

KILBARCHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Steeple Hall, Steeple Street, Kilbarchan on Wednesday 27 January 2010.

Present: David Blair, Andrew Dempster, Elaine Weir, Russell Young, Ian Campbell, Joanne Kerr.

Apologies: Ken Ives, Elaine Ives, Mairi Alexander, Ann Grieve, Ivar Campbell, Karen Campbell.

David Blair presiding

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were proposed by Andrew Dempster and seconded by Russell Young.

2. Police Report

No police report was available as the date of the next meeting had been omitted from the previous meeting minutes thus making it difficult for any police representative to deliver the report.

3. Notice Board

No information received as to progress.

4. Quarry

Doubts exist as to whether work has been carried out on pumps due to col weather. Check with Karen for update to situation.

5. Roads

Awaiting visit/report by department of roads representative.

6. Traffic

Andrew noted there had been a 10 minute delay with traffic negotiating parked vehicles and delivery vehicle at the Co-op.

Council are aware of traffic problems in several town and village centres and propose the de-criminalisation of parking offences with the community wardens being responsible for issuing fines. This may provide a revenue stream for the council.

There has been increased support for yellow lines to restrict parking in that area.

7. Co-op refuse

The pavement continues to be awkward to negotiate with various signs, a flower stand and refuse from the Co-op in addition to being muddy.

It was noted that the drain at the pharmacy end had been cleared a few months ago. No information was available about the state of the drain at the Station Road end.

Andrew Dempster will continue to monitor taking note of dates and photographs as he deems necessary.

8. Japanese Knot-weed

(Churchill Place/Bog Park)?

Some work has been carried out, but this has been observed to have been to a shallow depth.

It was suggested that the roots may extend to a depth of seven metres!

9. Christmas Lights

The weather was fine and it was noted that fewer children had attended this year.

Both the pipe band and the junior choir did really well and we extend our thanks to them.

The community Council has received quotes for new lighting for the tree and steeple and will be approaching the LAC for funding later in the year.

It was also proposed to look at lighting for the cherry trees, and to arrange for a contractor to install and dismantle the lights at the appropriate times, with the lights remaining stored in the Steeple.

10. Correspondence

Nothing received at the meeting.

11. AOCB

Financial Report

None

Planning

None

Local Area Committee

The five Area Committees met and a statistical report was issued although this detailed only in broad terms for Johnstone North and Johnstone South areas.

A map was referred to indicating relative deprivation across the JN/JS areas indicating both a severely deprived area (indicated in Red) and a deprived area (indicated in Yellow) within the village.

A number of Priority areas were discussed ...

Youth Provision

It was noted that provision was available for youngster of ages 11+ but there was nothing for younger children.

The council are to carry out an Audit of provision and it was suggested that the audit should include non-council provision also.

Senior Citizens Audit

A proposal was put forward to replicate the Brody Park model of facilities for the Elderly at Shanks Park.

It was noted that Elderly keep fit classes had been pulled due to lack of funding despite money being available through the LAC.

Transport

It was noted that Kilbarchan was better provisioned with regard to bus services into the evening and night than other areas although concern was raised over the suitability of some buses for pushchair users.

Roads

The committee is keen to include villages as well as towns in any discussions about roads.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 25 February 2010.