



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council
Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 20th February 2023

In Attendance:

Catherine Wigzell	CW	Chair, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Iain Walker	IW	Vice-Chair, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Marc Scott	MS	Treasurer, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Allan Wright	AW	Secretary, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 7
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 7
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 7
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 7
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
2 members of the public		

Action Note

ACTIONS	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p>
	<p>Apologies: Arche Mathew, James Smith, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt D Clark</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present ahead of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposer: <u>IW</u> Seconder: <u>MS</u></p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Grey School – At the last meeting, a question was asked about a To Let sign on the site of the Old Grey School where there are plans to build a self-storage units. Did this mean that the project had fallen through and the site was back on the market? Instead, it was suggested that the To Let sign was for the new units. AW returned to the site and MS was right, the sign was advertising the units, though there didn't seem to be much construction started yet. See Appendix 1 for photos. • Road repairs in Milton Quadrant - Cllr Margaret Johnson emailed an update from Roads that they are working with their contractor to clear the chippings and assess the state of the roads. Further repairs will be delayed a few months until the weather is warmer.
4.	<p>Police Report Sgt Clark wasn't able to attend and he sent a report. See Appendix 2</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kenneth Gibson MSP – North Ayrshire Funding Fayre - 3rd March, Saltcoats ○ Michael McLennan – What’s Your Story project ○ NAC Committee Services – Public Consultation – Newhouse Drive Thu 16 Feb ○ NHS Consultation on NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) ○ St John’s Ambulance – looking for volunteer drivers to Ayr Dialysis ○ Garnock Valley Locality – Inform North Ayrshire Winter Guide ○ Zurick Insurance – Public Liability Policy Renewal fee due £86 <p>CW attended the consultation about Newhouse Drive. She thought the plans looked good.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending ● Change of use of agricultural land to form yard (in retrospect); the erection of a shed for agricultural and general purpose non-commercial storage with link corridor to existing storage shed; the erection of boundary treatment and the undertaking of landscaping/ancillary works Tennox Farm Kilbirnie Ayrshire KA25 6LX Ref. No: 23/00096/PP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (From November) ● Planning permission in principle for the erection of a detached dwelling house - Site To North Of 1 Auchengree Road Glengarnock Beith North Ayrshire Ref. No: 22/00689/PPP <p>According to Scottish Water, Kilbirnie gets its water from the Camphill reservoir, which has a capacity of 7,053 housing units. The waste water goes to Stevenston treatment works, which has capacity of 29,220 housing units. Given the number of housing projects being approved in North Ayrshire, it is unclear how much of this capacity remains.</p>	
	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Sub-Group meeting Mon 27 Feb at 6.30pm in Bridgend Community Centre ○ Community & Locality Planning Conference held on Saturday 28 Jan 2023. ○ Next meeting – Wed 22nd March at 7pm, Geilsland Hall, Beith <p>CW and AW had attended the conference as well as CP, AD and MJ. Alistair Gemmell from Planning, who was our guest speaker in November, gave a similar presentation. We then completed a Place Standard exercise. This is a circular diagram with 14 topics around the circumference. Users then rate each topic from 1-7 with 1 needing the most work and 7 needing the least improvement. We found the original Place Standard tool used in 2017 and compared the results to the 2017 version. Our answers were broadly similar to 2017, though there were some changes, especially in terms of public transport.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coronation <p>There are still no plans for Kilbirnie to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on the weekend of 6-8 May 2023. The Coronation is on the Saturday but the following Monday has been given as a public holiday. The Community Council were asked to arrange an event. Two suggestions were put forward: 1) organise a joint church concert on the Sunday evening and 2) organise a family picnic at</p>	

the public park. It was suggested that we try to include the schools, perhaps with an art competition to design a new crown. As we are so late in starting to plan, we are not aware of any funding streams available. The Locality PB event deadline has already passed and there are no dedicated funds from NAC for Coronation events. We will need to look into possible events and also the details of the NAC Public Entertainment Licence, which has a cost of £320. Any gambling events, such as bottle stalls, raffles or other games of chance will need a gambling licence, which is expected to cost in the region of £40-50.

- **Locality PB**

There are 16x bids for Locality PB funding in the Garnock Valley. Each bid can apply for up to £1,000. There are 7x bids for GV Arts & Culture PB. Each bid can apply for up to £400. Pam Crosthwaite ran PB events for many years but recently retired from NAC with 40 years' service. Her successor is Denise Fraser and this is her first year running PB.

- **Vale Park steps**

The good news is that the Active Travel team have arranged to make some short term improvements to the Vale Park, including converting the 7 steps into a slope suitable for wheelchair users. This is something we have been pursuing for about three years and we are aware of others who have been pursuing the matter even longer. The bad news is that the Vale Park bridge has now been closed by Tata Steel. It is believed that Sustrans owns half the bridge closest to the cycle track whilst Tata own half the bridge closest to the Vale Park. It is unclear why the bridge is in joint ownership but NAC do not own any part of it.

- **Naloxone training**

On Monday 20 March, there will be Naloxone training being run in Bridgend Community Centre. Naloxone is a medication used to counteract the effects of a drug overdose

UPDATE: The training will be run from 5pm – 7pm.

- **Moorpark PS**

We were able to show some photos that were taken from outside the building site of the new Moorpark PS. Progress has been slowed due to the difficulty in obtaining construction materials in light of the pandemic. It is hoped that the school will still be ready for August 2023. See Appendix 3 for photos.

- **Parking**

We were pleased to note that at the recent NAC Council meeting, it was agreed that there would be no parking charges in NAC car parks. There were no car parks in the Garnock Valley under threat but there were car parks in Largs, Saltcoats, Kilwinning and Irvine facing charges.

We discussed other parking matters, specifically Holmhead between the Ford garage and the library. When NAC repositioned the white lines in the middle of the road, they inadvertently created an issue for disabled pedestrians. Residents of the flats in Holmhead park on the pavement to keep their vehicles as far out of the uphill lane of traffic. We have asked NAC to consider removing the central white lines and restoring the markings that were there previously. See Appendix 4 for photos.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscene Thanks to AD for her assistance but AW has offered to take responsibility for the flower bed in Glenriddet Avenue. The site is owned by NAC Housing but maintained by Streetscene. He has been in contact with Helen Miller at Streetscene with discuss plans for the site. It is hoped that a relationship between the Community Council and Streetscene can be built up so that we can later help with the flower beds at the war memorial. The Royal British Legion Scotland runs an annual Best Kept War Memorial competition and the aspiration is that we can one day take part. • Litter Picks Recently, there was a problem with the heating system at Bridgend Community Centre, which meant that Café Solace couldn't meet as usual. Instead, 5 volunteers filled 8 bags in an hour at Riverside Road and Knoxville Road. A few years ago, the Community Council used to run a monthly litter pick, one Sunday a month. There were four sites that we used to work: river near the Dipple Bridge, Paddockholm woodland near the Ford garage, the Vale Park and the river across the road from the Old Grey School. In Beith, they have an annual community litter pick in April. It was suggested that the Community Council look to arrange a on-off community litter pick in April but not at the same time as the Beith event. Easter weekend is Sun 9th April. One possible date could be Sat 1st April. 	
8.	<p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be Mon 20th March at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre.</p>	

Appendix 1: Old Grey School



Appendix 2: Police Report

Other relevant Information

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

120 calls to police resulting in 34 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 144 Last month calls: 175

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 0
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 3 Noise: 1 Disturb: 5 Damage: 3
Public nuisance 1 of which 1 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 5 H/B: 1 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 8 Road Traffic Collisions: 7
Road Traffic offences: 1

Immediate Priority calls: 17

Missing Persons calls: 2

Concern for Person calls: 11

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	6	0	
Vandalism	5	1	
Assault	7	3	
Misuse of Drugs	0	0	

Appendix 3: Moorpark Primary School



Appendix 4: Holmhead

Oct 2010 (from Google Maps):



Feb 2023:

