

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Dalry Community Council Meeting

Monday 27th September 2021, held via Zoom

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming all present and asking all attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Present / Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors:

Sheena Woodside (Chair),

Julie Wales (Treasurer),

Peter Stevenson (Secretary),

Myra Sim,

John Higgins

Community Attendees:

Robert Barr (Councillor Ward 6),

Todd Ferguson (Councillor Ward 6),

Ronald Stalker (Councillor Ward 6),

Audrey Mason,

Valerie Provan

John Smith.

Guests:

Sgt. Douglas Clark (Police Scotland),

Helen McNaughton (Beith and District Community Council)

Christina Pieraccini (North Ayrshire Council)

Helen McNaughton (Beith & District Comm. Council)

Apologies:

Allan Wright (Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Comm. Council),

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 28th June 2021

The Secretary went through the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Julie Wales and 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.
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
30/11/2020	Councillor Barr to find out if the “creepies” section of road is to be repaired as part of bypass reparations.	
	28/06/2021 Update: Councillor Barr advised he had not been provided with an update. No work has been carried out.	Councillor Barr September meeting.
	27/09/2021 Update Repairs have been carried out by NAC	Closed
30/11/2020	Councillor Ferguson was asked to discuss the lifespan of Dalry Community Centre with North Ayrshire Council	
	28/06/2021 Update: Councillor Ferguson deferred to Councillor Barr. Councillor Barr raised his concerns over the future of the Community Centre and that there appeared to be issues with accommodating all the groups who currently want to use it. It was suggested that some groups are being asked to find alternative accommodation or change meeting times. Questions were raised over what would happen to all of the groups, when the aging building needs a major repair. Historically, this has resulted in closures e.g. Town Hall. NAC previously advised that the life expectancy of the building was 40 years. It opened 52 years ago. Councillor Barr advised that the recent NAC review of halls and libraries did not consider the fabric of the buildings.	Councillors Barr/Ferguson September meeting.

	There was no update provided on the condition of Dalry Community Centre. The action remains open.	
	<p>27/09/2021 Update Councillor Barr: The Food Larder has cut down the available space. The Leisure Club and the Walkers Society have moved to Rosearden. Current utilisation does not permit the use of the Community Centre for vaccinations. It may be necessary to travel out of town.</p> <p>The concern is that fewer groups using the Community Centre will result in closure.</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson: The situation needs to be monitored, as budget pressures could lead to future closure.</p>	Closed
Raised	Action / Update	Action By
25/01/2021	To arrange for Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to give an update to the Community Council.	DCC First in-person meeting
22/02/2021	Arrange a meeting to create a strategy for the Public Park	Peter Stevenson June meeting
	<p>28/06/2021 Update: It has not been possible to arrange for all interested parties to meet at this time.</p>	Peter Stevenson September meeting.
	<p>27/09/2021 Update: An initial strategy meeting will be organised.</p>	Peter Stevenson October meeting.
22/02/2021	Scouts Scotland to be asked if they have a plan for the completion of the Scout Hall building.	June meeting
	<p>28/06/2021 Update: No change from the previous update. Scouts Scotland are awaiting quotes for the small interior jobs which need to be completed.</p>	Peter Stevenson September meeting.
	<p>27/09/2021 Update: Councillor Stalker advised that the hall will be finished and handed over by December.</p>	Closed
26/04/2021	Speak with DSM about patrolling the bridge at the rear of DSM's land.	Councillor Barr June meeting
	<p>28/06/2021 Update: Councillor Barr attempted to contact DSM. DSM did not respond.</p> <p>It is thought that the same request from a member of the community, and DSM are patrolling the area. This will be confirmed by Sheena Woodside.</p>	Sheena Woodside September meeting.

	Sgt Clark advised that there have been no incidents in the area recently. The youth are currently assembling in Beith.	
	27/09/2021 Update: Councillor Barr has still not received a reply from DSM. DSM advised a member of the community that they were not aware that the area was being used by young people, but they will monitor it.	Closed
Raised	Action / Update	Action By
31/05/2021	Councillor Barr to raise disturbances at the bus stop in Douglas Avenue with Police Scotland.	Councillor Barr June Meeting
	28/06/2021 Update: Councillor Barr arranged to contact Sgt Clark in the next few days.	Councillor Barr September Meeting
	27/09/2021 Update: There have been no recent reports of disturbances	Closed
31/05/2021	Peter Stevenson to enquire when (day / time of day) the Sharon Street line of sight inspection was carried out.	Peter Stevenson June Meeting
	No update available	Peter Stevenson September Meeting
	No update available	Peter Stevenson October Meeting
31/05/2021	Julie Wales to respond to the NAC planning consultation comments collated by the Community Council	Julie Wales June Meeting
	28/06/2021 Update: Comments submitted on: (1) Site to east of 1 Kirkland Crescent (2) Proposed housing development on site of former Bridgend Mill. It was considered that points raised in relation to traffic safety and flood prevention were not properly addressed in the response from NAC planning. Julie will take these points up with Planning.	Julie Wales September Meeting
	27/09/2021 Update: 2. The location of the entry point is considered safe, in accordance with the law of the land. If cars approaching the entry / exit point obey the speed limits then there should be no danger from stationary vehicles entering the site. There is a plan to widen the river at the site, which will reduce the rate of flow and the risk of flooding.	Closed

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
28/06/2021	<p>The Community Council requires more than two weeks to respond appropriately to planning applications. This should be fed back to the planning department.</p> <p>27/09/2021 Update:</p> <p>The planning department need to progress applications as quickly as possible, and sometimes this does not allow much time for community consultation.</p>	<p>Julie Wales September Meeting</p> <p>Closed</p>
28/06/2021	<p>Numerous reports by a Smith St. resident regarding pot holes have been ignored.</p> <p>27/09/2021 Update:</p> <p>Repairs have been carried out</p>	<p>Councillor Barr September Meeting</p> <p>Closed</p>
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:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson offered to facilitate the attendance of Caroline Cameron (Head of HSCP) or a representative at a Community Council meeting.</p> <p>They will discuss the provision of the Health Centre, what changed, what they are looking to do moving forward etc.</p>	<p>Councillor Ferguson</p>

5. Chair's Update

Valley Voices

The allocation stage of the Valley Voices Participatory Budgeting event has been successfully completed. There were 23 applications from Dalry.

Councillor Barr asked why the cut-off date for applications was extended. This decision was taken to allow groups who were returning to activity after lockdown more time to take advantage of the funding opportunity.

Lochshore Play Link

Three meetings were held in Dalry Public Park. There is £12,500 available for a play installation, which should be linked to the heritage of Lochshore.

Following the meetings, the design consultants are creating a concept. The concept will be discussed with the wider community before being implemented.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted that due to the upcoming elections, the accounts have been audited. The Financial year end was 31st August 2021.

As of 31/08/2021:

Administration Account balance:	£170.30.
Project Account balance:	£4.14

The project account had:

Expenditure of £2076.80 on promotional items for Valley Voices and a commemorative bench
Credit interest of £0.07.

7. Updates

A) Police Scotland

The Police report for Dalry has been attached (Appendix A).

Sgt Clark reported that the 101 call centre is operating on 50 manning level due to Covid. This is having an impact on service levels.

There have been no calls relating to drugs in the last month. It is thought that this may be due to the difficulties in contacting 101.

Sgt Clark advised that contacting Crimestoppers is an alternative to 101 for passing information to the police.

Youth related incidents have currently greatly reduced in Dalry.

24 priority one (immediate) calls in Dalry have put a strain on the resources of the local police.

B) Councillor Updates

Councillor Stalker

Has been working to provide pitches in the Public Park for all age groups. Pitches will be available for use soon.

Councillor Barr

The Loans Road has been repaired

The Timber scheme has been resurfaced and so have the cul-de-sacs in Peden Avenue.

Road repairs in Douglas Avenue have been requested

Pot holes in West Kirklands Place have been repaired.

Work on the former Laundrette will start soon.

The new CCTV cameras are being installed.

The Royal Hotel has withdrawn its application for Town Centre Regeneration Funding (£41,000).

Councillor Barr is meeting with the CEO of NAC to walk round the town.

The resurfacing of Sharon St has been put on hold.

Councillor Ferguson

Discussions have taken place about the funding promised for the detrunking of the A737.

Areas are being looked at for tree planting in line with the Councils plans to plant 108,000 trees in NA.

Conversations have been held in relation to funding for play parks. Councillor Ferguson is requesting that some of this funding be allocated to improve the parks we have or to invest in other areas.

Attended a meeting with Caroline Cameron (Head of the Health and Social Care Partnership). The meeting was to discuss the current status of Dalry Health Centre.

Caroline Cameron will come along, or send an HSCP representative to a future community council meeting. They will discuss the provision of the Health Centre, what changed, what they are looking to do moving forward etc.

C) *Public Park*

Update from David Hammond of NAC

The areas where drainage work was undertaken have now dried up. The formerly marshy area, is now firm enough to let the grass cutting machines access to cut the grass.

Traffic Management

Update from David Hammond of NAC

The Council still await settlement from Transport Scotland of the agreed funding for the detrunking of the A737.

D) Town Centre Regeneration Funding

An update from NAC has been included as Appendix B

The installation of a new CCTV camera pole in Courthill St is now complete.

New Christmas lights have been purchased.

The planned mural has been delayed due to the health of the artist.

Action	Action By
Dalry Community Sports Club are to be invited to the next meeting to discuss their plans for the town.	Peter Stevenson October meeting
Costings to be obtained for the individual projects funded from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund.	Peter Stevenson October meeting

8. Planning Applications

Decided Applications

Castlehead Stables

Conversion of an agricultural shed to form two dwelling houses.

Approved with no conditions.

Site to south of Broadlie House

Formation of a priority junction with the public road to gated vehicular access into the woodland plantation.

Approved with conditions.

Site to east of 1 Kirkland Crescent

Application was withdrawn

Lintseedridge Farm

Erection of a timber stable block containing 3 stables. A corner box and a tack room.

Approved with conditions.

The stable block shall be used for private domestic purposes only, unless otherwise agreed by North Ayrshire Council.

Erection of telecommunications apparatus south of 1 Roche Way.

Application refused.

Excessive height would have had an adverse impact on the setting of nearby historic buildings.

76 – 80 New St.

Change of use of a vacant retail unit to a hot food takeaway, the erection of a ventilation flue at the rear, and the formation of two duplex flats.

Due to the timing of the application, community feedback was required prior to this meeting. Community opinion was gathered through social media and forwarded to NAC.

Approved subject to conditions

Applicant to submit a detailed specification for external alterations to the building.

Prior to the occupation of the flats, the rear garden shall be cleared of all refuse, demolition materials and will then be levelled.

A sufficient area of ground to the rear will be paved or hard surfaced to enable the passage and storage of wheelie bins.

The maximum operational hours of the retail units will be between the hours of 08:00 and 19:00 on any day.

Blair House.

Rehabilitation works. Alterations to the former museum building within the walled garden area.

Approved with conditions.

Prior to commencement the applicant shall submit for the approval of North Ayrshire Council, a final schedule of the proposed external finishes to be used.

Drumastle Mill.

Change of use of restaurant to form enlargement of dwelling house, to include the demolition of toilets to rear and erection of single storey extension to front.

Approved with no conditions.

Validated Applications

Site to south east of South Hourat Farm

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

Pending

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Formation of opening within external wall of dwelling to install a double glazed timber patio door set with fixed glazed side panels.

Pending

9. Licensing Applications

Norman James Usher of 1 Houston Crescent

Amendment to taxi and private hire operators licence.

Lesley Williams of 23 Wingate Avenue

Substitute licence.

Sharon Horn of 52 Westpark Wynd

Private hire car licence.

David McKnight of 32 Vennal St.

Grant of a taxi drivers licence

Lidl

Renewal application for the storage of fireworks

Wesley Smith of 212 Strathclyde St, Glasgow

Temporary entertainment, fairground or circus licence for Dalry Public Park.

Councillor Barr apologised and left the meeting.

10. Correspondence

The Secretary noted that there had been no correspondence

11. Any Other Business

Faulty Lighting

Sheena Woodside reported faulty lighting in Smith St. Car Park.

There has been no response after one week. Sheena enquired as to how long it should take to respond. Councillor Ferguson stated within 5 days, and offered to follow up.

Action	Action By
Councillor Ferguson to enquire about faulty lighting in Smith St Car Park	Councillor Ferguson

Community Council Elections

Community Council elections will take place in November. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Councillor is encouraged to complete an application form.

The closing date for applications is 3rd November.

NCN 7

Funding has been approved to hire a consultant to investigate the viability of the proposed new route for the cycle track from Kilbirnie to Dalry.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Zoom on Monday 25th October.



Vacant & Derelict Land – Former Gas Works, Dalry

The works to the car park were slightly delayed but are now complete. The car park was resurfaced during the week commencing 13 September and the lining completed on Tuesday 21 September.

Dalry Park Pavilion

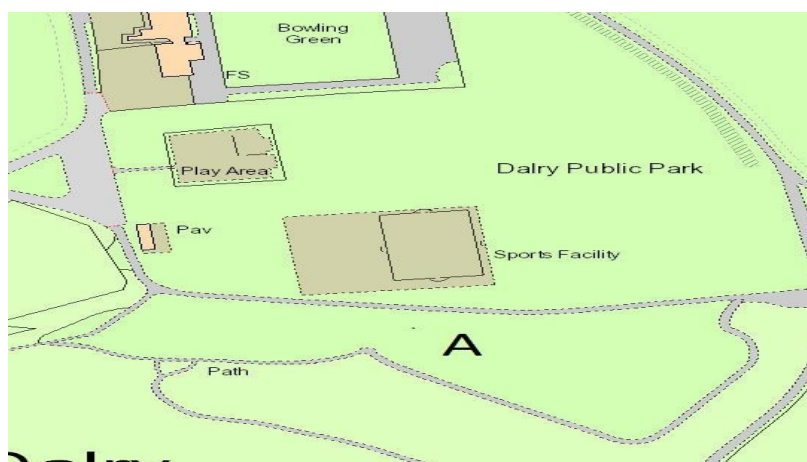
The refurbishment works are now complete on the pavilion and North Ayrshire Council's Estates team have now taken handover of the building. The Roads team have been on site constructing the path linking the pavilion to the main path in the park. This is the final part of the works.

The building is the subject of a Community Asset Transfer to the Dalry Community Sports Club. Estates are currently working with the club to grant them Temporary Occupation of the building in order that the pavilion can be used as soon as possible now that the refurbishment is complete. Members from the sports club visited the pavilion to view the refurbishment progress and have exciting plans for the future. They are currently discussing the potential to locate a storage container adjacent to the pavilion for equipment storage purposes with the Planning team.

Dalry Park Skate Park

The Skate Park consultation has now closed. There was a very positive response with over 400 surveys completed. The survey responses will now be reviewed with input from the designers. This will enable the finalisation of a design concept incorporating features identified in the survey whilst being mindful of the budget allocated to the project.

The survey results indicated a preference for the Skate Park to be located at the site marked in the below map (A). This means the Skate Park will be located away from nearby housing and closer to the other play facilities in the park.



A start date will be agreed in the coming weeks and is expected to be late autumn.

Building Improvements

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

6-10 Main Street: The works started on-site on Monday 6 September and are expected to take 16 weeks to complete. A scaffold will be erected for the duration of the works, all permits have been received and there should be no issues or disruptions to surrounding roads or buildings.

Royal Hotel: Unfortunately, the owner of the Royal Hotel withdrew their application for funding. This project will now not be going ahead as planned. Due to the late withdrawal the funding already allocated to the Royal Hotel it is proposed that the funding is reallocated or retained as contingency to ensure the delivery of committed projects.

Community Garden

Good progress continues to be made at the community garden since the funding was issued in March 2021. The DCDH has advised that several community groups continue to use the garden on a regular basis. Local schools are also looking to have some involvement now the new term has commenced particularly regarding the murals. In the coming weeks further improvements will be undertaken to make the garden more accessible to all through the construction of paved paths across the garden.

Dalry Town Marketing

The allocated work carried out by Targeting Innovation on behalf of the Council is now complete. Targeting Innovation engaged with business owners across Dalry to give advice on creating an online presence and identify those businesses who require ongoing support. These were referred to the business team for further guidance. Targeting Innovation provided detailed information to Plan B who are working with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce on a website highlighting business and activities across Ayrshire. The section for Dalry is still to be finalised and will be reviewed by the Council prior to going live.

CCTV

The CCTV installation is progressing as planned and being led by the Community Safety team. The upgrades to the three existing cameras were completed on Friday 20 August. The installation of a new camera pole on Courthill Street commenced on Wednesday 8 September. The works are expected to be completed in line with the original 30 September deadline.