

# IRVINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**Attendees:** D Dunlop, Chair, D Phillips, Vice-Chair, J Walker, Treasurer, T Doyle, Secretary, AM Hunter, J Neil, J Reid, T Lindsay, W Anderson, R Walker, J Jones, C Sweaton, Sgt. D Fisher, Police Scotland, Cllr McLean.

**Observer:** Louise

### Apologies:

Minutes approved from the last meeting, proposed by D Phillips, seconded by C Sweaton.

### Police Report

Sgt. Fisher said that there had been 1,000 incidents reported for October and 245 recorded crimes. This is on a par with other years for the same time. Of these, assaults and violent crimes were 5 in total, 2 of these had been detected. There have been two robberies, and both detected. Drugs related crimes there had been 12 and all 12 detected. Anti-social, there had been a total of 17 vandalisms and the majority were minor. Breach of the Peace, 13 reported and 9 detected. Thefts are starting to climb as expected with 21, 4 from a car. 43 shoplifting reported with 23 detected so far, some delay due to CCTV records still to be received. Housebreaking, 3 reported, with 2 detected. There have been 9 various sexual offences, 1 detected, many are for failure to register. Frauds and Scams, 5 reported. Road Traffic, 20 various with 10 detected.

Sgt Fisher continued by saying that in terms of events coming up, the main being Fireworks events and there will be extra officers and some working with the Fire Brigade.

D. Philips asked about whether we could look at firework free zones following this being done in Glasgow. Sgt Fisher replied that this would have to come from the Local Authority and if implemented, then they would patrol.

D Dunlop asked about the future of the 101 police enquiry number.

Sgt Fisher replied that this has been suggested as a result of funding and the service may be taken away from some areas.

T Lindsay stressed that he is aware of the pressures on the police but raised an issue of disturbance and shoplifting at the Mall last Thursday. There followed discussion on the security at the Mall, who runs it and who has responsibility. AM Hunter made the point that the Youth Centre at Bridgegate would help although it was noted that it is not always young people as the cause. J Reid also raised the poor lighting, at the side of the old Forum but also at the river and the danger this places for vulnerable groups in winter.

**Action:** D Dunlop to contact North Ayrshire Council to ask them to contact the owners of the Mall regarding security and lighting

### Youth Forum Report

J Jones reported that the recruitment process is progressing with 14 applications received for 3 positions, one of which is full-time with the other two part-time. Hopefully by the next meeting the new recruits can be introduced. J Jones offered to host the next Community Council meeting at the Youth Forum facility. This could include meeting the staff and hopefully some Trustees.

J Jones then raised the Hallowe'en Disco held on Friday with 220 young people attending.

J Walker asked about children being turned away from the disco and why did this happen?

J Jones replied that they unofficially had heard schools had cancelled their parties so there was an unexpectedly high demand. Capacity had never been an issue in the past, so they had not used a ticket system. They did get a lot of anger on the night with very poor language by the adults. J Jones

continued that they won't let this situation happen again, we apologise and it has been a learning journey. It was noted that this story has been picked up by the local press and we are anticipating an article in the next Irvine Times.

### **Next Meetings and Council Roles**

D Dunlop asked for a vote to have a meeting in December, this was carried. Vote was called to have the meeting in the Youth Forum Hub, also carried.

**Action:** Next Community Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Irvine Youth Forum

There followed a discussion on a potential meeting in January. J Walker proposed to not have the meeting in January, seconded by D Philips.

**Action:** No Community Council meeting in January.

T Doyle confirmed that she will remain as Secretary but will miss the next two meetings in this role.

D Dunlop proposed that C Sweatton takes over as lead for social media, this was seconded by J Reid.

**Action:** T Doyle to remain and Secretary, C Sweatton as lead for social media.

### **Raised Issues:**

**Flooding:** W Anderson raised the continued flooding at Castlepark, also at the junction between James Crescent and Kilwinning Road. T Lindsay agreed and added Woodlands View area.

**Action:** W Anderson to draft letter to be sent to North Ayrshire Council.

### **Payment for Garden Voucher**

**Action:** D Dunlop to action once cheque book received

**Garden Shield for Marymass:** W Anderson said the shield cost £76 and £36 will be refunded from the Marymass Committee, seeking support for the remainder. Vote held and agreed to pay the £40.

**Action:** £40 to be paid for the Shield.

**Planning and Licensing:** J Walker questioned why we did not have advance notice of the planning for the wind turbines at Ardeer given the proximity to the Harbourside. D Dunlop replied that it is not in our area. W Anderson said this is a major planning application and also questioned not seeing anything on the planned housing development. He also raised that he has not seen the license applications either for some time.

**Action:** D Dunlop to check with Licensing

### **Signage and Flooding**

R Walker raised the missing sign for the British Legion following the work starting on the Kings Arms. He also raised flowing of the lane alongside the Kings Arms and a long going hole.

**Action:** R Walker to draft letter to North Ayrshire Council regarding the signage. The flooding and hole raised would be added to the letter previously agreed to be drafted by W Anderson.

### **Public Transport – Buses**

T Lindsay raised the issue of busses, timetables changes, buses being reduced and the challenges of the public sector funding now. D Philips raised the issue for elderly people particularly with no access to IT. D Dunlop asked is the Community Council should monitor and follow this issue, this was agreed. AM Hunter suggested linking in with other Community Councils also affected by our bus routes, this was agreed.

**Action:** Buses to be added to the next meeting as an agenda item. D Philips to contact the other Community Councils on this issue.

### **Burns Walking Tour**

T Lindsay requested permission to create an Irvine tour on Burns, to be developed over the year and to demonstrate this next Marymass. This was agreed. D Philips also raised the water fountain at the playing fields and his historic value.

**Action:** T Lindsay to develop. Suggested also liaising with the Active Travel Club, the Arts and Culture team and the Burns Club.

**Action:** The Burns Tour and the water fountain to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **AOB**

J Reid raised the need to understand more about what the residents of our community area want from us in relation to events etc. The Chit Chat meetings were raised as a good way to get input from residents.

**Action:** AM Hunter to bring someone to the next meeting or report back. D Dunlop will share round the future Chit Chat meetings.

J Reid raised the potential membership of SURF (Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum). This was agreed.

**Action:** J Reid to apply for membership for the Community Council and will claim back the expenses. D Philips raised two events that are being held and to contact him for tickets or tables.

J Neil asked about the Fullarton Ward 6 Christmas dance and concerns because this doesn't appear to be happening. Discussion followed on the responsible organisation for funding support.

**Action:** J Neil to draft the letter to the Locality Partnership

J Walker asked about the ownership of the vacant land adjacent to the moorings at Victoria roundabout.

**Action:** Cllr McLean to ask about ownership.

J Walker asked about Air B&Bs. Cllr McLean talked through the legislation and the complications. You will need a license to operate from April 2023 and current owners will have to apply for a license from that date. J Walker also asked about the Harbourside Regeneration presentation.

**Action:** Air B&B to put on the agenda for the next meeting. D Dunlop to seek a presentation on Harbourside regeneration.

Cllr McLean informed the Committee that the parking charges decision is not being made until next year.

Question was asked on who will lay the Memorial Wreath.

**Action:** Confirmed that D Philip as Vice Chair will lay the wreath in place of the Chair.

Next Meeting to be held in the Youth Forum - Legacy Hub 2, Bridgegate, Irvine KA12 8BQ on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

End.