



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Gateside Hall on Tuesday the 14th March 2023 at 8:00pm

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 2
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2

29 members of the public (and one dog!)

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were noted. Introductions were made.	
	Apologies: Cllr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Christina Pieraccini, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
2.	Police Report: Sgt Douglas Clark was unable to attend. Unfortunately, no report was received.	
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by: Proposer: Janet Barr Seconded: James Waite	
4	Matters Arising: None	
5.	Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/00144/PP Erection of 9 no. dwelling houses to include the carrying out of associated tree works, the formation of two site access roads and the provision of associated infrastructure. Hamilfield House Bigholm Road Beith Ayrshire KA15 2JQ <p>There was a discussion about this proposal and also what sort of things that we can respond to planning about. There were concerns about creating two access roads to the site off Roebank Road, which would lead to a cross roads with Arran Crescent. Since the neighbouring Roebank Hotel is used for funerals and other</p>	

	<p>functions, parking was an issue. It was suggested that perhaps they could have one road on Roebank Road and make use of the Bigholm Road that goes round behind the Roebank Hotel. One member of the public observed that one of the houses in the plan was very close to the smokers' shelter behind the Roebank Hotel, which had been installed at Planning's request. There were also concerns about the trees and if any were subject to preservation orders.</p> <p>ACTION: RW to prepare letter for NAC Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft proposal, requested by Police Scotland will introduce an intermediate 40mph speed limit prior to the existing 30mph terminal speed limit at the entrance to Burnhouse on its south side. This proposal will mirror the speed limit on the north side of A736 Burnhouse which has already been promoted but the speed limit changes are intended to be introduced at the same time. Response by 13 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No objection 	RW
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Accounts</u> (see appendix 1) Closing Balances: Admin account £390.20 Project account £35,728.73</p> <p>There was no movement in either account except for adding £16.83 interest to the project account</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVLG and Working Groups <p>Instead of having three separate working groups, we are moving to a supergroup which encompasses the work of all three priorities. Dedicated project teams will then meet up separately to progress and develop ideas to fruition. These project teams will then report back to the supergroup. This way, we can try and recruit members of the community for particular projects without them having to join a full size committee. The next GVLG meeting will be Wed 22nd March and the next supergroup meeting is Tue 28th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch <p>JW attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting, which was well attended. Some of the issues being discussed are the same as which we have raised at our meetings too. In particular, there are concerns about the A737 Beith Bypass. B&DCC have been writing to the Transport Minister to keep up the pressure on the Bypass upgrades. We were advised that all land has now been purchased for this project. See Correspondence for latest response from ScotGov.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Coronation Event – Mon 8th May 2023</u></p> <p>There will be some activities planned for Mon 8th May at the Wilson Steet garden, where we had our Jubilee celebrations. Some suggestions so far have included a draughts competition on the restored board and new playing pieces. We may also look into a community barbeque. B&DCC will meet separately to discuss further.</p>	

9.	<p>Locality Participatory Budgeting - Voting Open</p> <p>There are currently two PB funding opportunities available. Locality PB funding offers groups up to £1,000. There are 16 bids in the Garnock Valley. For Arts & Culture, there are £400 available to groups. There are 6 bids in the Garnock Valley. For each of these events, people have three votes. Voting is done online through NAC Consol website. There were paper copies available in the library but that deadline has now passed. The online voting closes tomorrow.</p>	
10.	<p>Annual Litter Pick</p> <p>In previous years, B&DCC have participated in a community litter pick in April. Last year, there wasn't much rubbish picked up. There is a group of community volunteers who have their own Facebook page called Garnock Valley Litter Heroes. They have done such a good job of keeping the town tidy, there doesn't seem any need to organise a large scale community event.</p>	
11.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Ayrshire and Arran is commencing a three month public consultation on proposals to redesign Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) delivery in Ayrshire and Arran. Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) is a collective term for all anti-cancer drug treatments such as chemotherapy and immunotherapy. – shared on social media • Response from Minister of Transport: A737 Improvements at Beith Project Thank you for your email dated 29 January 2023 to Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport, regarding the above project. As this is a matter for which Transport Scotland has responsibility, your enquiry has been passed to me to respond. The A737 Improvements at Beith project has completed its statutory processes and is progressing through necessary governance procedures. Whilst the Scottish Government remain committed to taking the project forward, procurement will commence when sufficient funding is available to support its construction. Our Operating Company, Amey, are currently designing a traffic signal layout for the Gateside road junction (Wardrop Street), programmed for construction in 2023/24. In 2021, a pedestrian warning system was installed along with upgraded crossing points at the Barrmill road junction. I hope you find the above information helpful. • Committee Services - Free online webinar for rural and islands community councillors on the Cost of Living, Community and Active Travel on Tuesday 28th February – presentation received and shared. • Committee Services - Scottish Community Councils Newsletter February 2023 - shared. • GVLP - INFORM - Winter Guide – shared on social media. • Committee Services - Consultation event from SG on community wealth building • Scottish Community Councils - The Scottish Government are holding engagement workshops around Scotland on firework control zones, which are being introduced as part of: The Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 – online workshops 31.03.23 – shared. <p>ACTION: RW to share the firework engagement workshops information on our social media channels.</p>	RW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC Regeneration - Consultation on the Draft Local Transport and Active Travel Strategy - shared. • BCA – New online booking with Hallmaster. BDCC now registered. Individuals register separately - shared. <p>Skelmorlie hall have been using Hallmaster for approx. 5 years. It is free to use. B&DCC Chair has been registered and other members can join as affiliates of the Chair on Hallmaster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPA - Online survey inform work on regulation and flooding services – shared. • Mr Edmunds - planning at North of Hessilhead – shared. 	
12.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will try to reschedule Chivas to come to our next meeting 	JW
13.	With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.	
14.	The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.	

Appendix 1: 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	£35,728.73	£35,773.73	£45.00	£35,728.73	£0.00
Overall	£36,118.93	£36,253.73	£134.80	£36,118.93	£0.00

Feb - March Movements

No spend - Interest £16.83

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

