



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 9th May 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
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 2
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

2 members of the public

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were noted.	
	Apologies: Cllr Janet Barr, Cllr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
2.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> Sgt Douglas Clark was unable to attend. The stats from the report were read out. See Appendix 1 for details.</p> <p>Cllr DLR reported that some of the young people from the Red Brae area are taking wheelie bins up Glebe Road to Barrmill Road and out to Spiers School grounds, where they are then setting the bins on fire.</p>	
3.	<p><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:</p> <p><u>Proposer:</u> Robert Winning <u>Seconded:</u> Helen McNaughton</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u> HM advised that BCA are moving from an unincorporated charity to an incorporated body (SCIO). There were also no changes in office bearers, except for the Vice Chair.</p>	

5.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/00308/PP Replace existing skate park with concrete skate park, erection of new zip wire in children's play area and the provision of 6 no. outdoor gym items Orr's Trust Public Park Muirpark Road Beith Ayrshire 23/00181/PP Demolition of existing agricultural building and the erection of a two storey dwellinghouse to include the provision of parking, drainage and the formation of garden ground (revised design) Thirdpart Farm Greenhills Barrmill Beith Ayrshire KA15 1HJ <p>B&DCC have helped to submit the first application. The second one has been approved.</p>	
6.	<p>Accounts (see appendix 2) Closing Balances: Admin account £390.20 Project account £35,296.16</p> <p>Movements April/ May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kings Coronation Event held - All bills paid - Balance £3.34 Donation - Beith Thrift Shop £500 Donation and Existing non-project funds used to Purchase Sound System for future events £769 Non-project spend from Special Projects account - £189.54 plants for Wilson Street garden Fundraising event TBC June 2023 to boost non project funds 	
7.	<p>Christian Action Group Funding Request B&DCC wish to record sincere thanks to the Beith Christian Action Group for their kind donation of £500, mentioned above.</p>	
8.	<p>Coronation Event – Mon 8th May 2023</p> <p>Fortunately, JW had pre-arranged with Beith Community Association for the use of the hall as a contingency plan in case of inclement weather at the Wilson Street Garden. As the event had moved indoors, we no longer needed to hire generators so instead, West Coast Castles provided us with an inflatable ten pin bowling unit, which the kids enjoyed. Michelle Winslow did the face painting. The leftovers from the hot dog stall were passed to the larder at St Brigid’s Primary School, Kilbirnie. We were also grateful to the Beith Theatre Group for performing for us in the next room.</p> <p>There then followed a discussion led by one of the Beith Theatre Group (BTG) members present at the meeting about a town diary to co-ordinate events, such as fundraisers. This had been tried before but was unsuccessful as some groups didn’t put forward their plans. The discussion then evolved into the possibility of having a B&DCC liaison involved with BTG. The counter-suggestion was that since B&DCC has only 5 out of 10 members, perhaps BTG would like to put forward a representative onto B&DCC? All that is required is a KA15 post code and be over the age of 16.</p>	

9.	<p><u>Locality Participatory Budgeting</u></p> <p>The PB 2022 returns were due back by 30 April 2023 but HM advised she had missed the email. This funding contributed to the cost of installing a Queen’s Jubilee bench at the Wilson Street garden.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health & Well-Being Fund <p>A project survey had been received but it was not possible to complete this yet as the funds had not yet been spent. This fund had contributed to the outdoor gym project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVLV and Working Groups <p>JW wasn’t present at the Supergroup meeting. There was continued discussion around the GV Life app and how this might tie in with GV2023. Graham at Lateral North liked the ideas behind the app but felt they didn’t suit his objectives for a cultural and heritage project. The other app, Places That We Know, might be a closer match to his needs.</p> <p>We also discussed the proposed CIF application for Beith Community Association. Whilst the PowerPoint presentation was quite broad in focus, the draft Expression of Interest was too narrowly focused on the benefits of the CIF spend rather than how CIF contributed to the overall aims of the project. Further funding would be required later. This might come from another CIF application or from another source.</p> <p>The next Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 7th June at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. The next meeting of the GVLV will be on Thur 15th June at 7pm in Lochshore Hub.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy Matters <p>We had received an invitation to an online conference to be held on Sat 10th June at 10.30am by the West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Workshop - North Ayrshire's Local Landscapes <p>We been invited to a public workshop in Kilbirnie’s Bridgend Community Centre on Thur 11th May from 4-6pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Parliament meeting on Community Councils <p>We were invited to join a discussion on Tue 23rd May from 11am – 12.30pm. RW expressed an interest in attending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunningham Choir <p>We were invited to attend the Spring Concert on Sun 14th May at 7pm in Beith Community Centre</p>	RW
12.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscene <p>SB had been talking to one of the refuse workers. He is due to retire in December but early indications are that he will not be replaced. Instead, Streetscene will</p>	

reduce their headcount There was also a concern about the weedkiller being used. This was less effective than before so required more applications but there are fewer staff members to apply it. From the NAC councillors present, we were told that the position had not yet been confirmed but the expectation of reducing the headcount was not unexpected, given the pressures due to shrinking council budgets. As to the weedkiller, this was changed a few years ago to a non-glyphosate weedkiller. At first, the idea of an eco-friendly weedkiller seemed like a contradiction in terms but it was explained that the concern was more about the run-off, so that if the weedkiller got into the drains or the seas, it wouldn't kill off animal life. It also helped to make the weedkiller more pet friendly when applied in communal areas around the town.

- **Fundraising Events**

JW and RW proposed a race night to be held on Fri 23rd June. Cllr RS agreed to sponsor a race from his butcher's shop. BTG also have plans for some fundraisers such as a race night in August as well as a Boogie Bingo on Fri 26th May, a play on Fri 2nd and Sat 3rd June and they would be supporting the St Inan's fete at Beith Community Association on Sat 10th June.

- **Lochshore 5K path**

This was scheduled to be completed by the end of March but due to a number of factors, including vandalism, the path is now expected to be completed by the end of March. A question was asked about putting a bin beside the door of the Hub. We were told that NAC Regeneration have about 17 or 18 bins available but these have not yet been installed.

- **Lochshore Sponsored Walk**

We were told that our friends at K&GCC were looking to arrange a sponsored walk on Monday 6th May 2024. This would be open to groups from across the valley and beyond to come and raise funds for their own groups, just like the old sponsored walk organised by the Garnock Valley Rotary Club at Dalry's Blair Estate. The main appeal for moving the walk to Lochshore was that the café would be available to provide catering and toilet facilities, which are not available without considerable expense at the Blair Estate.

- **Banners and Posters**

A question was asked about siting banners and posters on street furniture such as safety railings and lamp posts. Unless permission was given by Streetscene, it was likely that any such banners and posters would be removed by the council. It was pointed out that even at election time, political parties were not permitted to put up posters. They would also need land owner permission if they wanted to put up a banner on private property

- **Meeting Dates for 2023 / 2024**

The proposed meeting dates for 2023 / 2024 were published on the agenda. This included our AGM in November.

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 13 June 2023 at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.

Appendix 1: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/04/2023 and 30/04/2023

116 calls to police resulting in 33 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 134 Last month calls: 116

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 1
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 0 Noise: 0 Disturb: 5 Damage: 2
Public nuisance 4 of which 3 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 11 H/B: 0 Vehicle crime: 0
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 7 Road Traffic Collisions: 5
Road Traffic offences: 2

Immediate calls: 7
Missing Persons calls: 1
Concern for Person calls: 5

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	14	9	
Vandalism	4	1	
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	£2,442.53	£2,052.33	£390.20	£0.00
Special Projects	£35,296.16	£37,217.36	£1,921.20	£35,296.16	£0.00
Overall	£35,686.36	£39,659.89	£3,973.53	£35,686.36	£0.00

Movements April/ May

Kings Coronation Event held - All bills paid - Balance £3.34
 Donation - Beith Thrift Shop £500
 Donation and Existing non project funds used to Purchase Sound System for future events £769
 Non project spend from Special Projects account - £189.54 plants for wilson street garden
 Fundraising event TBC June 2023 to boost non project funds

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

