



Minutes of the May Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre Lounge on Tuesday 14th May at 7:00pm.

In Attendance:

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 Nevill	TN	Beith & District Community Council
Karen Campbell	KC	Secretary Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7
Joe Murdoch	JM	Police Sergeant

3 members of the public were also present

Actions

1. Apologies:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair Beith & District Community Council
Norrie Brown		
Anthea Dickson		Ward 7

2. Police Report:

Sergeant Joe Murdoch gave a report on the period 14/04/19 – 14/05/19 stating there had been 211 calls resulting in 31 crime reports being raised. The calls had included 76 Priority 1 and 2 calls. He went on to provide an update of Eglinton Street which had received 9 calls during this period. Whenever possible there had been extra police presence in this area. The traffic lights had been vandalised on the 27th April and although the town had been busy that night no information had been provided by the public. The police are looking for any information regarding this vandalism. A discussion took place highlighting the time people were being kept on hold when calling 101. Jim Murdoch reported that on one occasion he had given up after 45 minutes. Sergeant Joe Murdoch agreed this was not acceptable and would look in to this.

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: Jim Murdoch Seconded: Ted Nevill

4. Matters Arising:

	Karen Campbell should now be included as Secretary and email account set up.	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>A letter of objection had been submitted for the application for a takeaway in the Bank of Scotland building, this has now been rejected.</p> <p>The Roebank Hotel has put in an application for an outdoor seating area. Neil Smith, joint owner was present and asked to give further information. The area suggested is primarily for eating outside and food is only served until 9pm. There is a plan to include a children’s play area and make this a family friendly option. After all the plans had been heard it was agreed that the Community Council thought this would be a benefit to the local community and a letter of support should be provided.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Treasurers Report:</u></p> <p>Jim Murdoch gave an overview of the accounts, noting that the administration account balance of £473.51 had an outstanding cheque of £50 and one for £100 to St Inan’s Day which would take it to £323.51.</p> <p>The project account stands at £1195.02.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Update on Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</u></p> <p>James Waite has written to the 3 Community Council chairs looking for input on the joint CIF application for PB events.</p> <p>CIF funding is not required for the Mobile Youth Bus pilot scheme as this has been secured from Christina Pieraccini’s team.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Calendar of Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🗓️ Annual Litter Pick - Ted Nevill reported on another successful litter pick. Not as many volunteers this year but the Police Cadettes from Irvine had upped the numbers. Brian Smith had cleared the area next to the Masonic Hall and is now looking for some soil so that some planting can be done to improve this area. 🗓️ St Inan’s Day – The Royal Party has now been picked and plans are well under way. It was agreed that we should have a stall at this event which would include a tombola. Janet Barr volunteered to organise this and Brian Smith and James Waite will help on the day. 🗓️ Food Forum – Ian Johnstone reported this had again been well attended. Discussions included low income families in villages not benefiting from as much help as those in towns and with school holidays fast approaching the topic of children receiving free school meals missing out during this period was revisited. 🗓️ Your Voice, Your View – This had been attended by 61 people which included the Council staff who organised it. We had 5 members attend and the general feeling was this had been a worthwhile exercise and hoped that the council would take all the information gathered and how important the Community Centre and Library is to our town in to careful consideration when making any future plans. James Robson from Beith Community Association discussed his involvement during the last year with the working party which had then led to this public consultation. He stated the importance of the Beith Community Association and Beith & District Community Council working together on this. We are looking for a way to move forward. 🗓️ Citizen of the Year – This had been attended by James Waite and Brian Smith who had both had a very enjoyable evening. The winners were: Young Citizens of the Year – Antonia McRae & Hannah Clarkson Citizen of the Year – Evelyn McVey Lifetime Achievement Award – John Smith 	

9.	<p><u>General Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🗳️ Councillor Donald Reid reported there was still 1 local objector who was stopping this project from progressing and during a visit had highlighted the importance of the plans being expedited once finance had been put in place or the money would be used elsewhere. 🗳️ Beith Community Association have had no interest in the vacancy for Secretary and the letter will be resent. 🗳️ Beith Community Association is to hold a Presentation Evening on 14th June for their retiring Administrative Secretary Lorraine Bunclark. 4 members of the Community Council have been invited, Janet Barr, Karen Campbell and possibly James Waite will attend. 	
10.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🗳️ Cllr Donald Reid thanked Janet Barr, the President of Cunninghame choir for the fantastic concert himself and Brian Smith had attended. He praised the hard work and dedication of all involved in providing a fabulous programme of music including an original piece they had commissioned. 🗳️ VE Day 2020 to be added to next month's agenda for discussion. 	
11.	<p>With no further business, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks from the Vice Chair.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on the 11th June in Beith Community Centre Lounge – 7pm.</p> <p>Karen Campbell Secretary</p>	