

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of Dalry Community Council Meeting
Monday 25th October 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),

Ronald Stalker (Councillor Ward 6),

Audrey Mason,

Cheryl McLelland

Mhairi Craig.

Guests:

Helen McNaughton (Beith and District Community Council)

Christina Pieraccini (North Ayrshire Council)

Allan Wright (Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Comm. Council),

Apologies:

Sgt. Douglas Clark (Police Scotland),

Todd Ferguson (Councillor Ward 6),

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 27th September 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 Peter Stevenson

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
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
	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: An initial strategy meeting will be organised.	Peter Stevenson October meeting.
	25/10/2021 Peter Stevenson spoke to David Hammond of NAC to ask if they were happy for the Community Council to take the lead. NAC agreed. Groups with an interest will be invited, however input to the strategy will also be open to individuals in the community. It is hoped to organise the initial meeting before the end of the year.	Peter Stevenson DCC
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
	Update 25/10/2021 No progress	Peter Stevenson November meeting

Raised	Action / Update	Action By
11/2020	<p>Status of Dalry Health Centre.</p> <p>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>	Councillor Ferguson October meeting
	<p>Update 25/10/2021</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson has been corresponding with HSCP. A copy of any information received will be passed to the Community Council.</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson has still 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>	Councillor Ferguson November meeting

5. Chair's Update

Valley Voices

Successful groups have received their funding.

55 th Ayrshire Dalry Scouts,	Dalry Community Sports Club,	Dalry Folk Club,
Katsumi Karate Club,	Dalry Race 2022,	St Margarets Parish Church,
Trinity Church,	Mecocco,	Dalry Rovers 2012,
Dalry Thistle.	Dalry Station Garden Group.	Dalry Rovers Football Club,
Dalry Community Garden,	Dalry Camera Club,	Bypass Art.

Lochshore Play Link

Amphitheatre style seating was suggested for the hill, around the old "Bump Track" area.

Lochshore Development

A meeting was held to discuss potential uses for the site.

6. Treasurer's Report

There has been no activity on the accounts:

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

7. Updates

A) Police Scotland

No police report was submitted, due to pressure on resources from COP26.

A car abandoned behind the Library has been reported. The Council have placed a 7 day removal notice on it.

B) Councillor Updates

Councillor Stalker

David Hammond was contacted regarding the funding for the de-trunking of the A737.

NAC have corresponded with Transport Scotland. A response is awaited.

Dalry Community Sports Club have temporary occupancy of the Pavilion in the Public Park. Hopefully in a couple of weeks there will be some pitches in the Park. NAC will not maintain any pitches. Councillor Stalker will arrange to have the grass cut to allow use for football.

Councillor Barr

Took part in a walk round the town with the CEO of North Ayrshire Council. A few “hotspots” were pointed out. The meeting was confidential, so the content cannot be discussed.

A case of fly tipping has been reported.

Wingfaulds Avenue is being used as a “rat run” by speeders.

Dalry Bowling Club has received funding from the Parish Boundary Trust to install disabled toilets.

C) Public Park / Traffic Management

Public Park

Nothing to report

Traffic Management

• **Vennal St. being used as a rat run**

Councillor Stalker advised that there is traffic monitoring currently being carried out.

Action	Action By
Councillor Barr reported that NAC had agreed to put signage on Kilwinning Road advising that the street was not suitable for HGVs. This has not been done. Councillor Barr will ask why	Councillor Barr November meeting

• **Parking at the junction of Townend St and Roche Way.**

Cars are parking right up to the traffic lights at the junction, and this is considered to present a danger to pedestrians and vehicles.

The Community Council have been requested to take this up directly with the Police, as the Council are not authorised to deal with illegal parking.

Councillor Stalker advised that there will be a meeting with the Police regarding this after the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow is over.

• **B714 Upgrade**

NAC are seeking funding from the UK Government to upgrade the road. This would include addition of an active travel route.

It was suggested that any update may be so far in the future, that the proposed roundabout at the bottom of the Saltcoats road should be progressed.

D) Town Centre Regeneration Funding

The funding has been allocated as follows:

Projects	Budget
Building Improvement Grants	£ 177,065
Pavilion Refurbishment	£ 97,790
Resurfacing Works	£ 62,247
CCTV Infrastructure	£ 38,000
Street Furniture	£ 5,858
Burns Mural	£ 4,874
Gabby Corner Mural	£ 647
Skatepark	£ 95,066
Community Garden	£ 9,256
Park Flooding Improvements	£ 62,500
Town Marketing	£ 5,920
Hilltap Toon Launch	£ 450
Christmas Lights	£ 9,828
Total	£ 569,502

8. Planning Applications

Validated

Site to North of 22 Garnock St.

Planning ref: 21/00943/PP

<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QZWI4HLELUC00&activeTab=summary>

Erection of a detached split level dwelling house to include provision of a driveway and garden.

No comments.

Site to the East of Munnoch

Planning ref: 21/00988/PP

<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R0LTAOLEM2K00>

Erection of a detached dwelling house and out building. To include the provision of outdoor space and landscaping. The formation of a private access and the provision of drainage infrastructure.

No comments

64 Townend St.

Planning ref: 21/00095/PP

<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QNYJGNLE08L00>

Erection of a 2 storey extension to the rear of a semi detached dwelling house.

No comments

Bridgend Mill (Site 3)

Planning ref: 21/00961/PPP

<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R05RHDLELXM00>

Planning permission in principal for a residential development of up to 26 houses.

18 of 3 bedroom semi detached houses

6 of 4 bedroom detached houses (one design)

2 of 4 bedroom detached houses (different design)

Access to the development will be across from Bridgend Lane

Comments:

- Concern was raised over disturbance to the habitat of protected species, other wildlife and established woodland.

Decided Applications

3 Munnoch

Planning ref: 21/00864/PP

<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QYRRG7LELHH00>

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

Approved with no conditions

9. Licensing Applications

Daniel McInnes

Application for taxi drivers licence.

David McKnight of 32 Vennal St.

Grant of a taxi drivers licence.

10. Correspondence

Dalry Bypass Stakeholder Survey

A request was received from Jacobs. Jacobs have been commissioned by Transport Scotland to obtain stakeholder feedback on Dalry Bypass (See Appendix A).

It was reported that the consultation was posted on Dalry Community Council Facebook page on 8th July 2020, and there were 37 comments. The consultation was also posted on Dalry Forever Facebook group.

Action	Action By
Community Council to determine if the previous Facebook consultation meets the needs of the request from Transport Scotland (Jacobs).	Peter Stevenson

Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

A new group which are looking for members and volunteers. See Appendix B for an overview of the group.

Action	Action By
To be shared via Community Council Facebook page	Peter Stevenson

NAC Community Events / Capacity Building

Opportunity to become involved in the creation of a commemorative piece of art to reflect local feelings and emotions in relation to the impact of Covid.

See Appendix C for details.

It was agreed that this would be passed to Dalry Community Development Hub for consideration.

11. Any Other Business

Update From Dalry Community Sports Club

An Open Day was held at the Pavilion in the Public Park.

A kitchen has been installed in the Pavilion.

A planning application has been submitted for storage facilities.

Suggestions are sought on uses for the Pavilion and the Park in general.

The Sports Club have received funding from NAC to help develop the Larder, based in the Community Centre.

Volunteers are required for the Larder / Sports Club in general.

Update from the Moving Around Workgroup of the Garnock Valley Locality Planning Partnership

A travel needs analysis was planned. Covid impacted the way people move around, and the analysis was paused until the impact subsided, or we were closer to the “new normal”. It is now considered that the travel needs analysis should be progressed.

Funding has been obtained by Beith Trust for a long term e-bike hire scheme in the Garnock Valley.

Details of the walks and paths in the area can be found in a number of places. Consolidating these into a single resource is being considered.

In the longer term, a community transport scheme will be looked at by the Workgroup, if the travel needs analysis shows that this would be beneficial.

The Workgroup will be consulted in the creation of the NAC Transport Strategy, and also the B714 Upgrade.

Cattle Show

The land where the Cattle Show has traditionally been held was up for sale. The signs have been taken down, and nobody appears to know whether the land has been sold.

This raises questions over the future of the Cattle Show.

Condolences

It was noted that the thoughts of all were with the families involved in the recent tragic incidents in the town.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Zoom on Monday 29th November, which will also be the AGM.

Appendix A : Dalry Bypass Stakeholder Survey

Purpose

Transport Scotland has commissioned Jacobs to evaluate a number of recently opened trunk road projects. We aim to determine whether they are likely to achieve their objectives and to identify any operational impacts (such as traffic flows, journey times and road safety). We are also interested in any impacts on the environment, economy, accessibility, social inclusion and integration.

We are conducting a '1 Year After Opening' Evaluation for the A737 Dalry Bypass scheme, which opened in May 2019. The main rationale for this scheme was to reduce conflicts between long distance users and local traffic on the road network and thereby improve both journey times and road safety. Details of the scheme can be found on Transport Scotland's website at the following link: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a737-dalry-bypass/>

As part of this evaluation, we are seeking your views on the impact of the scheme to inform our report.

Background

Objectives relating to the operation of the scheme were set as follows:

- To improve the level of service and safety by reducing the effects on driver stress and journey times;
- To eradicate the conflicts between long distance users and local traffic on the road network;
- To stabilise the average peak hour journey on the A737 through Dalry, without detriment to conditions in Dalry town centre; and
- To stabilise average bus journey times through Dalry at peak hours.

Bearing these objectives in mind we would be grateful for your response to the questions below:

1. Are you aware of any improvements in journey times since the opening of the bypass?
2. Are you aware of any improvements in journey time reliability since the opening of the bypass?
3. Are you aware of any safety improvements since the opening of the bypass?
4. Are you aware of any adverse impacts from the operation of the bypass?
5. Are you aware of any adverse impacts during construction?
6. Overall has the bypass been beneficial?
7. Is there anything else you would like to comment on in terms of impacts or the delivery of the scheme?

If you are able to respond to the questions below, can you also please advise:

1. Can we include some of the detail from your responses in the One Year After evaluation report we are preparing for Transport Scotland; and
2. If the answer to Q1 is 'Yes', can these comments be attributed to your organisation?

It may seem obvious that we would need to use your comments, but we are required to get your express permission to do so.

Please note that this email was initially sent to 'committeeservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk' in July and August, but I did not receive any response, so I am not sure if it was forwarded to you. It would help in our preparation of the report if you could reply as soon as possible, but I understand that you may need to discuss this request at your next meeting.

Appendix B : *Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park*

Hi, The friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, a group launched in the summer is looking for new members and help.

Here is a message from our Chairman Joe Greenlees and I have attached a copy of our constitution and membership application. Please do join us and if you can pass this on to like minded groups and individuals. Thanks.

Chairman's Introduction.

As newly elected Chairman of this fledgling group The Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park it will be a great privilege to be involved in these exciting times for the Park. We as a group look forward to working very closely with the managers of the Park, visitors to the Park and the people that live and work in the Park. We understand the complexities of managing such a large and diverse landscape and recognise that such a resource requires a careful and balanced approach to the management.

The Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, which is made up of individuals and representatives of groups from Inverclyde, North Ayrshire and Renfrewshire, is a fully constituted group with aims and objectives focused on the protection of this important and beautiful landscape. We wish to: promote public understanding of the Regional Park and its environs; protect and safeguard the ecology and the landscape; restore the habitats and the biodiversity of the Regional Park and promote inclusive access throughout the park in conjunction with landowners as detailed in the Land Reform Act and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

We hope to undertake our aims and objectives in partnership with the three local authorities, landowners, local businesses, the volunteer sector and most importantly the local communities. We will work with all of the above offering expertise, consensus through our membership, hard work and plenty of enthusiasm. We also have a treasurer's bank account which allows us to apply for funding and sometimes funding which local authorities and businesses cannot.

We are an inclusive group and we aspire, initially, to grow our membership throughout the three local authority areas. We hope to grow our partnership base in order to build capacity in skills and understanding throughout the area of the Regional Park. Most of all we envisage a future for the Regional Park that reflects the needs and aspirations of the local communities, landowners and visitors. We hope together we can create a landscape that will recognise some of the seismic changes such as climate change and other serious challenges in a post pandemic Scotland. We know, together we can create a common treasury for all.

Joseph Greenlees, Chairman of Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

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Appendix C : NAC Community Events / Capacity Building

From: Lindsay Robbins (Community Events Capacity Building Officer / Information & Culture)
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Date: Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 8:46 AM
Subject: Remembering Together Project
To: Lindsay Robbins (Community Events Capacity Building Officer / Information & Culture)
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Cc: Lesley Forsyth (Snr Manager / Information & Culture) <lesleyforsyth@north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Dear friends and colleagues.

We have been approached by Greenspace Scotland with an exciting opportunity to participate in a national programme to commemorate the impact of Covid on local communities.

Scottish Government has commissioned Greenspace to lead on what will result in local communities coming together with artists to co create a commemorative piece of art that best reflects local feelings and emotions. The form of the finished piece is not prescriptive and could be anything from creative writing, visual art, commemorative garden, dance, drama/ performance, musical, digital - the scope is wide open and will be part of the co creation process.

There will be a 2 stage process to the work -

Stage 1 will see an artist / creative practitioner appointed via a commissioning process to deliver community engagement in order to gather ideas, suggestions and to gauge feelings and emotions to help shape the work. The output of this stage will be a brief ready to commission an appropriately skilled artist (in the relevant discipline) to deliver the final piece of work as per the co created brief.

Stage 2 will be the creation of the final piece

The very first step of this journey is to establish a local steering group or stakeholder reference group. This is the key group who will guide the work as we progress on the journey. It is suggested that the group be made up of a blend of representatives from the Local Authority, Community Organisations and Artistic / Creative Groups or individuals.

At this early stage we are seeking expressions of interest from any organisations interested in participating in the steering group who are active in their localities. Should your organisation wish to participate, all we ask is that you put forward a representative (or two) willing to join us. An enthusiastic contributor(s) is the only skills required!

We envisage the commitment being one meeting (initially virtual) per month for the duration of the project - approximately 18 - 24 months.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please drop me a return e mail and we will and we will follow up about next steps in the process. Our aim is to host the first steering group meeting relatively early in November, so please let us know before October 30th if your organisation or a representative from your organisation is interested in taking part.

We appreciate that we have limited information at this stage apart from what we have shared here, but it is an exciting opportunity with the necessary finances attached to deliver a really special piece that will become a local community asset that all involved can be proud of being part of.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Lindsay Robbins

Community Events – Capacity Building Officer