

The Trust Executive committee continue to review planning applications that are provided through Inverclyde Council. The majority of these are alterations or additions to existing properties. The committee agrees with most proposals although comments are made to ensure that relevant building materials are used and any change is sympathetic to the existing building.

There are no major new proposals, with no further information regarding Balrossie, the former St Columba's Junior School, and St Columba's Church which has now been sold.

The Kilmacolm and Quarriers 'Place Plan' continues its slow progress.

The steering committee, which includes representatives of the Community Council and the Civic Trust, is struggling with lack of information from Inverclyde Council and the slow progress of help from the company that has been enlisted to aid production of the Plan.

Did you know ? On the first floor of the Kilmacolm Village Centre there is an exhibition of the History of Kilmacolm. This was produced by Kilmacolm Heritage Centre company in May 2018. It consists of some fifteen or sixteen large display boards with a considerable amount of information on various aspects of Kilmacolm history.

The Civic Trust has now taken over the guardianship of this project.

When the display was set up, an accompanying booklet was also produced.

If you are unable to visit the Village Centre then you can access a smaller version of the display boards by going to the Civic Trust website 'search our archives' section. Type in "Kilmacolm heritage gallery" and you will find access to a twenty eight page booklet on what is available in the display.

As we have told you before, there is no longer a membership fee to belong to the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Civic Trust.

We wish to continue with our campaign to recruit new members. Therefore we ask all our existing members to mention to their friends the work of the Trust which is to preserve the character of Kilmacolm and the surrounding villages.

Unfortunately a lot of people just can't be bothered to go on line and join up.

However, if you get their permission, just a name, an email address and a postcode is all that you need. You can enter it yourself in the membership form on the 'home page' of the Civic Trust website.