



**Minutes of the November 2019 Meeting of Beith and District Community Council**  
**Held in Beith Community Centre Lounge on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 7:30pm.**

**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:**

- BS asked for an amendment to the previous minute, in section 2, that the words 'realigned to prevent this' were changed to 'a road engineering solution'.
- BS will send letter to NAC Roads regarding this and copy in Kilbirnie and Glengarnock CC as the section of road covers their boundary too.

**4. Police Update:**

In the absence of Sgt JM, there was no Police Report

**5. Planning Applications:**

There were no planning applications to be discussed.

The ongoing application for the Roebank Hotel was noted and a decision will be taken by the licensing board week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr DR noted that there is plans for 15 houses on the site of the former Garnock Academy, there is a drop-in event regarding this at the Bridgend Community Centre.

**6. Treasurers 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.

**7. Garnock Valley Disability Forum:**

This item was removed from the agenda, as BJ who had initially asked for its inclusion no longer wished to hold the discussion.

**8. Neighbourhood Watch- Angel Carving:**








Norrie Brown wishes to site a carving of an angel at the area of grass adjacent to Roebank Rd and the A737. Norrie had previously been advised that consultation with residents in the area would be a considerate thing to do. Norrie reported back and stated that he had undertaken this and for all the houses he got an answer from there was only 1 objector, that being Community Councillor IJ.

IJ went onto explain that this was not the case and his neighbour now also wish to object. Much discussion ensued as to the merits or not of this, including discussion around reinstatement of the flower beds, which would need to be community led in these times of fiscal prudence.

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. BS felt that these statements were an exaggeration. Norrie Brown noted that Barrmill and other places have art at the entry to their town and this does not seem to increase photo's or accidents.

It was agreed that if the neighbours are not in objections, that's NAC and Tran-serve are happy with the proposal than this is not a matter for the community council.





**9. Calendar of Events:**

-  Glasgow Airport Airspace – have been invited to the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020
-  CC chairs meeting on 26.11.19 for the introduction of toolkit – HM & JW will attend
-  Barbara Connor from Be Inspired has agreed to come along and speak to us at next CC meeting on 10.12.19
-  VE Day Celebrations: JB and BS gave a comprehensive overview of the events planned, its going to be a busy weekend. JB, BS and HMcN, are the sub group driving this project and will continue to develop the plans.
-  Beith Community Association: JW attended last meeting, all very positive, BCA have plans to transform the Community Centre to a more purposeful and productive space for the people of Beith. JW and BS to attend next meeting
-  Lights and Laughter, this event is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December TN in his role as part of the committee that delivers this event indicated that all is well in place, but a few volunteers from B&DCC to help with stewarding would be good.
-  The next meeting of Be Inspired will be on the 10/12/19




HMcN/JW

BS/JW

**10. General Correspondence:**

-  Your Voice Your View, NAC engagement model, all CC members to familiarise themselves with this and promote the use of it.
-  The previously mentioned Drop-in session at Bridgend re new house in Kilbirnie
-  North Ayrshire Funding Fare arranged by K Gibson MSP, is on the 22/11/19 from 10-12:30. JB is already attending and will represent B&DCC
-  A response to the letter sent re the trees that have been cut and left by Grange Hill Estates was received. The tree require to be left till the greenery dies back as these are to be disposed in an environmentally manner (Chipped for Biomass)

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

-  IJ mentioned the food forum, no dates have been received. CP to find out next dates CP
-  Cllr DR noted the Garnock Flood Plan was out to contract, work expected by next Summer, and this plan allows for the salmon to bypass the ground work and still make it up the Garnock to spawn.
-  BS noted that he been looking for Mental Health training but there was not any currently available locally.

**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