



Minutes of the August 2020 Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held on Zoom on Tuesday the 11th of August 2020 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7

1 member of the public was also present

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	<p>The chair welcomed all those in attendance. There was a short discussion to ensure that we had made quorum. On checking the constitution and standing orders, we needed 25% of members (not just filled posts). As there are 10 positions, we need 3 members.</p> <p>Action: Update the constitution at AGM in November as we cannot have 2.5 members as quorum</p>	HM / JW
	<p>Apologies: Brian Smith, Bridget Johnstone, Ian Johnstone, Ted Nevill, Christina Pieraccini, Sgt Douglas Clark</p>	
2.	<p>Police Report: Sgt Dennis Marshall has left his post and his successor, Sgt Douglas Clark took up the role on 3rd August. As he is just finding his feet just now, he has not yet contacted the local community councils. This means that no police report was available.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate recorded by: Proposer: Helen McNaughton Seconded: Janet Barr</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: Further to correspondence from Connecting Scotland with regards of provision of IT equipment to disadvantaged people in our area, it was felt that we were not able to take up this offer. Part of the deal would have involved one of us providing training and technical advice on use of this equipment but there was no one available to fulfil this role. Beith Community Association were issued the information to consider taking forward.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning Applications: There were no planning applications to discuss</p>	

6.	<p><u>Treasurers Report:</u></p> <p>BS had put in apologies for tonight’s meeting but he advised that the Admin Account currently stands at £166.50 and the Special Projects Account was at £47,242.36, including the Garnock Valley PB monies. The August interest had not yet been received.</p> <p>BS had also been in touch with B&DCC insurers, Zurich, who confirmed that the current policy included cover for fraud and dishonesty. There was an option to increase cover to £50,000 liability. As this option only cost £1, it was agreed that this should be taken up.</p>	BS
7.	<p><u>Beith & District Community Council Vacancy:</u></p> <p>There is currently a vacancy on the Community Council for a member and there was also a request for someone to fill the role of secretary or even minute taker but there were no nominations made. The secretary role comes with a laptop and a printer.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Calendar of Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VJ Day – There are a programme of events to take place on Sat 15 Aug to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. The day starts with a sunrise rendition of ‘Battle’s O’er’ at 0547 with other events due to start at 10.50am and 8pm. There was some discussion to ensure safety measures were in place. JW to arrange filming via live feed. As numbers are expected to be low, no PA system was required. There were also discussions about police support and marshalling. • Carvers’ Chainsaw Event – This is due to be held on Sat 12 Sept but has not yet been confirmed. The licence application has not yet been submitted. If it does go ahead, B&DCC would be willing to take a stall to support the event. JW proposed buying a 6’ x 2’ banner for B&DCC and a pop-up banner for the VALLEY VOICES project. 	HM / JW / JB HM / JW
9.	<p><u>General Correspondence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Dennis Marshall – We received an email thanking us for our help during his time here. We replied to wish him good luck in his new post. • ICF – Project Return – The Garnock Valley PB event, “VALLEY VOICES FOR VALLEY MONEY” has been rescheduled to next year. 	
10.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plug the Gap – On Sun 09 Aug, Cllr AD and Cllr DLR attended a walk along the embankment from Kilbirnie’s Loadingbank bridge to Dalry. This was organised by Dalry CC. There was a discussion about three possible routes and this was now the preferred route. Of the three, it is the most viable as much of the groundwork has already been done to provide a secure grounding when it was a railway line. There are also fewer landowners along this 2.6 mile route compared to the other two routes (Bogey Line and Roadside routes). JW asked if there was still time to get an Expression of Interest letter raised ahead of September’s Locality meeting as this project met the needs of all three Locality sub-groups. There is a meeting tomorrow night for the 	

	<p>Moving Around group, where this suggestion will be raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to NAC wards – There has been a proposal put to NAC elected members from the Boundaries Commission that will see the wards changing at the next election, due May 2022. This proposal will see 4 of NAC’s ward boundaries matching the Localities. The new Ward 2 will see Kilbirnie, Dalry, Beith, Gateside and Barrmill all in one ward rather than split across two wards as present. There will be a reduction in councillors overall from 35 to 31 and in our area from 6 to 5. There is no limit to the number of candidates any party can field. Elected members will have a meeting on 23rd September to discuss this. After this point, it will then go out to public consultation. 	
11.	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 Tuesday 8th September at 7pm on Zoom	