

Stevenston Community Council

Monday 1st October 2018 @ 7pm – 9pm

Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre, Stevenston

Present: G. Pollock (Chairperson), I. Winton (Vice-chair), L. Winters (Secretary),
J Benson, I. Hamlin

Councillors: J. Sweeney

Special Guests: R. Fallon, Winter Gritting Programme – North Ayrshire Council

Police Scotland Officers: PC Robertson, PC ?

1. Welcome

(G. Pollock - Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Attendance & Apologies

L. Lennon, D. Rodger, S. Sinclair, Councillor D. McTiernan, S. Morgan – Connected Communities

3. Minutes of last public meeting on 3 September 2018

Minutes of the last public meeting on Monday 3rd September were approved by I. Hamlin and seconded by P. ?
a true and accurate.

4. Community Police Report and discussion

- There have been 5 reported assaults over the past month, 4 of these have been detected. Two of the reported assaults relate to domestic matters.
- 6 reported vandalisms in the past month, no emerging patterns, 4 of these are ongoing enquiries and 2 are undetected.
- Haywards Contracts @ Stevenston Industrial Estate have 2 reported thefts by HB, first theft was where a quantity of tools were stolen, both enquiries are ongoing, and officers are awaiting SOC results.
- 6 reported thefts of Wheelie Bins which have been reported to North Ayrshire Council, none of these have been detected.
- Various thefts occurred in Lidl, Ardeer Filling Station, B & M, and Morrisons, named suspects, enquiries are ongoing.
- Various thefts occurred in properties in Afton Road, Greenhead Avenue, and Caledonian Road – 2 of these involved money, and other various household items, and garden ornaments were stolen from a garden in Darg Road, named suspects and enquiries ongoing in each of these cases.

- Contravention of S57 Civic Govt (s) Act 1982 at McGregor Avenue, where it is inferred a male suspect was within the garden of the premises with the intention of committing theft. Enquiries continue.
- Locality Policing Team continue to work on the Multi-Agency action plan for 'Ardeer Rec' which is being delivered, with no significant issues at this time. There is also an action plan in place for Kerelaw Castle.
- 3 people have been arrested for a contravention of S5 (1) a of RTA 1988, all 3 people were found to be driving whilst under the influence of alcohol and being over the prescribed limit, 2 of these were female, one of the females was held in custody to appear in court, the other female and the male were released on an undertaking to appear at court at a future date.

5. 3 Towns Locality Partnership report

I. Winton provided a report of all that is happening at the 3 Towns Locality Partnership, as he had previously attended 2 meetings. He reported that speeches were given by Chief Executive E. Murray and also Councillor J. Cullinane, as well as others, discussions on further plans for the 3 Towns was described as positive! The next meeting of the 3 Towns Locality Partnership will be held in December. This meeting will be to discuss new plans for the 3 Towns, Community Regeneration, as well as looking at the Locality Investment Fund – a pool of money for any groups in the 3 Towns area that are looking to better their Town by using some of this money as part of an investment. Applicants are being invited to apply now.

The Training Station, Saltcoats – This project is used to highlight the Community Investment Fund and how some of the money will be used to better the 3 Towns. Various groups such as Scotrail, North Ayrshire Council, etc will be able to invest money into this project, then this will be used along with the Community Investment Fund, this will see many people travelling from other towns to Saltcoats as it's directly at the train station and will open the doors to many great opportunities in Saltcoats, such as Karate, training, etc.

6. Updates - Traffic and Parking Town Centre and Caledonia Road in particular. Toilets @ Stevenston beach

Traffic

Issues with keeping the road clear at the top of New Street are still ongoing, this is because of the car park being closed temporarily. There are cars mounting pavements, causing obstructions, and blocking the road, this is putting the lives of pedestrians in danger, there are also lorries mounting pavements to get into the car park at Lloyds chemist to deliver goods for the shop, even though they have a key to open the car park gates to let them gain access. This will continue to be monitored.

Caledonia Road will continue to be monitored due to the people who are speeding along this road and parking on the corners where the church is, this is putting others at risk due to not being able to see if there is an oncoming vehicle coming along the road.

Town Centre Car Park

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that a significant offer has been put to the owner of the car park, however there was still no response as to whether this will be accepted or not before tonight's meeting. J. Sweeney has informed us that he will keep us

updated and share any new information with the community council if and when it comes up.

Stevenston Beach

One of the best assets of Stevenston has to be the beach. One local resident has spent the past 4 years tirelessly cleaning the area and disposing of the rubbish to make sure we have an environmentally friendly beach. Various primary schools and local groups from Stevenston have taken part in clearing up the beach.

Toilets

A survey has taken place to look at the building that was previously used for the toilets. The toilets and showers are in excellent condition; however, the building is in a bad state of disrepair due to the crack that goes right round the whole building girders. This would have to be knocked down and a new building erected, but at a cost of £70,000. I. Winton looked at the possibility of Modular Portakabin, these have minimal impact on the environment or the local area, they can be placed on a suitable piece of land, they help to reduce waste and minimal disruption, and offer better flexibility. There is space down at the play space, near to the beach and not too far from the original building and there is a car park there already. The possibility of maintaining and cleaning the toilets is also being discussed, with the possibility of a café being there as well, and the maintenance of the toilets could be part of the lease agreement.

7. Open forum. Mainly public input

- Lack of maintenance and the upkeep of the whole town seems to be forgotten in Stevenston.
- Grangeknowe site bought over and left derelict for a long time, an application went in for the owner to build houses on the site, this was refused because there was no parking there.
- The footpath at the end of George St going towards Saltcoats is always water logged, especially when the weather is bad. Could there be a fence or railing put there?
- Councillor J. Sweeney will provide a run down on what the Priorities are for the Three Towns Locality Planning at the next meeting.

Winter Gritting Programme

R. Fallon from North Ayrshire Council spoke on the Winter Gritting Programme for 2018 / 19. North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation to ensure the safety of all people who are using the roads and the paths, to make sure these are well gritted and cleared from snow and ice to prevent accidents from happening. They are provided with a weather report twice a day. There are 3 main Priorities throughout North Ayrshire.

Priority 1 Routes - Urban shopping areas and precincts, footway access to schools, emergency facilities including fire and rescue, police and ambulance services, hospitals, sheltered housing, doctors surgeries and health centres etc;

Priority 2 Routes - Steep hills on main distributor and residential distributor routes, routes to bus stops etc, only after all Priority 1 have been cleared;

Priority 3 Routes - Other areas of high pedestrian concentration. Streetscene staff will assist with the treatment of footways. In order to maximise coverage on footways, generally only one side of a road will be initially treated. It is not possible for the Council to treat all footways and footpaths within North Ayrshire.

Priority 2 routes - will be treated if it is forecast that ice or snow is likely to be present with temperatures forecast to remain below zero for a prolonged period only after priority 1 routes are clear.

Priority 3 routes will be treated if it is forecast that ice or snow is likely to be present with temperatures forecast to remain below zero for a prolonged period only after priority 1 and 2 routes are clear.

North Ayrshire Council encourages the community to participate in self-help, through the use of grit bins which can be requested through the grit bin application process.

Application forms for the grit bins are available from Stevenston Community Council, or Stevenston Library.

by

email <https://www.northayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/PropertyServices/InfrastructureDesign/Roads/WinterServiceDocument.pdf>

or by phoning - 01294 310000

The grit bins must be kept maintained throughout the year and this must be agreed with your neighbours, signatures are required from your neighbours to say they approve and that they will help with the maintenance. Grit bins will only be allocated where it has been assessed and deemed as an appropriate location by the Council.

9. Date of next public meeting Monday 12 November, 7pm @ Ardeer

Neighbourhood Centre, Stevenston @ 7pm – 9pm.

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