



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday the 10th January 2023 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Robert Winning	RW	Treasurer, Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 7
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 7
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
1 member of the public		

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. She thanked everyone for their efforts over the last few months while she dealt with family matters. Non-attendees were recorded. Michael Deadman has tendered his resignation as a community councillor due to a change in employment. His support while in the role was much appreciated.	
	Apologies: CClr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
2.	<u>Police Report:</u> Sgt Douglas Clark submitted his monthly report (see Appendix 1) but was not able to attend the meeting. The 11 thefts in the report are all down to shoplifting.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by: <u>Proposer:</u> Janet Barr <u>Seconded:</u> Robert Winning	
4	<u>Matters Arising:</u> JB was congratulated on organising the Cunningham Choir concert, which was attended by JW and Cllr DLR. Now that it appears we are to get Monday 8 th May as a public holiday as part of the Coronation weekend, it was proposed that there be a games afternoon at the Wilson Street Garden, including a draughts competition. The CC will meet via teams to complete PB application for funding an event.	

	<p>Now that Michael Deadman has resigned, the team now has 5 members and 5 vacancies, including the role of Secretary. As well as Treasurer, RW was praised for his performance as social media manager.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> 22/00938/PP Change of use of shop and upper floor to form dwellinghouse to include external alterations, the installation of replacement windows and the formation of dormer windows to front and rear 54-56 Main Street Beith Ayrshire KA15 2AA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objection <p>Development Proposals – Balgray Bond – Public Consultation – Barrmill Comm Centre 2-7pm Thursday 26 January 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HM, JW, RW to attend <p>21/01200/PP Formation of re-cycling and storage yard and erection of shed Site To North Of Hessilhead Quarry Beith North Ayrshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr DLR highlighted concerns from the community with regards to a new dump site that has been approved a year ago. The application was received at NAC on Mon 13 Dec 2021, validated 15 Dec 2021 and approved on 15 Feb 2022 after being posted in the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald over the Christmas and New Year period. As this has been approved, there is nothing much we can do at this time except monitor the situation. 	<p>HM / JW / RW</p>
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u> (see appendix 2) Closing Balances: Admin account £390.20 Project account £35,678.46</p> <p>RW confirmed that everything is set up for him to be able to pay bills via online banking.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the proposed gym project. There were concerns that with the current level of inflation, the cost of implementing the project may cost more than we have received grant funding for. This means that we may have to consider various options including 1) apply for further funding, 2) scale back some elements of the project or 3) proceed with the original plan but in phases.</p> <p>Anything that has to be bolted to the ground will require planning permission. One way around this when installing memorial benches is to replace an older, existing bench.</p>	
7.	<p><u>GVL</u> – The December meeting was held in the new Lochshore facility. There were concerns expressed with regards to the signage for Lochshore Park. These were made of brushed steel with punched out lettering and was designed to age but it was surprising how quickly it has aged. The now brown sign has been set in front of trees but with no leaves, there is a brown sign with brown trees behind it so the punched holes are hard to see. There are two major roads projects being proposed in the Garnock Valley: A737 Beith Bypass upgrade and the B714 Dalry – Saltcoats. The A737 is being funded by ScotGov / Transport Scotland whilst the B714 is being</p>	

	<p>funded by Westminster's Levelling Up Fund. There was a concern raised about the expected increase in traffic on the A737 Beith Bypass if the B714 receives funding first.</p> <p>GVLP – Work & Local Communities – at the November meeting, they were joined by Eilidh James and Donna Anderson to discuss the psychologist project. They were looking at current service provisions to try and find any gaps in the market.</p>	
8.	<p>Lights 'n' Laughter – This event was well attended. Shazzy's won the best dressed window competition. HM was the compere. Beith PS had pupil choirs singing Christmas carols. Prizes were also given out before the lights were switched on. Beith Community Association had organised for hot dogs to be sold in the upper hall and a craft fayre in the lower sports hall.</p>	
9.	<p>Beith Trust Climate Change Conversation</p> <p>Discussion took place and all agreed it was a good initiative.</p>	
10.	<p>BCA Centre Council meeting – HM attended and provided a short update. A new online system will be put in place – Aileen Merry has now taking over the booking / letting system</p>	
11.	<p>Garnock Valley Budget Engagement Session</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to meet some of the heads of department and local councillors at Garnock Campus on Wednesday 18th January at 6pm to discuss the upcoming NAC budget. Alternatively, there is an online form that can be completed at https://forms.office.com/e/upm2dSZbEf. HM, RW and SB will attend</p>	<p>HM / RW / SB</p>
12.	<p>GV Heritage Workshop – An invitation was sent for anyone who would like to attend the workshop. The purpose being to identify the heritage that would be included in the information boards at Lochshore.</p>	
13.	<p>Locality PB Applications</p> <p>Applications are open for funding. Locality PB can bid for up to £1,000 and there is an Arts fund for bids of up to £400. Applications close at midnight on 31 January 2023. JW attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Locality PB. This year, we will support NAC running the Locality PB but next year, they may ask for more involvement in running it, given our experience with Valley Voices. There is not enough time to make big changes to the current programme.</p>	
14.	<p>General Correspondence</p> <p>02.12.22 – Kings Road Development Enquiry 20.12.22 Kathryn Young Beith Skatepark – Planning Application costs for CC 05.01.23 A737 Works Package Press Release – shared on social media 05.01.23 Beith Primary School – HMIE Inspection Questionnaire - completed</p>	
15.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>A737 Beith Bypass – HM is to write to the Transport Minister at the Scottish Government to push for action on the proposed upgrade. The letter is to be countersigned by Catherine Wigzell, chair of Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council as a show of unity in support of the project</p>	<p>HM</p>

16.	With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.	
17.	The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 14 February 2023 in Beith Community Centre lounge.	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Contact us

In an emergency always dial 999

For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning 101.

Our Twitter and Facebook sites are not for reporting crime and they are not monitored 24/7.

Facebook – Ayrshire Police Twitter - @AyrshireNPolice

Email – AyrshireLPSTGarnockValley@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/12/2022 and 31/12/2022

101 calls to police resulting in 32 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 121 Last month calls: 111

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 1
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 5 Noise: 3 Disturb: 5 Damage: 4
Public nuisance 0 of which 0 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 11 H/B: 0 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 9 Road Traffic Collisions: 8
Road Traffic offences: 1

Immediate calls: 12

Missing Persons calls: 0

Concern for Person calls: 2

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	13	9	
Vandalism	3	0	
Communications	0	0	
Road traffic offences	5	4	

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

Statement 2022/2023 -BEITH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Account Overview	Balance	Income (Plus in hand balance)	Expenditure	Bank Balance	Variance
Admin	£390.20	£480.00	£89.80	£390.20	£0.00
Special Projects	£35,678.46	£35,723.46	£45.00	£35,678.46	£0.00
Overall	£36,068.66	£36,203.46	£134.80	£36,068.66	£0.00

November - December Movements

Credit £25,000 in Special Projects account for Fitness
 Special Projects £45 for Queens Memorial flowers - from existing carry over non project-balance
 Project Trophy engraving £15 - Best dressed window

Projects Spend Breakdown

	Fitness Project	Next Event	Next Event
Cash In	£34,991.50	£0.00	£0.00
Spend	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Overall	£34,991.50	£0.00	£0.00

