

Action Note

Meeting:	Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council		
Date / Venue:	Monday 20 May 2019 at Bridgend Community Centre		
Present:	6 community councillors, 4 elected representatives, 10 members of the public		
	Mrs C. Wigzell (chair), Mr M. Scott, Miss S. Smith	Mr A. Wright, Mr I. Clifford, Mr G. Keith	Cllr J. Bell, Cllr D. L. Reid, Cllr A. Dickson Mr K. Gibson MSP Police Sgt Joe Murdoch
Apologies:	None		

ACTIONS

1.	Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.	Action Note The minutes from the meeting held on 15 April 2019 were read and approved. Proposed: Mr I Clifford. Seconded: Miss S Smith	
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes There were no matters arising from the previous minutes	
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Joe Murdoch put in apologies but sent in a report. We were advised that in the period 20th April to 20th May, there had been 217 calls to the police and 49 crime reports had been raised. There were 212 calls last month and 215 in the same period last year. Of the four North Ayrshire policing priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drug Dealing and Misuse – 1 call 2. Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour – 30 calls 3. Dishonesty and Theft – 12 calls 4. Road Safety / Road Crime – 12 calls <p>During this period, there were 63 priority 1 and 2 calls. There were 4 missing person calls and 5 calls with concerns for persons. Of the 43 crime reports, there were 15 thefts (3x shoplifting and 7x wheelie bins) with 2 detected, 8 vandalism with 0 detected, 4 assaults with 4 detected and 9 breach of the peace with 5 detected.</p> <p>There was also some discussion about the state of parking in Stockbridge Crescent after a Stagecoach bus was unable to complete their route and was forced to reverse back to High Street. The issue was highlighted on social media.</p> <p>Update: Stagecoach office reported that the bus had to reverse back. Police attended and dealt with the obstructing vehicle. The driver did not call the police at the time.</p> <p>It was also reported that there was a van in the chip shop car park that may be abandoned. Sgt Murdoch advised that he would look into it.</p>	

6.	<p>Guest Speaker – Jenny Baker, Lochshore Regeneration project</p> <p>Miss Baker handed out A3 size images of a Masterplan for Lochshore. It was their intention to create an attraction that brought in visitors on a national scale with regards to health, mental and physical fitness. There was to be housing to the north of the site, biomass and improved paths / walkways. Initial land tests have been positive but the group are awaiting more detailed tests.</p> <p>Part of the scheme involves building a Garnock Community and Visitor Hub that would include changing facilities for the rugby club, café and toilet facilities as well as a mixed-use space. It was unclear why the building needed a badminton-sized hall in that location, given the availability of other centres in the Garnock Valley. The building proposed was to be built beside a hill with the upper storey of the building resting on the hill and the lower floor at the bottom of the hill. As this site was a waste site from 100 years of iron and steel production, such as slag, concerns were raised about the suitability of that site. The Garnock Rugby Club had built previously in that area and the building had a major subsidence incident because it was later discovered to have been built on a fault line.</p> <p>The building design is currently at the upper end of the cost support but needs more community support. It was also suggested that if the site came to fruition as planned, then the building could quickly come to be seen as being too small.</p>	
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mae Murray – reports from school and community bands • Steven Rieley – Garnock Business Forum • Gillian Macfarlane – Consultation on Disability Assistance • Gillian Macfarlane – Talking about alcohol and drugs • Melanie Anderson – 75th Anniversary of VE Day (2020) • Melanie Anderson - £11.5m Investing in Communities Funding 	
8.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Impact Assessment: Screening Request for proposed school replacement - Moorpark PS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No objection • Change of use of vacant retail unit to form hot food takeaway and erection of flue to rear 53 Main Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Community Council objected to yet another hot food takeaway 	
9.	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Garnock Valley Locality Planning Partnership subgroups were continuing with their work, including a Travel Needs Analysis to find out what journeys are needed and where people want to get to but can't at present. The Working in Local Community group have been in discussion with Park Lives about training volunteers, providing a First Aid course and sports leadership. They are also working on a Shop Local campaign that could include a logo 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Council Gathering is looking to arrange a participatory budget event in each of the three towns in early next year. A funding application will be made to the CIF fund at the next GVLPP meeting on 6 June. 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam McLean runs the art gallery in Craighouse Square. He plans to put a mural on the gable end of his building. He brought a sample of the intended image, dubbed the “Kilbirnie Mona Lisa”. He intends to fund the work himself, rather than through public funds. This proposal was warmly welcomed as it would brighten up one end of the main street. Mr McLean is planning on having an official opening and is looking for ideas on who to approach as an official guest. Film Club – next meeting is on Mon 27th May in The Hub at Montgomery Court. The movie will be “Singing in the Rain”. There was a discussion after it was revealed Dalry and Stevenston would each receive £500k support from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund. There is only £400k left for the rest of North Ayrshire but no plans yet to use any for Kilbirnie. Mr Gibson advised those present that the Scottish Parliament is currently working on new legislation for Compulsory Sales Orders. This was of particular interest to us as it could mean that the former Patterson & Hart building at the roundabout could be bought and developed or else the owner would have to sell it on. This legislation is expected to come into law by 2020 / 21 A member of the public asked if there were any plans to restore the town clock, sited above the former Kilbirnie Housing Office. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Speaker: Sam Hodkinson Community Link Worker</p> <p>Approval: Proposer <u> I Clifford</u></p> <p> <u> S Smith</u></p>	