

IRVINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 06.07.22
VOLUNTEER ROOMS – IRVINE

Present: As per seredent

Apologies: Received from JW & RW

DP approved minutes of last meeting, seconded by BA.

Community Development Officer

DD handed over to Elaine Walker who will be taking over the role previously undertaken by LS.

EW introduced herself and explained that she hasn't been in this role for a while, therefore AM will continue to support the role for the next few months.

CC then went round the table and introduced themselves and the roles they have within the CC.

JR asked for a remit of both EW & AM's role. AM explained this should be detailed in the toolkit which should have been sent to JR but that she would ensure it was sent out to her again.

Police Report

1000 incidents were reported. Not known how many of those are crimes.

PC advised that job roles are currently changing within Irvine Police Station so there will be someone new taking over the role in due course.

PC explained 'Safer Shores Action Plan' which is put in place to tackle activity at the beach when there is an increased volume of visitors due to the good weather. This is an action plan that can be put into place at short notice and put more officers on scene when needed to tackle anti-social behaviour.

As JW was not in attendance DD raised her questions for the PC.

PC was asked about the issue regarding people on dirt bikes down the harbour. He advised that it is an issue that is very hard to tackle but they are aware of the ongoing issue and are trying to deal with it. Understandably it can be very hard for the police to catch those on the dirt bikes due to the speed they are able to evade the scene at.

PC was also asked about the 'Irvine Cruise' car show and why they are allowed to take over the beach park and not only park on the grass but destroy it. PC stated that cars should not be on the grass. The police have tried their best to prevent this and have even contacted the event organisers to advise on the safety issues etc. He also explained that this event is usually very busy meaning that

police officers are often outnumbered making it difficult for them to control the event and remand anyone. It also raises safety issues for the officers themselves. The other issue is that it can be difficult for them to reprimand the driver of the vehicles if they are not present within the vehicle at the time. This means that when a car is parked on the grass, unless the driver is within the vehicle it can be impossible for the police to get them to move it on.

The beach park is a public carpark as previously explained, which means that the police are unable to stop the event itself. As far as the PC is aware the event organisers do not need to apply for any public event/planning permission for this.

BA raised that they could possibly enforce stewards for the event. PC advised that as they do not need permission for the event there would be no enforcement of stewards.

BA also raised that the drivers of these vehicles are not only churning up the grass with their wheel spins, they are also doing this on the roads and speeding/driving dangerously which in itself can cause accidents.

TL added that he has observed that the event has gotten too big for the space it is held. He understands that it has both pros and cons as it brings financial gain to the local economy but he does agree that it needs to be monitored more efficiently. He also asked if anyone had been reprimanded for the serious assault which occurred at the harbour recently.

PC was unable to confirm if this was the case, but advised that he would report back.

PC LEFT THE MEETING – NO FURTHER QUESTIONS

BA put to the CC that it might be worth contacting NAC regarding the cruise event.

CC agreed & TD will contact NAC to ask if the organisers of the event need planning permission and if not then why?! Given the impact it has on the local community.

TL also suggested that he will also go and visit local Councillor Shaun Macaulay and raise this issue with him too.

Matters Arising

DP wanted to discuss the possibility of putting time on the agenda for the upcoming meeting in order for us to create a procurement wish list for the harbourside development. CC agreed to this.

He also wanted to know if there had been anyone had responded to the complaints regarding NAC's input on the event. AM explained she was unaware of any specific requests made to NAC. It was agreed that there had been a lack of good communication between both CC and NAC. Future correspondence needs to be clear, honest and forthcoming.

DP stated that despite this he feels it was a great event, which proves that move successful events are possible if the communication is better.

Treasurers Report

TL explained he now has an iPad and would like to be able to log on and gain access to the accounts through this. He also advised that if he is unable to cope or adapt to the online banking he would be happy to hand over the role to someone who is more tech minded.

TD advised that JW had already come forward and stated if needs be she would be willing to help with accounts until the role is otherwise fulfilled.

CC agreed to this and DD will give the report for the month.

DD – Account balance is currently £1229.08 – this includes the £1000 grant from Arnold Clark and we still have the £200 cash to be deposited back into the account.

DD then gave a run down on the expenses regarding the event (a more detailed report will be sent out for this separately)

BA suggested that a paper breakdown of finances could be issued at meetings. JR seconded this.

DD explained that this would be the ideal outcome once TL was more competent in the role.

DP questioned how this would impact our efforts to reduce paper wastage?

JR explained that this would just be standard practice anyway.

CC agreed that it will be sent out via email monthly instead and one hard copy will be kept on file for reference and audits.

DD explained that there was no such thing as a 'Project Account' therefore we would need to open a second account and rename it. CC agreed to do this.

DP suggested time on agenda for next month to discuss the next project we wish to undertake in the community. CC agreed.

Correspondences

Nothing to report.

Locality Report

AM suggested sending email link to minutes of the Locality Partnership Meeting and any issues can be raised if needed.

CC agreed there is no need for this on a recurring agenda.

AM explained the Locality Partnership in more detail to JR (who is involved & what is their role?). She also explained that the CC have a seat at the quarterly meeting.

Youth Forum

No YF rep in attendance so update received from DD.

YF are currently working on their Marymass Festival plans.

The disabled toilet is now complete within their building, so they have invited us to a walk around in August – Date TBC.

YF also attended Youth Beats.

Community Councillors

JR explained that as her day job she works with renewable energy. She has been made aware of CC's who have successfully applied for a grant of up to £30,000 from Community Energy Scotland. This would enable us to tackle energy poverty in the area by increasing our renewable energy. She also advised we have lots of potential in the locality to make this possible through the vast green space, river, sea and excess heat from factories. JR would also be happy to take this forward and report back to the CC.

BA asked if the £30,000 was to pay the consultant and what would happen if their fees increased?

JR explained that we would not deal with any of the funds. It would go straight from the government fund to CES. We would work with them and NAC to make sure we are happy with the brief.

There is also potential for the community to benefit from this financially in the future and it's a good time to get ahead of the game and take advantage while we can.

JR proposed to take this forward and start initial talks with CES. BA seconded.

AM also suggested she would find out who in NAC would be best to contact in regards to this.

Elected Members

None in attendance

Events

DD explained that events for Marymass must be submitted by the end of the month.

BA advised he is not doing the garden competition as they do not have enough members and as such did not apply for the grant this year.

TL suggested we hire an ice-cream truck, this would not be allowed.

TD suggested we have a tuck shop as we still have excess stock from last event.

DP suggested working with YF again – DD advised he will check with them. CC agreed.

JR suggested having a brainstorming session and making a yearly plan for events we wish to organise/take part in.

TL suggested a treasure hunt. CC agreed this is a great idea.

BA suggested applying for Project Funding. DD advised he will invite Rosemary to next meeting to discuss what funds are available. He will also open additional 'Project Account' with the bank.

BA suggested that maybe CC could run the garden competition. CC agreed to this.

Treasure Hunt, Tuck Shop, Garden Competition – All agreed for Marymass by CC.

Any Other Business

DP suggested moving the venue for meeting to Woodlands Hall.

CC agreed to trial this for meeting on 7th September.

Planning meeting also agreed for 3rd August to further discuss Marymass plans. This will also be held at Woodlands Hall.

DD raised further questions from JW :

Puffers Café Pavement (causing accidents/unsafe) – Advised to contact roads.

Electric Cars (Is it free to charge them? If so, who picks up the bill?) – AM will find out who to contact. She believes it may be funded by The Scottish Government.