

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Dalry Community Council Meeting
Monday 31st January 2022, held via Zoom

1. Present / Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors :-

Sheena Woodside (Chair),
Peter Stevenson,
Lynette Campbell

Julie Wales (Treasurer),
Myra Sim,
John Higgins (Secretary)

Community Attendees :-

Robert Barr (Councillor, Ward 6),
Audrey Mason
David Cameron

Ronald Stalker (Councillor, Ward 6),
Nik McNicol
Valerie Provan

Guests :-

Yvonne Gilfillan (McLaughlin & Harvey)
Allan Wright (Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council)
Helen McNaughton (Beith & District Community Council)

Apologies:

Todd Ferguson (Councillor, Ward 6),
Christina Pieraccini (NAC – Connected Communities)

2. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming all present.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 29th November 2021

Peter Stevenson reviewed the minutes of the November meeting.

The minutes were:

Proposed as an accurate record by: Peter Stevenson

Seconded by Sheena Woodside

4. Matters Arising

Outstanding actions from previous meetings.

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
09/12/2019	Review of groups / clubs operating in the town.	DCC When Covid restrictions ease
	27/09/2021 Update Due to groups slowly restarting, it was considered that it would be better to delay the review until the first meeting of 2022.	DCC for first meeting of 2022.
	29/11/2021 Update Myra Sim will progress	Myra Sim January 2022
	31/01/2022 Update Myra Sim has begun engaging with Community Groups. Groups are beginning to return to activity. Myra will continue with the review, and update at next meeting.	Myra Sim February meeting
10/02/2020	Organise a community litter pick.	DCC When Covid restrictions ease.
	28/06/2021 Update: It was noted that there are a number of individuals currently carrying out litter picks. A vote of thanks to these community spirited individuals was proposed.	DCC When Covid restrictions ease
	31/01/2022 Update It was agreed that the event will be organised for May / June	DCC February meeting
25/01/2021	To arrange for Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to give an update to the Community Council.	DCC First in-person meeting
	31/01/2022 Update If possible, March will be targeted for the return to in-person meetings. Dalry Parish Boundary Trust will be invited to the meeting.	DCC March meeting
22/02/2021	Arrange a meeting to create a strategy for the Public Park	Peter Stevenson June meeting
	28/06/2021 Update: It has not been possible to arrange for all interested parties to meet at this time.	Peter Stevenson September meeting.
	27/09/2021 Update:	Peter Stevenson

	An initial strategy meeting will be organised.	October meeting.
--	--	------------------

Outstanding actions from previous meetings (Cont.)

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
	<p>25/10/2021</p> <p>Peter Stevenson spoke to David Hammond of NAC to ask if they were happy for the Community Council to take the lead. NAC agreed.</p> <p>Groups with an interest will be invited, however input to the strategy will also be open to individuals in the community.</p> <p>It is hoped to organise the initial meeting before the end of the year.</p>	DCC
	<p>29/11/2021 Update</p> <p>Hopeful of organising in December, otherwise carried over to next year</p>	Peter Stevenson
	<p>31/01/2022 Update</p> <p>Stakeholders are being identified, and discussion is taking place about who should be involved. Meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.</p>	Peter Stevenson
31/05/2021	<p>Peter Stevenson to enquire when (day / time of day) the Sharon Street line of sight inspection was carried out.</p>	Peter Stevenson June Meeting
	No update available	Peter Stevenson September Meeting
	No update available	Peter Stevenson October Meeting
	Update 25/10/2021: No progress	Peter Stevenson November meeting
	Update 29/11/2021: No progress	Peter Stevenson
	<p>31/01/2022 Update</p> <p>The response received from NAC by Peter Stevenson stated that sightlines and speeding were investigated and were not issues of concern. The response did not address the time of day when the inspection took place. Peter has requested this detail.</p>	Peter Stevenson February meeting

Outstanding actions from previous meetings (Cont.)

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
11/2020	<p>Status of Dalry Health Centre. Background: In 2013, a review of Dalry Health Centre declared it a high priority for replacement. In 2017, Dalry Health Centre was considered to be adequate. No evidence has been provided to date, explaining the change of status. Conflicting statements about the current status of the Health Centre have been made. In November 2020, Councillor Ferguson was asked to obtain the evidence on which the change of status in 2017 was based, from NAC.</p>	
	<p>28/06/2021 Update: Councillor Ferguson has been in contact with Craig Hatton, CEO of North Ayrshire Council. Councillor Ferguson is awaiting a response from Caroline Cameron (Head of NAC Health and Social Care Partnership), and will provide an update when available.</p>	
	<p>27/09/2021 Update: Councillor Ferguson offered to facilitate the attendance of Caroline Cameron (Head of HSCP) or a representative at a Community Council meeting. They will discuss the provision of the Health Centre, what changed, what they are looking to do moving forward etc.</p>	Councillor Ferguson October meeting
	<p>25/10/2021 Update: Councillor Ferguson has been corresponding with HSCP. A copy of any information received will be passed to the Community Council. Councillor Ferguson has still to facilitate the attendance of Caroline Cameron (Head of HSCP) or a representative at a Community Council meeting. They will discuss the provision of the Health Centre, what changed, what they are looking to do moving forward etc.</p>	Councillor Ferguson November meeting
	Update 29/11/2021: No progress	Councillor Ferguson January Meeting
	<p>31/01/2022 Update Councillor Ferguson will be requested to extend an invite to Caroline Cameron, Head of the Health and Social Care Partnership, to attend the February meeting to discuss the change in status of Dalry Health Centre</p>	Councillor Ferguson February Meeting

Outstanding actions from previous meetings (Cont.)

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
25/10/2021	NAC agreed to put signage on Kilwinning Road advising that Vennal St. was not suitable for HGVs. Councillor Barr to follow up	Councillor Barr November meeting
	Update 29/11/2021: Councillor Barr not in attendance	Councillor Barr January 2022 meeting
	31/01/2022 Update Councillor Barr has requested that the HGV sign which is on Vennal St be repositioned to Kilwinning Road as it is ineffective in current position.	Councillor Barr February Meeting
31/01/2022	Blair House is under new ownership, with a planning application for change of use. An enquiry will be made on whether this will have any implications for public access.	Julie Wales February Meeting

5. GV Flood Prevention Scheme

McLaughlin & Harvey, contractors for the construction of the Garnock Valley Flood Prevention Scheme gave a presentation and update on the works.

The update is attached as Appendix A.

Julie Wales asked if the flood prevention measures would be compatible with the drainage for the proposed new housing development at Tofts.

Yvonne Gilfillan (McLaughlin & Harvey) said that this would be checked and a response would be provided.

6. Chair's Report

Not much happening during Festive season.

7. Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of 1st January 2021:

Admin Account

Income	Expenditure	
£329.70		Admin allowance from North Ayrshire Council
£20.00		Reimbursement of hall hire payment (GV PB event)
	£115.21	Remembrance wreath / Microsoft Teams payment
Balance:	£384.79	

Project Account:

Income	Expenditure	
£0.02		Interest payment
Balance:	£4.17	

8. Updates

Police Report

Sgt Clark was not present, a report was provided.

The report is attached as Appendix B.

Sgt Clark has highlighted concerns over a lack of intelligence in the form of calls to the Police or Crimestoppers regarding the ongoing misuse of drugs within Dalry and the Garnock Valley.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Stalker

Has dealt with various routine issues, bin collection, streetlight and pothole issues.

Scottish Water attended the Public Park to investigate the sewage issue. It is hoped that they will be able to resolve it this time.

Dalry Rovers 2010 football team has folded.

A meeting with the Police has been organised to discuss the recent fatality on the Kilbirnie road.

Councillor Barr

Councillor Barr has requested that anti skid measures be added to the area of the road to Kilbirnie where the recent fatality occurred.

It has been requested that the Loans Road be resurfaced. There is no money in the current year's budget for this.

Questions

Peter Stevenson asked if any sites had been identified for North Ayrshire Council's tree planting strategy.

Councillor Stalker advised that a couple of sites have been identified. Planting will be dependent on the available budget.

Town Centre Regeneration Fund

There are delays in constructing the skatepark due to a shortage of materials.

Improvements to buildings at 6 – 10 Main St

Community Garden

Murals – The design is almost complete. Should be completed in the Spring this year.

The full update from NAC is available as Appendix C.

Traffic Management

De-trunking of the A737

The financial settlement has been agreed between Transport Scotland and NAC, but is waiting to be signed off. It is hoped that works will commence in the summer months.

Lynn Glen

Two trees have been brought down. The path is not blocked. Should be cleared this week.

The new culvert has dirty water flowing through. This has nothing to do with the works carried out. It is thought the dirty water is coming from surrounding fields.

Dalry Community Development Hub are meeting with Helen Miller (NAC), Councillor Stalker, and local residents to discuss plans for the picnic area at the Lynn Glen.

The Fairy Trail group have disbanded, and there is unlikely to be any events held at the Lynn Glen in the near future.

9. Planning and Licensing

PLANNING

Validations

Former Police Station, 2 Smith Street Dalry (Ref 21/01187/PPP)

Residential development to include the demolition of lock-up garage (in principle).

5 Caaf Close (Ref 21/01169/PP)

Erection of single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling house.

Decisions

DSM (Ref 22/00057/EIA)

Request for EIA Scoping Opinion for the development of a chemical production and distribution facility for the manufacture of an animal feed additive within the boundaries of the existing factory site.

Pending consideration.

Whitecraig Farm (Ref 21/01143/PP)

Demolition of existing farm house and erection of replacement dwelling house

Approved subject to conditions.

Site To East Of Munnoch Reservoir (Ref 21/00988/PP)

Erection of detached dwelling house and outbuilding to include the provision of outdoor space/landscaping, the formation of a private access and the provision of drainage infrastructure

Approved subject to conditions.

Borestone Repairs (Ref 21/00586/PP)

Erection of detached single storey dwelling house to include the formation of access, parking and the provision of associated garden ground

Approved subject to conditions.

64 Townend St (Ref 21/01014/PP)

Erection of two storey extension to rear of semi-detached dwelling house

Application withdrawn

Site To South East Of South Hourat Farm (Ref. 21/00857/PP)

Erection of detached dwelling house to include provision of access, drainage, parking, garden ground and landscaping works.

Application refused.

Site To South West Of 54 Wingate Avenue (Ref. 21/01140/PP)

Change of use from public open space to enlarge domestic curtilage, to include the erection of boundary treatment.

Approved subject to conditions.

13 West Kirklands (Ref 21/01123/PP)

Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear of detached dwelling house, including the formation of a raised decking area to rear.

Approved subject to conditions.

South Lodge, Blair Estate (Ref 21/01102/PP)

Alteration to south facing dormer window to form 'Juliet' balcony to include the installation of timber sash and case window to replace existing uPVC window.

Approved with no conditions.

Bridgend Mill (Site 3) (Ref 21/00961/PPP)

Planning permission in principle for residential development (to include details of site access arrangements).

Approved subject to conditions.

Councillor Barr left the meeting.

Blair House, Blair Estate (Ref 21/01213/PP)

Change of use of Blair House from Class 9 (Houses) to Class 8 (Residential Institutions)

This application is from the Hunter Foundation, who wish to establish a residential training centre within Blair House.

Approved with no conditions.

A question was asked regarding public access to the Blair Estate.

Action	Action By
Enquire if public access will be impacted in any way	Julie Wales

LICENSING

Leslie Williams, 23 Wingfaulds Avenue.

Renewal of a private hire car license.

Jamie Mathew Laing, 13 Peden Avenue

Grant of a taxi driver's license.

10. Correspondence

A request for feedback on the Den Realignment was requested on behalf of Transport Scotland. The consultant will be contacted to find out what is required, and what if anything can be done.

11. A.O.C.B

- Sheena Woodside raised an issue with the Christmas Lights. Concerns have been raised about the new lights, and the status of the group which are organising the lights.

£10,000 was allocated for new lights.

- Councillor Stalker is arranging a quarterly meeting with DCDH, DCSC, the Community Council, Dalry Action Group and the Councillors representing Dalry to try to co-ordinate the groups in the town.

- It was agreed that the minutes of the Community Council should be:

Issued to all invited to the meeting in advance

Issued via email to anyone who requests an advance copy of the minutes.

These will be a draft version, and will be adopted at the following meeting

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on on Monday 28th February 2022.

Appendix A. Garnock Valley Flood Prevention Scheme

Update from McLaughlin & Harvey

Area 1 – Upper Storage Area, Kilbirnie – the latest programme is showing mid-May for completion*. The embankment still needs to be completed to design level, an overflow spillway needs to be created, permanent access roads need to be laid and then the area will be reinstated.

Area 2 – Paddockholm Industrial Estate – works were completed at end of September 2021.

Area 3 – Powgreen Burn, Glengarnock – the most challenging location in terms of environmental constraints and rising river levels. Works are expected to go on until the end of March 2022*.

Area 4 – Mill Park, Dalry – works progress along Beith Road/Mill Park, Tofts, the railway embankment and at DSM. The current programme is showing a completion for all of Area 4 for late April/Early May*.

The team have overcome unforeseen ground conditions, unmarked utilities, material delays, additional works, design changes, Covid-19 and Brexit to get to the point where a substantial section of Mill Park is protected by flood wall; drainage has been installed along the railway embankment and works are underway at DSM.

Did you know that there are 36 large wall panels along the Beith Road/Mill Park section of works? It takes one team of specialist stonemasons to complete one panel per day. With both sides of the wall (road and residencies) to be clad, that's 72 panels to complete.

As the specialist teams tend to work closely together, it only takes one to fall ill with Covid for the rest of the team to have to self-isolate and/or take unwell. That has an impact on progress particularly as these highly-skilled teams are not easy to recruit or replace. To move the masonry works along, however, I am delighted to report that a second team started last week and there is talk of another arriving soon.

Traffic Management

The road closure of Beith Road was extended to 7th March 2022. We will look to remove the closure at that time, but where necessary, reserve the right to operate stop/go boards if required to allow finishing of works in sections.

Need more information?

If you see me out and about, please feel free to speak to me. Alternatively, you can address your questions or any concerns, via email to uppergarnock.fps@mclh.co.uk or by phone to 07557 588 307.

For project information, please feel free to visit the project website (QR code below) or via <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-safety/flooding/upper-garnock-fps.aspx>. We will be issuing the next Project Update/Newsletter in the next week or so too.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you for your patience and support as we push to get the Upper Garnock Flood Protection Scheme delivered..

***Dates given are subject to no major flood events, catastrophes or further pandemic issues within the period**

Further Information:

For project information, please feel free to visit the project website (QR code below)

or via

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communitysafety/flooding/upper-Garnock-fps.aspx>



Appendix B: Police Scotland Report

POLICING IN AYRSHIRE JANUARY 2022 COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT FOR **DALRY**



POLICING PRIORITIES IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse
2. Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
3. Dishonesty
4. Road Safety/Road Crime

Your Community Policing Officers

Our team covers **Kilbirnie, Beith and Dalry**. Inspector **David Cameron** leads the community policing team for your area.

Sergeants

Police Officers

Sgt Douglas
Clark

PC Karen Baillie
PC John Scott
PC Adam McKinlay

Contact us

In an emergency always dial 999

For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning 101.

Our Twitter and Facebook sites are not for reporting crime and they are not monitored 24/7.

Facebook – Ayrshire Police

Twitter - @AyrshireNPolice

Email – AyrshireLPSTGarnockValley@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Sub-Divisional Update

Apologies for not being there in person but this is the report for this month.

Insp Cameron has returned after Insp Dolan retiring from Police Scotland.

My main concern remains the lack of intelligence in the form of calls to the Police or to Crime Stoppers regarding the ongoing misuse of drugs within Dalry and the Garnock Valley as a whole. I can only encourage, again, that information is passed to us to allow the Police to tackle this ongoing issue.

As always please feel free to get in touch with any concerns that you may have.

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/01/2022 and 30/01/2022

134 calls to police resulting in 25 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 132 Last month calls: 138

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 1
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 3 Noise: 2 Disturb: 5 Damage: 0
Public nuisance 3 of which 1 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 3 H/B: 1 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 12 Road Traffic Collisions: 9
Road Traffic offences: 1

Immediate calls: 12
Missing Persons calls: 0
Concern for Person calls: 11

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	3		
Vandalism	2		
Assault	8	2	
Misuse of Drugs			

Concerns Raised by Community Council / Residents

1	
2	
3	
4	

Appendix C: Dalry Town Centre Regeneration Fund

Dalry Park Skate Park

We are advised by the Skate Park designers (Bendcrete) that due to a significant concrete shortage across the industry the project will start on site later than planned. A start date in early 2022 has been proposed and we await a formal programme of work from the design team.

Building Improvements

The building improvement works in Dalry town centre are progressing as follows.

6-10 Main Street:

The main works concluded on-site during December 2021.

Due to weather conditions, the contractor requires to return to the site in the Spring to complete paint works which cannot be carried out during winter months. This is expected to be around mid-late March. The scaffolding will require to go back up for a short period of time to facilitate this. We have already received very positive feedback from the owners and members of the community on the difference these improvements have made to this part of town.

Community Garden

The DCDH has advised that several community groups continue to use the garden on a regular basis. The murals have been proposed and the DCDH has advised these will now be completed in Spring 2022 given the nature of the project and current weather conditions.

CCTV

The CCTV installation is being led by the Community Safety team and is almost complete. There was a slight delay due to the scaffold at Main Street blocking an electricity point for the new camera, now that the scaffold has been dismantled this has now been resolved.