

**Minutes of Dalry Community Council Meeting –
Held via Zoom at 7pm on 22/02/2021**

1. Welcome

Peter Stevenson noted that the Community Council’s chairperson had submitted apologies and suggested that he Chair the meeting in her absence. The other Community Councillors agreed that Peter Stevenson should chair the meeting.

2. Present / Apologies

Present:

Peter Stevenson
(Chair/Secretary/Community Councillor)
Carrie Borland (Community Councillor)
Myra Sim (Community Councillor)
Ian McDonald
Valerie Provan
Mhairi Reid
Julie A Wales
Allan Wales
Christina Pieraccini (NAC)
Allan Wright (Kilbirnie Community Council)
Helen McNaughton (Beith Community Council)
James Waite (Beith Community Council)
Cailley Wiggins (Beith Trust)

Apologies:

Sheena Woodside (Community Councillor)
Julie Wales (Community Councillor)
Lynn Benevento (Community Councillor)
Robert Barr (Councillor)
Joy Brahim (Councillor)
Todd Ferguson (Councillor)
Sgt. Clark (Police Scotland)
Wendy Gardener
Robert Cuthbertson

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ongoing Issues	Action
Issue with HGVs servicing Reids Food Services should include that the vehicles are parking overnight. This should be raised with Councillors	Peter Stevenson

The Minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Carrie Borland, and seconded by Myra Sim

4. Matters Arising

Ongoing Issues	Action
Switch from Zoom to Microsoft Teams for Community Council meetings is dependent on whether the funding for the licence will be made available	Peter Stevenson
Dalry Parish Boundary Trust are to be invited to a future meeting (March / April)	Peter Stevenson
Council to be asked when the electric charge points in Smith St car park will be live	Cllr Barr
Update requested on the remedial work being carried out on the road known locally as "The Creepies" or "Loans Road"	Cllr Barr
Issue of the Community Centre being end of life to be raised with Councillor Ferguson	Peter Stevenson
Update on pavement widening works on New Street	Cllr Barr

5. Chair's Report

John Higgins was co-opted onto the Community Council.

6. Treasurer's Report

Administrative Account balance is £190.30.

Project Account balance is £880.53 which includes £0.04 in interest.

7. Updates

7a. **Police Report**

Sgt. Clark was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a report of the crime figures.

The community were advised to report all incidents via 101 or 999 for emergencies. Unless the true level of incidents is known, staff and resources will not be allocated.

Questions	Action
A question was raised over whether the crime report includes incidents reported to the British Transport Police. Peter Stevenson will ask Sgt. Clark.	Peter Stevenson

7b. **Councillors' Reports**

No councillors were present, written updates were provided.

Councillor Ferguson had been involved with handling litter and parking issues at the Blair Estate. He was also searching for a suitable location for a memorial bench on behalf of a constituent. Due to concerns raised by residents, he had 'called in' a planning application at Barkip.

Councillor Brahim had noted an available budget of £3,000 for landscaping the junction of the Kilwinning and Saltcoats Roads. This had been overtaken by the community's request to the Council for a roundabout at this location.

Councillor Brahim had provided a list of the remedial works proposed between the Council and Transport Scotland for the former A737 through Dalry. She had approached the Council to carry out a survey of the B708 between Dalry and Kilbirnie near Romeo & Juliet's restaurant. No speeding concerns were raised but a safety audit will take place. She noted that the community had supported landscaping works at the junction of Townend Street and Lynn Avenue, however planting may now be affected by seasonal issues. She advised that a complaint regarding the Health Centre's fitness for purpose was ongoing.

7c. Garnock Valley App

Cailley Wiggins from Beith Trust presented an overview of an app which has been created to promote the Garnock Valley community and businesses.

Best used via mobile phones, the Garnock Valley app, which is still being developed, can be previewed at www.garnockvalleylife.com. It will convey information about Garnock Valley groups and businesses, deals from shops/restaurants, events happening within the Garnock Valley, etc.

The full potential of the app can be better demonstrated by viewing the Stonehaven version, which has been fully developed - www.stunningstonehaven.com.

Promotional information on the app is available for distribution.

7d. Public Park / Traffic Management / Lynn Glen

Public Park	Action
<p>Drainage investigation work has been undertaken, using dye to track the drainage. This has produced unexpected results, highlighting problems.</p> <p>NAC have taken ownership of the problems in the Public Park. They have requested a meeting with the former Park Keeper to better understand the drainage system.</p>	
<p>Skatepark Town Centre Funding is to be used to create a skatepark. NAC are looking to create a steering group. Interested parties should contact Christina Pieraccini. A public consultation will be held.</p>	
<p>Public Park strategy Peter Stevenson discussed arranging a meeting to create a strategy for the Public Park</p>	Peter Stevenson
<p>Pavillion Following severe flooding, the pavillion near the Bowling Club has been condemned.</p>	

Traffic Management	Action
The Community Council should be advised of any traffic issues in the town	
It was suggested that more frequent enforcement in the town could be requested.	Peter Stevenson
<p>B714 mini roundabout Transport Scotland are not supportive of the need for any improvements. NAC would support a painted mini roundabout.</p>	

An alternative using filter lanes was proposed including narrowing the existing pavement to allow easier filtering. Noted that the Council had accepted the premise of changing the arrangements at the location, so the opportunity is now there to discuss with NAC to determine the most appropriate solution.	Peter Stevenson
Bypass to B714 link. NAC are to be asked if there are any proposals for a link	Peter Stevenson

Lynn Glen	Action
Signposting to alternative car parks are to be put in place at the Lynn Glen.	
One way system for walkers should be maintained during the pandemic. Maintaining it indefinitely may prevent those who cannot navigate the full route from accessing the walk. A resident had requested support to ensure that dogs are kept on leads in car parking area. Peter Stevenson and Sheena Woodside to raise with Dalry Community Development Hub	Peter Stevenson Sheena Woodside

9. Planning

Planning applications validated:-

Unit 3 Capital Business Park, change of use to a place of worship.

64 Townend Street, erection of a single storey extension

Swindridge Muir, installation of two sky roofs

Planning applications approved:-

Easter Highfield Lodge, erection of a single storey extension.

10. Licensing

Lesley Williams – renewal of a private car hire licence

Norman James Usher - substitution licence for private car hire.

Kerry Scott and Gareth Wilkinson – Taxi driver's licence.

11. Correspondence

The Chair had written to Brownshore Management to request information about the clearing works to the Bridgend Mill site. A reply had been received but not did not supply details about any future works.

12. A.O.B.

	Action
<p>Community Garden Visions of how to bring the community to the garden and leisure / educational values and activities possible were discussed. There was a question over the value of spending £2400 per year on renting the site at Smith Street. This will be an ongoing expense for the community, which some considered unnecessary.</p> <p>It was suggested that there were other locations, like the Public Park, where the garden could be located with no rental cost.</p> <p>It was agreed that as the Community Garden is a Dalry Community Development Hub project, the concerns should be raised at their next meeting.</p> <p>Peter Stevenson will advise Ian McDonald of the date of the next DCDH meeting</p>	Peter Stevenson
<p>Scout Hall Plastering has been completed. Building is now waiting to be painted and air tested. Peter will write to Scouts Scotland to ask if they have a plan for the completion of the building.</p>	Peter Stevenson
<p>The skip located outside the laundry on New Street is a hazard to oncoming traffic and requires to be moved or properly signposted.</p> <p>Moving Around working group of Locality Partnership – funding may be available for path projects. Ideas to be sought at a future meeting.</p>	

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 7pm on Monday 29th March 2021.