORT:

The Secretary provided details of the main income and expenditure for the months of November and December 2006.

The balance in account at end of December 2006 was £1970.36

9. CORRESPONDENCE – CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY:

The Chairman and Secretary advised members of the correspondence sent and received since the November meeting. A copy of each list is appended. The Secretary

agreed to write to the Scottish Health Minister to object that yet another layer of bureaucracy was being added to the Health Service in Scotland.

10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Chairman reminded members that Dawn Homes had taken over from Crudens Estates and intended to build a residential estate at the former quarry site. The Chairman hoped to have representatives from Dawn at one of our meetings. The planning lists from November 2006 to mid January 2007 were reviewed.

11. ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Energy Park and Visitor Centre. John Smithson had made contact with the company involved and would update members at our next meeting.
- b. Colzium Signage. The Secretary had written to NLC to confirm if permission could be given to provide new signs at the main entrance to Colzium Lennox Estate. Once this is confirmed the Secretary will pass the project to our Projects Coordinator, John Smithson.
- c. Friends of Burngreen. Ian Jarvis provided a short report.
- d. Access Forum. There was nothing to report on the Access Forum.

12. TOWN CENTRE:

- a. Farmers' Market. The last market had 10 stalls and was again organised by the stall holders.
- b. Car Boot Sale. Carol Sullivan advised members that the last sale had been cancelled due to the weather. Carol intends to run the Car Boot Sale from 12 noon – 2pm until further notice.
- c. Community Police Project. Following a discussion it was agreed to investigate the provision of fluorescent vests for use by children attending the 3 primary schools in Kilsyth. The Secretary agreed to discuss this proposal with the 3 Head Teachers and the Community Police Officers.
- d. Suggestion Boxes. Members approved the boxes that had been purchased. Calum McCann agreed to obtain the suggestion cards and the Secretary will seek permission from the 3 proposed locations for the boxes.
- e. The Secretary to arrange for representatives of ROCDCM, The Town Centres Manager and the newly appointed NLC Town Centre Regeneration Manager to attend one of our meetings in the near future to discuss plans and proposals for the Main Street.

13. WEBSITE

It was agreed that the shop information should be updated on our site.

14. KILSYTH AND VILLAGES FORUM:

The Chairman advised members that a meeting was to be held in Burngreen Hall on 12 February 2007 to consider the remit of the Forum.

15. A.O.C.B:

The Chairman commented on newly acquired documents, some dating back to the 17th century, which had been passed to the community council from the estate of Elizabeth Crawford. The Chairman had asked John Gordon to look over the documents.

The Secretary agreed to contact Horizon Housing Association regarding the lack of progress in repairing and cleaning the clock mounted on the flats opposite the Coachman Hotel.

Members agreed to consider how we might mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the community council. This matter to be discussed at the February meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 February 2007 starting at 7.30pm.