

Minutes of the December 2019 Meeting of Beith and District Community Council Held in Beith Community Centre Lounge on Tuesday the 10th of December 2019 at 7:30pm.

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HMcN	Chair Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair 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
Alastair Redpath	AR	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Sgt J Murdoch	Sgt JM	

There was also 2 members of the public present

Actions

1. Apologies:

Ted Nevill	TN	Beith & District Community Council
Jim Murdoch	JM	Treasurer Beith & District Community Council
Christina Pieracini	CP	Locality Officer NAC

2. Guest Speaker:

Barbara Conner from TACT (The Ayrshire Community Trust) came along to discuss the 'Be Inspired' project. She gave on overview of the project:

2019 has seen the launch of Be Inspired, the second phase of a project begun to discover what ideas you, the people of North Ayrshire, have and want to see brought to life. We want to help you get things done, get your voice heard, and get involved in making your community a better place to live.

Be Inspired is about change at the grass-roots level of our communities. We believe that it is the people that make up our communities that know most clearly what is going wrong – because they see it every day – and that they know best how to put it right. Be Inspired links people with Community Coaches, whose aim is to help people turn ideas into plans, and then those plans into actions.

Be Inspired is free to engage with, all you need to bring is an idea and your enthusiasm. What you'll get is the dedicated focus of a Coach, access to all the guidance we can give, and the support to turn your ideas into realities.

There will be chances to share inspiration and learn from others as part of Be Inspired events and meetups. Larger meetings and groups will bring social activists, entrepreneurs and visionaries such as yourself together to support one another as we, collectively, make North Ayrshire a better place to live. Coaching begins with the belief that you already know the answers. A Coaches mission is to help you arrange all of the thoughts and ideas in your head into a plan of action, one that you can begin straight away. By helping you sort your ideas into smaller, easier, tasks, the Coach works alongside you to bring an idea out of your head and into the real world.

Coaching is a non-directive way to support and increase a person's development, performance, and their fulfilment in whatever field they are looking to make progress. This could be their personal life, their work life, or their plans for the future. Coaching is based on the power of proactive conversations, aimed at setting reasonable goals, getting results, and giving/getting feedback at every stage.

The best sportsmen and women, the world's greatest performers, the most powerful CEO's... all of them have coaches. A Coach is someone who can offer you the impartial, non-judgmental, feedback and support that can get your idea off the ground or take it to the next level.

It was noted by HMcN and Cllr DR that the newly formed Skatepark group may benefit from this service. The details will be passed on.

Cllr DR / **HMcN**

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Approved: Janet Barr Seconded: Brigid Johnson

4. **Matters Arising:**

IJ noted that he felt the previous minutes were not accurate, after some debate the Chair established that the following changes would be agreeable to all.

The original minute read:

IJ expressed his concerns that this would lead to cars stopping for photos and that 'art' such at this had been accountable for many accidents in other areas, citing the roundabout at Balloch as an example. When asked by the minute taker about the provenance of this statement, he was unable to cite a source it was agreed that this was an opinion, and not a fact.

This was altered to read:

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Letter to Roads Dept: BS noted that he had sent a letter to the Roads Department and had received a response. This is short noted only 4 times the barrier had been repaired and highlighted further work around speed monitoring and anti-skid measures. The report noted that this would be concluded in 4 weeks. BS to make contact and invite Derek Hammond to the January meeting for BS an update/discussion

5. **Police Update:**

Sgt JM gave a comprehensive overview of the monthly crime figures, explaining anomalies and comparing and contrasting to previous months. Calls to Police were of a similar number as previous month and 10% down on this time last year. Of the local priorities, calls were as follows:

Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse: 2 Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour: 41

Dishonesty: 13

Road Safety/Road Crime: 28

Sgt JM noted that the dishonesty in the main relates to thefts from the supermarket, the Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour is in the most public nuisance, a lot of which are youth related.

With this in mind Sgt JM spoke at length regarding proactive plans in place for tackling this issue, this includes a considerable amount of funding he has sourced for youth work, and the police will support this initiative by proactive policing of all three Garnock Valley towns.

Sgt JM also spoke about CCTV and the lack of this. Sgt JM spoke of an ambitious plan to create a CCTV in Dalry and increase the camera throughout the Garnock Valley towns. It was noted that there was no money in the council budgets, but tentative steps had been taking about finding funding for this. If this were not to come to fruition, then it may be that the support and help of the three Garnock Valley CC's would be required.

The age-old message stands, the easiest way to highlight problems/problem areas is for the public to call in 101 and report incidents, this creates a trail and evidences the needs for additional resources.

6. **Planning Applications:**

Roebank Application:

This was agreed in part and the members of the public present, felt that what had been agreed had been a fair compromise for all parties involved.

Loanhead Quarry:

This had been shared in advance and no one had objected JM had noted that traffic flow should be monitored for additional vehicles. The response to the application had been submitted in support but noting this concern.

Gateside Primary:

Due to policy/legislation changes regarding younger years provision, the school requires an extension. This will go to the left of the building into the football field. No objection were noted.

7. **Treasurers Report:**

Jim Murdoch gave an overview of the accounts, advising that the Administration Account balance stood at £372.96 and the Special Projects account stood at £1234.99.

Admin account incudes the Christmas bonus from the BCA and the expenditure for the Best Dressed Window. The Special Projects account includes 6p interest from the last meeting.

Vacancy:

There remains a vacancy on the CC. this would ideally be someone to act as Secretary. HMcN noted that an interest in being a minute taker had been received, but the person was not at the meeting.

JW noted that he had filled in due the last vacancy and was doing so this time but asked if there were any volunteers from the current number to take a turn at taking the minute sin January. There was no response.

9. **Calendar of Events:**

Lights and Laughter:

Well done to the small but dedicated committee who organised the event. Discussion held on how we can support and grow the event going forward as the committee is dedicated but small. It was agreed that the CC could organise a meeting in early 2020, AR volunteered to be part of this. It was HMcN agreed that the help support, and guidance of the current committee would be invaluable to this being successful. Other groups to be contacted about becoming involved.

VE Day 75 Years:

HMcN shared the full 3 day plan with all present. These arrangements are at an advanced stage. The focus from January will be on encouraging and planning the street parties. BS noted that he has continuing to progress work on a memorial cairn at the site of the original war memorial. He has sought approval from the land owner and has engaged legal advice on a missive.

BCA Christmas Party Night:

All who attended on behalf of the CC had a great night. The Chair noted that she would like her thanks to the BCA for the generous donation of £100.

Community Council Chairs Meeting:

This took place on the 26/11/19 and HMcN attended. It was very informative and good to come together with other from across the area. All information from this meeting has been shared via email to all CC members.

Garnock Valley Joint CC Meeting:

HMcN and JW attended. Still awaiting the outcome of 2 funding streams for the 'Vall£y Voic£s' PB event. Tentative plans discussed in the event we are successful. Next meeting will be the 7th January 2020

Fair Say Budget engagement:

BS attended, noted that it was worthwhile and very good event. BS passed round some leaflet's / fliers for perusal.

Litter Pick / Garden Competition:

This will be carried forward to the January meeting as TN has input and is not present tonight

Food Forum:

Due to computer issues IJ was not aware of date until after event so did not attend this. Next meeting of FF TBC. A short follow up survey from the FF has been shared for individual response.

10. <u>General Correspondence</u>:

- The following emails/documents had been received and had been shared with all CC members:
 - North Ayrshire Locality Plan, including Lochshore Developments
 - Garnock Valley Locality Youth Survey
 - Transport Scotland Survey
 - o NAC Local Development Plan
 - Police Scotland Survey
- It was also noted that the results from the Youth PB had been posted with several local groups successful.

11. A.O.C.B. /Open to the Floor:

- Cllr DR noted that the ongoing safety issue with the property at 5 Townhead had begun to be addressed. As well as the protective measures put in place by NAC, the owner had started to remove the Dorma that was in danger of falling to the ground. Unfortunately, he is only liable to make it safe, he cannot be forced to do further work or sell it.
- Cllr DR noted that the grant application for VE day had in fact opened, he said he would forward Cllr Dr the application form to the CC.
- David Hammond from NAC Infrastructure has completed a walk round of local areas with ClIr DR and has stated there is actions he will take; this will start with the lanes at the back of Balfour Ave. There is also a potential for money to be available for work on the Main St, but this may result in a closure of the street for a few days.
- AR highlighted the 'Vale Trail at Christmas' which is on in Barrmill on the 21/12/19 between 4pm and 6pm.
- **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