

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of Dalry Community Council AGM
Monday 29^h November 2021, held via Zoom

Present / Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors :-

Sheena Woodside (Chair),
Peter Stevenson (Secretary),
John Higgins

Julie Wales (Treasurer),
Myra Sim,

Community Attendees :-

Ronald Stalker (Councillor, Ward 6),
Mhairi Reid

Lynette Campbell

Guests :-

Anne Marie Hunter (NAC – Engagement & Participation Officer)
Allan Wright (Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council)
Helen McNaughton (Beith & District Community Council)

Apologies:

Todd Ferguson (Councillor, Ward 6),
Audrey Mason
Christina Pieraccini (NAC)

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the AGM, welcoming all present.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 25th November 2020

The Secretary reviewed the minutes of the AGM held on 25th November 2020.

Matters Arising

There as an action to compile a list of active groups within the town.

Due to Covid, this is still an open action for the Community Council.

The minutes of the previous AGM were:

Proposed as an accurate record by Sheena Woodside

Seconded by Julie Wales.

3. Chairperson's Annual Report

Despite the obstacles that have had to be overcome, this year has been a little better than 2020 which was a challenging year for everyone.

Many questions have been addressed over the year. A few of these include the Health Centre, Sharon Street, the Public Park, Scout Hall, Lochshore, Planning and Licensing and the Play Link. Many more were discussed.

We as community Councillors are required to sit on various groups, representing the community. We are involved in three Garnock Valley locality workgroups:

Moving Around.

Involved in the rerouting of the National 7 cycle route between Dalry and Kilbirnie. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

Work and the Local Community.

Organising an app to promote the Garnock Valley, including businesses and community groups.

Facilities and Amenities.

Looking at archiving the history of the Garnock Valley. There's a lot on the agenda, but nothing to really get our teeth into at the moment. Hopefully this will change in the new year.

These workgroups feed into the Locality Planning Partnership, on which the Community Council represent Dalry. The Locality Planning Partnership also includes, Elected members, the Health and Social Care Partnership, Police and Fire Service.

The Partnership covers a variety of topics, including allocation of the Community Investment Fund (CIF).

There has been a lot of positive things happening in the community. Individuals give time to litter pick, taking care of their environment. The Food Larder at the Community Centre is doing an amazing job.

We are now seeing some of the regeneration money being spent, which has taken a long time. The Pavilion in the Park, The drainage of the Park, North Street Car Park, St Margarets Church. There have been some pavement improvements, and the building at the corner of Main St. / North St. is progressing. CCTV has been installed, though I'm not sure if it is up and running. The Community Garden has been so successful, with a tremendous number of people visiting, and things happening in it. Targeting Innovation has been commissioned to do some marketing work for Dalry. There are new Christmas lights and murals will be created.

The highlight for me personally this year has been working as part of the three Garnock Valley Community Councils. Through working together they delivered Valley Voices, which has been phenomenal for the whole of the Garnock Valley. The feedback from the presentation night was excellent. It will help many groups get back up and running after the pandemic. We look forward to working with the other Community Councils over the next four years. Hopefully being able to make other projects happen. The elections are coming up next year, so there will be changes. I'm looking forward to that.

I am delighted that things have picked up this year and things are on the up. Thank you to everyone who has helped make these things happen.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer noted that the Community Council's accounts had been approved by North Ayrshire Council on the 24th November 2021. Income and expenditure on the accounts were as follows:-

Admin Account

Opening Balance	£ 215.42	
Receipts	£2341.38	
Payments	£2386.50	(Hall lets, Zoom fees, Project Account expenditure, Microsoft and a poppy wreath)
Closing Balance	£ 170.30	

Project Account

Opening Balance	£ 880.36	
Receipts	£1200.56	(PB grants and bank interest).
Payments	£2076.80	(Valley Voices promotional items, Commemorative bench).
Closing Balance	£ 4.12	

It was noted that any positive balance on the Admin Account is offset by a reduction in the grant from NAC for the next year.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 31st January 2022.

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