



**Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council**  
**Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 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	Member, Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

2 members of the public

		<b><u>Actions</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were recorded. We note the passing of former North Ayrshire Council Provost Ian Clarkson who held office from 2016 to 2022.	
	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Cllr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr John Bell, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Police Report:</u></b> Sgt Douglas Clark was unable to attend. The stats from the report were read out. See Appendix 1 for details.  We had previously been advised that some of the police resources from the Garnock Valley were being redeployed to seaside areas.	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></b> The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:  <b><u>Proposer:</u></b> Helen McNaughton <b><u>Seconded:</u></b> Robert Winning	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> None	
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23/00388/PPM   Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to bonded warehousing complex to include the erection of 5 no. double cell and 3 no. triple cell warehouses, associated earthworks, internal access roads, SuDS and landscaping   Chivas Bros Ltd Beith Ayrshire KA15 1HT</li> </ul>	

	<p>There have been four public objections submitted to the Planning website so far but of these, it is unlikely that they have grounds to refuse permission. There were concerns about the effects of alcohol evaporating into the local atmosphere and the effects this has on trees and other plant life as well as the effects on properties. There have been studies done previously which shows that this pollution has no effect on health.</p> <p>Some of the comments being made about the Chivas expansion was to enquire about community benefit. Unfortunately, this is not something that Chivas support but HM to respond to planning application asking about Community Benefit and also to raise concerns about co-ordinating heavy lorries accessing small country roads to get to site.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Skatepark application was accepted with no conditions and the Trearne Quarry application (continuation of quarrying) was accepted with 29 conditions.</p> <p>There was also feedback that the meetings should be better advertised both on social media and around the town for those not on Facebook</p>	<p><b>HM</b></p> <p><b>RW</b></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Accounts</u></b> (see appendix 2)  <b>Closing Balances:</b>  <b>Admin account</b> £382.70  <b>Project account</b> £35,339.28</p> <p>Movements May/ June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very little movement - Poster printing 7.50</li> <li>• Error spend card used in error , replaced 9.40</li> <li>• Special Projects Interest gained (2 months) 43.12</li> </ul>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Place Plans</u></b>  Alistair Gemmell will be coming along to K&amp;GCC meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm at Bridgend. Rather than ask him to come a second meeting, HM and RW will go across to join in with Kilbirnie &amp; Glengarnock’s meeting.</p>	<p><b>HM / RW</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Complimentary conference places for community councils</u></b>  There was an online conference to discuss “Scotland's infrastructure and capital investment in challenging times: what happens next?” As this was during the working week, there was no one available to attend.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>Boundaries Scotland</u></b>  There is further consultation on the proposed boundary realignments across the UK for MP constituencies. We note that there is no change to the boundary for our current MP, Patricia Gibson, in Cunningham North. This covers Garnock Valley, North Coast, Ardrossan, Arran and part of Saltcoats and Stevenston. The rest of Saltcoats and Stevenston, possibly the Ardeer area, lies with Kilwinning, Irvine West, Irvine East, Irvine South and part of Annick (East Ayrshire) in the constituency for Cunningham South.</p>	

10.	<p><b><u>Scotrail Services</u></b></p> <p>There was a change in timetable on 21 May 2023. Prior to the change, there were six trains travelling to Glasgow in the two hours between 7am and 9am and also between 5pm and 7pm. After the change, these services would be reduced to 5 trains at peak times. On the Largs line, all trains will now stop at all stations while the Ayr train will stop at Johnstone and then Kilwinning so passengers from Glengarnock or Dalry to Irvine would have to change trains.</p> <p>There was also a letter from Scotrail that had been shared on social media from Cllr Eleanor Collier (SNP – North Coast). This 3 page document gave insights into operating experiences and reasons behind the changes.</p> <p><i>“Over the last four months, when services have operated reliably and not been impacted by industrial action, the number of passengers travelling in the peak from Largs, Fairlie and West Kilbride to Glasgow has averaged 3,050 journeys per week which is 66% of pre-pandemic levels. Off peak demand is now averaging 5,805 journeys per week which 95% of pre-pandemic demand.”</i></p> <p>Another reason for the change is the transfer of the Arran ferry from Ardrossan Harbour to Troon. By not stopping at as many stations, this gives Scotrail more capacity to meet the expected demand from ferry passengers. The concern is that if South Ayrshire put on a better transport package of buses and trains, the ferry might not return to Ardrossan after the refurb project is completed.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>GVLP and Working Groups</u></b></p> <p>JW wasn't present at the Supergroup meeting. The two main topics at last week's meeting was the upcoming GV2023 draft report and also concerns for the community over the closure of two of the Garnock Valley Church of Scotland churches. The Auld Kirk is due to close at the end of this year and Dalry St Margaret's is due to close by Dec 2025 but may be sooner as one of the minister is seeking to retire. In Kilbirnie, the BB celebrated 125 years this year and it will likely be their last. There is a charity shop in both Kilbirnie and Dalry, both of which are likely to be lost during the mergers. The Dalry shop had a turnover of £40,000 per year but of greater value was the goods being available to low income households.</p> <p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supergroup review meeting on Tue 27 June at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall.</li> <li>• Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall.</li> <li>• GVLP will be on Thur 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Lochshore Hub.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b><u>Race Night</u></b></p> <p>Preparations are well under way for the race night at Beith Bowling Club on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm for 8pm start. The concept is that each race card has space for 8 horses, which are sold at £3 per time. The person buying that horse also gets to name them. 8 horses @ £3 each = £24 per race. Local businesses have donated prizes, e.g. a voucher for a fish supper from the Tawny chip shop rather than being asked to donate a cash prize. The hope then is that the winner will enjoy their free fish supper so much, they will become repeat customers for that business going forward. There are currently sponsorships in place for 10 races so that means £240 being raised. There will be other horses available on the night. As these are not sponsored races, half the takings from that race can go on prize fund and the other half to B&amp;DCC. This means that each bonus card will raise £12 per card.</p>	

	<p>Rather than being given a bill, the bowling club has asked for a donation for the use of the hall / electricity, etc, which seemed reasonable.</p> <p><b>Action: RW to promote the Race Night on each of 8 days before the event on FB</b></p>	<b>RW</b>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Correspondence</b>  Melanie Anderson - 50th Anniversary Toolkit for Community Councils  #CelebrateCCs  Melanie Anderson - Scottish Government: Planning Phase 3 of Permitted Development Rights Review - Public Consultation Paper</li> <li>• <b>Meeting Dates for 2023 / 2024</b>  The proposed meeting dates for 2023 / 2024 were published on the agenda. This included our AGM in November. It was agreed that the December meeting would be cancelled. This still gives us 9 meetings per year, ahead of the minimum of 6 meetings in the Scheme of Establishment.</li> </ul>	
<b>13.</b>	With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</b>	

## Appendix 1: Police Report

### Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/05/2023 and 31/05/2023

172 calls to police resulting in 40 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 125 Last month calls: 116

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 1
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –  
Assaults: 8 Noise: 0 Disturb: 8 Damage: 3  
Public nuisance 3 of which 2 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**  
Theft: 14 H/B: 0 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –  
Road traffic matters: 13 Road Traffic Collisions: 3  
Road Traffic offences: 2

Immediate calls: 16

Missing Persons calls: 3

Concern for Person calls: 9

### Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	19	13	
Vandalism	5	2	
Communications	0	0	
Road traffic offences	1	1	

## 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	£382.70	£2,451.93	£2,069.23	£382.70	£0.00
Special Projects	£35,339.28	£37,260.48	£1,921.20	£35,339.28	£0.00
Overall	£35,721.98	£39,712.41	£3,990.43	£35,721.98	£0.00

#### Movements May/ June

Very little movement - Poster printing 7.50  
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### Projects Spend Breakdown

	Fitness Project	Kings Coronation PB	Non-Project Spend
Cash In	£34,991.50	£921.00	£1,186.96
Spend	£0.00	£917.66	£1,003.54
Overall	£34,991.50	£3.34	£183.42

