

WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 11th November 2019, 7.00pm in VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); George Donohoe (G D); Clr J. Brahim (JB)

APOLOGIES: Clr T. Ferguson (TF); Deirdre Murray (DM); Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD)

ATTENDING: PC. T. Arthur; Ros Fallon (NAC); Tom Heaney (NAC); H. Thomson

MINUTES: 14th October minutes approved by (DP) and seconded by (KH)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer (DP) reported that the accounts had been submitted to NAC Finance Department via Anne-Marie Hunter since the treasurer had difficulty with the NAC account format. This was done during October and he has had no response as yet.

POLICE SCOTLAND: PC T. Arthur provided the Crime figures reported from 14th October 2019 to the 11th November 2019. (48) incidents were reported which resulted in (12) crime reports consisting of (7) Theft; (2) Breach of the Peace; (1) Vandalism; (1) Dangerous Dog Act; (1) Communication offence. Of the (12) offences recorded, (4) were detected.

Largs Police public counter is moving to Brooksby Health Centre in Largs on the 20th November. The current building is no longer fit for purpose. The Public will be invited to view the old Police Station once it is vacated. (JL) thanked the Police for their attendance at the War Memorial on the 10th November.

NAC Roads: A presentation was given by Ros Fallon on Winter Gritting which has now started. The details of when and where the gritters are operating can be found on the NAC website / gritting. Priority Routes are main town centre roads and bus routes. Priority 2 routes will only be gritted and or cleared once Priority 1 have been completed. Residents are still urged to contact the roads department if their street needs a grit bin but the majority of residents must agree to this. Requests from individuals will not be considered. Culverts and Gullies had been cleaned during the summer to reduce the risk of flooding, and freezing in bad weather.

Residents are also requested to report street lights that are not working. NAC is also perfecting a Citizen Participation Platform - *Your Voice Your View*. This will include Council topics for debate such as Consultations, Budget and citizen generated proposals. (JL) thanked Ros for her presentation.

NAC Streetscene: Thomas Heaney gave a run down on what Streetscene were doing in the village. Community Groups along with Streetscene were taking care of many of the grass and flower bed areas in the village. Street Cleaning was good, and NAC had increased the frequency of cleaning. The Path in the Glen had been repaired however this would continue to be monitored. The War Memorial railings had been repainted last week and dressed overall for Remembrance Sunday.

Work on the cemetery would start in December and would include refurbishment of the internal paths and the gates. There would be a new road at the north end of the cemetery for vehicular access, along with new signage on the wall at the gates.

Ground maintenance was constrained by the Council Budget as to timing and finance. The timing was critical as NAC would not agree a budget till January/February so ground maintenance cannot order any plants until then. Last year NAC was the last council in Scotland to order and therefore got what was left from the commercial nurseries. A timetable for maintenance of grass areas will be placed on the NAC website. Residents will then know when maintenance will be done, weather permitting.

(JL) thanked Thomas Heaney for his time and presentation, and we would keep in touch.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:

NAC Exec: A New Regional Transport Strategy for Strathclyde

Notice of forthcoming briefing and opportunity to comment. No update as yet from NAC.

Village Library Uses: As reported last month after discussing the proposals we decided that we would arrange a public meeting in conjunction with the Development Group.

(JL) reported that since he had a meeting with David Hutchison who is involved directly with NAC on the Asset Transfer of NAC community properties. The outcome decisions of which are wider ranging on the whole of NAC properties. The savings were at best provisional at present. It was agreed that it would be better to wait until we have an idea as to what outcome is being proposed by NAC, before having a joint public information meeting.

SSG: The Site Stakeholder meeting that should be held on the 5th December has been cancelled. Government officials are not permitted to attend public meetings during a General Election campaign. The update from Hunterston B Power Station is that the reactor 4 which was given a three/four month extension in September before further checking of the graphite core, will be taken off-line on the 10th December. It is scheduled to restart with ONR approval on the 15th February 2020.

Second Pharmacy in West Kilbride: (KH) and (JL) had a meaningful meeting with the owners of the proposed pharmacy that was rejected earlier this year. Some suggestions were put forward which they will evaluate. The owners also intend to discuss the pharmacy proposal with the new management of the Surgery.

NAC: Throughout November the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council have been hosting Budget Involvement events across the area. *Have your Fair Say on the Council Budget – help us shape and transform our services.* The last meeting of the series will be held in Largs Campus on the 12th November 5.30-8pm (KH) has intimated she will attend.

NAC: Housing to 2040 – Public exhibition to be held on the 28th November 18.00-20.00 in Irvine Royal Academy – (Noted)

Rigghill Windfarm:

The developer intends to hold public exhibitions in Skelmorlie on 26/11, Largs on 27/11 and Millport on 28/11. WKCC are liaising with Fairlie and Skelmorlie CCs on the developer's proposals

NAC: CIF Funding criteria for North Coast Locality Partnership decision making. (KH) reported that as the application from the Environmental Group had been rejected. (KH) and Bill Cleave had a meeting with Cllr Ferguson. The outcome of which is that Cllr Ferguson has taken this case up with NAC management. As yet no satisfactory solution. Cllr Brahim was also updated with this information and would speak to Cllr Hill. A solution could be a re-run of the Sub Committee with the Environmental Group presentation being heard or take the disputed decision to the full Locality Partnership Committee meeting in January.

NAC Planning Decisions since 14th October 2019

Prior Notification for forestry related building works (non-residential) for forestry access road

Site to East of Blackshaw Farm West Kilbride. Ref. No: 19/00628/AN | Received: Wed 21 Aug 2019 | Validated: Wed 04 Sep 2019 | Status: **Application Withdrawn.**

Felling of two holly trees within an area covered by Law Brae TPO

14C Meadowfoot Road West Kilbride KA23 9BX Ref. No: 19/00742/TPO | Received: Mon 30 Sep 2019 | Validated: Tue 01 Oct 2019 | Status: **Approved No Conditions.**

Change the use from residential to shop

8 Gateside Street West Kilbride. Ref. No:19/00811/PP
Received: Mon 28 Oct 2019 | Validated: Mon 28 Oct 2019 | Status: **Application Withdrawn**

Erection of detached dwelling house and stable

Site to North West Of 15 Thirdpart Holdings West Kilbride. Ref. No: 19/00704/PPP | Received: Tue 17 Sep 2019 | Validated: Tue 24 Sep 2019 | Status: **Application Refused**

UPDATES and ONGOING:

NAC - Future of Public Buildings in West Kilbride: The outcome has as yet not been disclosed by NAC.

Trans Serv: A78 extension of 30mph limits to Chapelton and new 40mph limit to southern boundary of Waterside Hotel. Monitoring still in place.

LDP2: Not yet agreed by Scottish Government. They have requested the decision period be extended to 56 days from the usual 28 days.

NAC expect the decision by the 21st November after which, printed copies will be available.

AAHB: Surgery takeover: (JL) met with the senior manager Javid Gilani and can report that the new management is now up and running. They have had, and are still having, issues with the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board computer system in amalgamating the personnel records from two practices. which has now been implemented and the Appointments System.

There will be at least two salaried doctors working in West Kilbride on a permanent basis along with Locums as required. Mr Gilani is happy to come to meet with the Community Council in the new year as by then any changes will have settled in.

The Flu Jag day on the 6th November had in excess of 600 patients getting their annual protection. (JL) expressed our thanks to the nurses, the tea and buns from Age Concern and Village Hall staff.

NAC BUSINESS:

Planning applications made since 14th October 2019 that have not so far been decided. **Appendix 1**

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: Cllr Brahim attended and reported that she had attended to a number of queries, including, having rocks removed from the bottom of Fullerton Drive to allow wheelchair access to the beach. Cllr Brahim indicated that she would take on board comments and requests that had been raised earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Ferguson notified WKCC by e-mail that the Main Street would be closed on the 1st December for Scottish Water engineering works. Cllr Ferguson had also attended the Remembrance service at the War Memorial, laying a wreath on behalf of North Ayrshire Council.

NEW BUSINESS/ AOCB:

(KH) had placed an advert on Facebook on behalf of the village requesting assistance from residents to take on the Brooch Garden in the Glen but to date had received no responses.

(KH) The NAC Regeneration Funding was progressing on Main Street and Ritchie Street, however tracking down ownership of the properties was difficult with non-local owners. Overall there had been a good response supported by support from the Business Group.

Meeting closed @ 9.10 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th December 2019 7.00pm in Village Hall

Planning applications not yet decided

APPENDIX 1

- **Residential development (Phase 6) comprising 18 detached dwelling houses and associated parking and infrastructure** Site to North West of Chapelton Mains Seamill Ref. No: 19/00596/PP | Received: Wed 07 Aug 2019 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2019 | Status: **Pending Consideration**
Note: Delay due to concerns that as yet no satisfactory method of disposal of surface water from the whole site has been submitted this being the last phase of the development.
- **Erection of single storey extension to rear of ground floor flat**
8 Weston Terrace West Kilbride KA23 9JX Ref. No: 19/00827/PP Received: Thu 31 Oct 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Nov 2019 | Status: **Pending Consideration**
Note: No Comment
- **Replacement of existing chimney stacks at roof level** West Kilbride Railway Station, Cubrieshaw Street West Kilbride KA23 9AY Ref. No: 19/00817/PP and Ref. No: 19/00818/LBC
Received: Tue 29 Oct 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Nov 2019 | Status: **Pending Consideration**
Note: Concern expressed that lack of approval would lead to abandoning of Project.
WKCC will contact NAC