



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday the 8th November 2022 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

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 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>
	Apologies: Helen McNaughton (HM), Sandy Blackwood (SB), Michael Deadman (MD), Cllr Anthea Dickson, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
1.	The vice chair welcomed all those in attendance. The quorum to allow meetings to continue is 3 so we were able to proceed. Apologies were recorded.	
2.	<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> Robert Winning <u>Seconded:</u> Janet Barr	
3.	<u>Matters Arising:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4.	<u>Chair's Report</u> HM had put in apologies for tonight's meeting but had submitted a written report, which was read out in her absence. See Appendix 1.	
5.	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Closing Balances: Admin account £480.00 Project account £10,717.92 The admin top-up grant has been received. No money has been spent this month. Full details in Appendix 2	

6.	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u> As we don't have a Secretary, there was no report to submit.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Vacancies</u> We still have four positions available if anyone would like to join us. We are also looking for a secretary, although Allan Wright from Kilbirnie & Glengarnock CC helps out as acting minutes secretary. HM and JW handle any correspondence that is required.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP gave a vote of thanks for all our hard work over the year. This was echoed by Allan Wright, saying that B&DCC sets a high bar for what it means to be a Community Councillor, especially in the Garnock Valley. 	
9.	<p>With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Vice Chair.</p>	
10.	<p>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 14 November 2023 in Beith Community Centre.</p>	

Appendix 1: Chair's Report

Chair's Report - AGM – 11 November 2022

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- A newsletter was distributed to the community
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Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Opening Cash in Hand Balance	£	-
Opening Bank Balance	£	75.65
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	£	-
	£	<u>75.65</u>

Receipts

Administration Grant	£	404.35
Bank Interest	£	-

Payments

Stationery and Postages	£	188.40
Poppy Wreath	£	72.40
Hall Lets	£	-
Engraving	£	10.00
Badges and hi viz vests	£	97.67
Donation to Beith Community Association	£	50.00

£ 404.35

£ 418.47

Closing Cash in Hand Balance	£	-
Closing Bank Balance	£	61.53

Uncashed Cheques (minus)

£ -
£ 61.53

£ 480.00

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PROJECT ACCOUNT

Opening Cash in Hand Balance	£ -	
Opening Bank Balance	£56,378.83	
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	<u>£ -</u>	
		£ 56,378.83

Receipts

Donations Received	£ -
Bank Interest	£ 1.62
Grant - Jubilee Fund	£ 1,000.00
Grant - PB Jubilee Bench	£ 1,200.00
Grant - Arran Community and Voluntary Service	£ 9,991.50

Payments

NHS memorial bench, plaque and installation	£ 1,729.20
Engraving	£ 90.00
Cairn Cups	£ 13.49
Trees	£ 100.00
Queens Jubilee Event	£ 1,249.67
Jubilee Bench	£ 1,407.60
Dalry CC Valley Voices Grants Issued	£17,510.00
Beith & District CC Valley Voices Grants Issued	£17,590.00
Kilbirnie & Glengarnock CC Valley Voices Grants Issued	£17,400.00
Valley Voices admin/marketing expenditure	£ 764.07

£ 12,193.12

£ 57,854.03

Closing Cash in Hand Balance	£ -	
Closing Bank Balance	£ -	£ 10,717.92
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