



**Minutes of the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting of Beith and District Community Council  
Held in Beith Community Centre Lounge on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 7:00pm.**

**In Attendance:**

Helen McNaughton	HM McN	Chair Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair Beith & District Community Council
Jim Murdoch	JM	Treasurer Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Brian Smith	BS	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
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Christina Pieracini	CP	Locality Officer NAC

There was also 5 members of the public present

**Actions**

**1. Apologies:**

Sgt J Murdoch	Sgt JM
Alister Redpath	AR

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Approved: Brian Smith    Seconded: James Waite

**3. Matters Arising:**

No matter arising

**4. Chair Persons' Annual Report:**

Helen McNaughton, Chair, gave the following report.

Beith and District Community Council was reformed in November 2017 following its dissolution in 2012 due to lack of support. We have been elected to serve for 4 years. We are now entering our third year of membership.

Chair – Helen McNaughton

Vice Chair - James Waite

Treasurer – Jim Murdoch

Members:

Brian Smith; Janet Barr; Ian Johnston; Bridget Johnston; Ted Neville; Alistair Redpath

Gill Stenhouse is elected as an Appointed Advisor however has not attended or contributed to the community council. Consideration should be considered to remove Gill from our membership.

Our membership has some had some changes – Karen Campbell, secretary has resigned due to other commitments. This position has still to be replaced. Alistair Redpath was co-opted and elected at our meeting in October.

Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month excluding July and August. We have been very busy over the past few months and held meetings monthly.

- We have responded to various statutory requests for information and completed surveys.
- We continue to get to know each other and the wider community.
- We have been advised of and responded to planning applications.
- We continue to build relationships with the councillors, police, North Ayrshire Council and our colleagues in the Dalry and Kilbirnie Community Councils.
- A newsletter was distributed to the community in June.
- We continue to have various speakers at our meetings and have now built up a positive relationship with Barrmill Conservation Group and Community Association
- There has been a very good attendance from Police and Ex Officio Members who have fully supported us.
- We continue to be affiliated members of Beith Community Association we take turns to attend regular meetings.
- The Vice Chair is a member of the Garnock Valley Planning Group and attends regular meetings.
- We applied on behalf of Dalry; Kilbirnie and Beith & District Community Councils for Community Choices Fund and Empowering Communities Fund. We await the outcome. This will allow us to host PB events in each of our towns.
- We have successfully worked with Garnock Connections and our 3 walks that were introduced last year for the Big Fit Walk will now be included in a heritage trail app due to be launched in December

**Lights & Laughter** – We supported with stewarding and organised the Best Dressed Window Competition  
**Annual Litter Pick** – We took forward this annual event which proved to be successful.

**St Inan's Day** – We held a public meeting to gauge community interest to having this event reinstated after an absence of 2 years. We supported the new committee to re-establish this event with myself as chair. We supported funding applications; the applications for queen and attendees, organised previous royal party visit to school; supported the judging of the royal party; supported stewarding and setting up on the day. This was a welcomed event by the community and was well attended. I have stepped down from this committee as the group are more than able to sustain themselves, however we will continue to support them on request. The committee are now organising next years event with Civic Week from 13 – 20 June 2020.

**Relocation of Library, NAC Draft Plan** – We hosted a public meeting to seek the views of the community regarding the draft plan. This was followed up with a letter to NAC outlining alternative proposals. The letter and the response were shared with the community in the library. We await the final report and will give further consideration on its outcomes.

Future events

**Lights & Laughter Event** – Friday 6 December – we will be supporting this event with stewarding and best dressed window competition. Invitations have been issued to all shops.

**Annual Litter Pick / Best Dressed Garden** – we are considering to incorporate both events into one. The Best Dressed Garden is a new event and discussion is ongoing.



**VE Day 75 years** – We are in the planning stages of hosting various events from 8-10 May 2020. Janet, Helen and Brian are on sub group to take this forward. We are keen to include the community with street parties on 9 May.

Our aim over the past year was to continue improving relationships with our community and work alongside our partners. We would like to see an increased attendance from the community at our meetings therefore will continue to encourage building positive relationships with the community.

Special thanks to Christina Pieraccini North Ayrshire Council for her ongoing support and encouragement.

Grateful thanks to Donald Reid, Anthea Dickson and Joe Murdoch for their support and guidance.

Finally as chair, I would like to thank all members for their contributions, support and enthusiasm over the past year. Thank you, it is much appreciated and valued.

**Our future meeting dates are as follows:**

Tuesday 10 December – Beith Community Centre, Cafeteria

Tuesday 14 January 2020

Tuesday 11 February –Gateside Hall

Tuesday 10 March

Tuesday 14 April

Tuesday 12 May

Tuesday 9 June

Times: 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Beith Community Centre, Lounge

**5. Treasurer’s Annual Report:**

Jim Murdoch gave an overview of the accounts, advising that the Administration Account balance stood at £353.51 and the Special Projects account stood at £1195.17. He advised that the total cash and assets stood at £1548.68.

A copy of the report presented is attached as appendix 1.

**6. Secretary’s Annual Report:**

In the absence of a secretary there was no report from the secretary.

**7.. Vacancy:**

In light of the above, there is vacancy on Beith and District CC for a secretary, this was discussed, and it was noted that information had already been posted on Social Media. It was agreed to keep this post and see if there was any interest.

**8. A.O.C.B.:**

☹ There was no AOCB

**12.** With no further business, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

James R Waite  
Vice Chair  
In Lieu of Secretary

## Financial Statement for 2018-2019

At the end of our second year in existence I am happy to report that the books did again balance

T the start of this year our balances looked like this

Administration Account	£252.54
Special Projects Account	£1140.02

During this year we also had some grants totalling

Including our admin top up from NAC	£1136.44
And also some kind donations totalling	£721.66
And Bank Interest of	£ 0.59

So during the year our income was

£1858.69

Our bank balances at the end of the year were

Administration	£ 353.51
Special Projects	£1195.17
Total cash Assets	£1548.68
Office assets (Lap Top and Printer)	£ 348.99

Budgeting 2019-20

Poppy Wreath	£30.00
Affiliation fees	£20.00
Indemnity Insurance	£100.00

(This paid again during 2018-19 by NAC direct. May or may not happen this new year

In summary we have had a good year. Not as much spend as in year 1 but still a significant amount on worthwhile projects. Let us hope to do the same in the new f/y. As before in my last statement I urge we try to determine projects and their budget and then go after funding from where ever before committing to events etc without the financial backing to carry them out

In closing it has been my pleasure in serving as your treasurer this year even though we have had heated discussion about some projects. We still got them done

Jim Murdoch Treasurer

Funding /Expenditure Highlights 2018-2019

Democracy Matters Meeting

Income  
Grant for meeting  
paid In 2017-2018 £300

Expenditure  
Tasco £8.10  
Hall Hire £16.54  
Ivines Catering £80.00  
H McNaughton printing etc £135.47  
Repayment of excess grant £240.11  
£59.89  
£300.00

Battles over £300

Income  
NAC Legacy Grant £500.00  
Collection for armed forces £231.86

Expenditure  
Hall Hire £33.10  
Cafe Solace catering team £100.00  
Garnock Valley Pipe Band £50.00  
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J Harrison folk singer £60.00  
J Waite Catering Supplies £34.10  
H McNaughton Catering Supplies £18.24  
J Jamieson £50.00 Still not cashed as of 9/8/19  
Beacon £100.00  
Donations to all 4 Armed forces £232.00  
£727.44

St Inans Festival £731.86

Income  
Barrmill Jolly Beggars £140  
Donation £140

Expenditure  
H McNaughton poster competition £40.00  
prizes £100.00  
St Inans Festival Committee £140

Lap Top Purchase

Income  
NAC Nurturing Excellence grant £408.00  
£408.00

Expenditure  
PC World £429.47  
J Murdoch Printer/ink and Postage £24.24  
J Murdoch printer ink £13.44  
£467.15