



Minutes for Beith and District Community Council
Held in Barmill Community Centre Lounge on Friday 11 October 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
Brian Smith	BS	Beith & District Community Council
Bridget Johnstone	BJ	Beith & District Community Council
Ian Johnstone	IJ	Beith & District Community Council
Karen Campbell	KC	Secretary Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 7
Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Joe Murdoch	JM	Police Sergeant

13 members of the public were also present

Actions

1. The chair welcomed all those in attendance and thanked Barmill Community Association for hosting the meeting. Introductions were made to the audience.

Apologies:

Ted Nevill	TN	Beith & District Community Council
Jim Murdoch	JM	Treasurer Beith & District Community Council
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer – Garnock Valley

2. **Police Report:**
 Sgt Joe Murdoch gave the monthly crime report for the period 10/09 – 10/10/19. There had been 188 calls to police resulting in 32 crime reports being raised. 58 of these calls had been a priority 1 or 2.
 Brian S raised concerns regarding the constant damage to the barrier on the main road to Garnock Community Campus by cars and suggested that this part of the road needed realigned to prevent this. Sgt Murdoch explained that the council look at the stats and if there have been no serious accidents the money is spent elsewhere.
 A member of the public asked for an update of the ongoing problem of racing cars through the town, Sgt Murdoch explained there had been no calls this month and suggested this was because of the under-reporting problem.
 Sgt Murdoch then asked if the Community Council and other local groups were holding events/parades which would require police attendance if we could supply the dates to him asap as the local police were being asked to cover major events in Glasgow.

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

	<p>of the site. Beith Trust have shown interest in a joint venture which could prove beneficial to both parties, however, there are no definitive plans as yet. The next meeting will take place 30/04/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lochshore Development Group - The Chair had attended this meeting and gave a brief update of the ideas and consultations which have taken place, the next meeting will be held on 14/11/19. One of the suggestions is to introduce an Outdoor Nursery however it was noted that Beith Development Trust has also indicated introducing an Outdoor Nursery. The chair and vice chair raised concerns about possible duplication of ideas. Lochshore Development has a similar focus as Beith Development Trust – outdoor walking routes; camping facilities; activities venues etc. An invitation has been made by Lochshore Development to visit Dumfries House on 03.12.19 to explore a Play Strategy. Ted Neville will attend on behalf of BDCC. • VE Day - Janet Barr gave an overview of the plans so far. 8th May at 3pm will see bagpipes being played all over the country. 6.55pm will see a specifically written cry for peace and 7pm ringing out of bells for peace.. 9th May It is hoped communities hold street parties across the country. 10th May church services will take part in a recognition service paying tribute to those lost and finally the Last Post will be played. Janet then explained to those who had not previously attended a meeting about the concert Cunningham Choir were organising. It was suggested to request if funding was available from NAC – chair to explore • Beith Community Council Association Centre Council Meeting - Brian Smith and Bridget Johnstone had attended and the main point form this had been a vote which was to initiate talks with NAC on the possibility of an asset transfer. James and Brian will attend next meeting on 11.11.19 • Neighbourhood Watch meeting 15/10/19 – Norrie Brown spoke of the meeting he had organised with the Enforcement Team to discuss the placing of banners. • Remembrance Sunday – 10/11/19 James Waite to order wreath with Community Council logo. • Beith Community Association – affiliates Christmas Party on 29.11.19 – Helen, Karen & Brian will attend 	<p>HM / KC / TN</p> <p>JB/BS/HM</p> <p>JW / BS</p> <p>JW</p> <p>HM / BS / KC</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>General Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norrie Brown siting of the carved angel – it was agreed that Norrie would visit the houses which would overlook this. It was suggested that the angel have a planter on the back to incorporate some flowers. Planning are in agreement but Roads have still to be contacted. • Ayrshire College Foundation Fund – The Chair explained about the potential available funding which could be used toward the Mental Health benches and also suggested that the college could get involved with the manufacture etc. • NAC Local Development Plan – this was shared with the members – no issues raised. • Hannah Brackston Garnock Valley Connections – Helen has sent maps from the Big Fit Walk with the history behind them. Hannah is exploring adding them to QR walks around the Garnock Valley and will be in touch to discuss further. Hannah also exploring a walking board for the town • Community Council Chairs Meeting – Meeting to introduce new office bearer’s toolkit. Date TBC • Barbara Connor – Be Inspired – coaching to support members to make the most and improve 	<p>HM</p> <p>HM</p>

	<p>communities. Chair will invite to December meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garnock Valley Locality – The Chair explained there was a vacancy for a community representative and were looking for someone from Beith & District. Members are asked to give thought into who could be invited – they need to be involved in many aspects of community life and sit on some voluntary groups. An invitation was also issued to Thinking Different Thinking Better – Janet Barr will attend • NAC Chief Executive – An invitation to Fair Say on 28.11.19 at Garnock Campus – email shared and anyone that would like to attend can register using the link provided. 	<p>HM</p> <p>JB</p> <p>All</p>
11.	<p><u>Open to the Floor:</u></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting to the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no points from the floor. 	
12.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concern was raised regarding the trees adjacent to the A737 which have been felled. It was thought to be a fire hazard and an eyesore. Cllr Reid suggested that we send a letter of concern to the land owners. • The Chair raised concern of the flooding at Muirpark, Cllr Reid has taken a note of this. 	<p>HM</p> <p>DR</p>
13.	<p>With no further business, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks from the Chair.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 12th November in Beith community Centre Lounge – 7pm. This will also be the AGM.</p> <p>Karen Campbell Minute Secretary</p>	