



**Minutes of the January Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre Lounge on Tuesday the 12th February at 7:00pm.**

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HMcN	Chair Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair Beith & District Community Council
Jim Murdoch	JM	Treasurer Beith & District Community Council
Brian Smith	BS	Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Bridget Johnstone	BJ	Beith & District Community Council
Ian Johnstone	IJ	Beith & District Community Council
Ted Neville	TN	Beith & District Community Council
Karen Campbell	KC	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Christina Pieraccini	CP	NAC

2 members of the public were also present

Actions

1. Apologies:

Joe Murdoch JM Police Sergeant

2. Police Report:

In the absence of Sgt Joe Murdoch, no police report was provided.

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3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:

Proposer: Janet Barr Seconded: James Waite

Matters Arising:

No arising matters were discussed

4. Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications that required the consideration of the Community Council.

5. Treasurers Report:

Jim Murdoch gave an overview of the accounts, noting that the administration account balance of £431.68 had 1 outstanding cheque of £50, and the Project account stands at £1194.84.

A grant application has been submitted for a laptop, this will be decided on 7th March.

6. Update on Garnock Valley Community Council

Helen McNaughton gave an overview of the most recent Garnock Valley Community Council meeting held on 05.02.19.

A discussion had taken place of the best ways to engage local youths. A pilot scheme utilising a Mobile Youth Centre will take place over the three towns to ascertain the popularity and establish whether a more permanent bus / cafe would be beneficial.

It was agreed that the minutes from each of the three towns Community Council Meetings would be shared to aid in communication.

There had also been a discussion of the production of a promotional leaflet for the community.

7. Food Forum:

Ian Johnstone gave an overview of the two most recent food forums he had attended in Saltcoats Town Hall, reporting that these had been well attended. They discussed the problem of children going short of food at weekends and during school holidays and were looking for funding and volunteers to allow more kitchens to remain open. This has already been put in place in some areas, with Centre Stage providing food in various localities.

The next forum will be held on 25.04.19

8. Update on Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

No changes to previous update.

9. Local Shopping:



Janet Barr led a discussion on the diminishing local shops. Opening hours were discussed with the suggestion that one night a week or month the shops could remain open slightly later but as some were reluctant to open on the Lights and Laughter night it was thought it might be a struggle to convince the shopkeepers to participate.

A trip was suggested to a more thriving High Street for ideas in what could be implemented locally.

Cllr Anthea Dickson suggested signage at the Kilbirnie and Lochwinnoch cycle paths with directions and information on Beith. Discussions are ongoing with various organisations.

Christina talked about the first meeting of the Garnock Valley Business Forum which she had attended and offered to bring up any matters on our behalf at the second meeting on 01.04.19.

10. Calendar of Events:

-  Annual Litter Pick - Janet Barr registered the event with Keep Scotland Beautiful which will take place on 27th April between 10am and 1pm. Ted Neville will engage with Norrie Brown to find out which groups have volunteered in the past. Sub group agreed: Ted Nevill and Ian Johnstone TN
-  St Inans Festival – The committee held their first meeting on 12th February. They have applied for funding and just waiting on the outcome of these.

11. General Correspondence:

- **Nomination to Provosts Civic Pride Awards** – Helen reported that Beith Community Council had received 2 nominations but had been unsuccessful in proceeding any further.
- **Invitation to Cunningham Choirs 40th Anniversary Celebration** – Helen had received an invitation to this event as a guest, however as she is unable to attend and has passed this on to another representative from the Community Council.
- **Proposal Document on Garnock Valley Early years Centre** – This document is regarding the Early years merging into St Bridget’s Early Years Class, which Helen explained briefly. Cllr Donald Reid had attended a public meeting with only one parent present but had no major concerns to report.
- **Beith Community Citizen of the year** – It was noted this was now open for nominations.
- **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport** – Looking for interest from Community Councils and a survey is to follow.
- **Community Link Workers** – This has been put onto Facebook by James Waite
- **Home Energy Scotland** – Bridget is attending a talk at the Garnock Valley Disabled Forum on 27th February and will gauge whether it would be worthwhile having them speak at a future meeting.
- **Farrans – Dalry Bypass** – A speaker arranged to give an update on the Dalry Bypass for our April meeting.

8. Open to the Floor:

The Chair opened the meeting to the floor.

- There were no points from the floor.

9. A.O.C.B.:

- Brian smith asked if there was a planned date for the changes to Beith Bypass, Cllr Donald Reid confirmed that no date had been set for this project as yet.

10. With no further business, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks from the chair.

The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on the 12th March in Beith community Centre Lounge – 7pm. The guest speaker will be the Regeneration Officer for the Garnock Valley.

Karen Campbell
Minute Secretary