



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

In Attendance:

Catherine Wigzell	CW	Chair, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Marc Scott	MS	Treasurer, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Allan Wright	AW	Secretary, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
James Smith	JS	Member, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	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
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
3 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, Iain Walker, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP,</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>MS</u> Seconder: <u>CW</u></p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation – There are now three events underway, all on Sun 7 May. The first is a joint service with the Auld Kirk at St Columba’s, followed by a lunch. In the afternoon, there will be a community family fun day at the Scout Hall. A senior Scout boy will be crowned as King. An inter-schools competition to design a crown will be arranged. Knox the Fox has been invited to participate, possibly giving prizes for the best crown. In the evening, there will be a concert in the Auld Kirk. This is separate to the concert that Cllr DLR had already planned in April at St Columba’s church. In light of the current cost of living crisis, it was decided that we would ask for a donation instead of a fixed price ticket. It was suggested that flowers be given to Ann Aitken and Glenda Taylor as choir leaders ACTION NOTE: CW to ask Candi to arrange flowers • Roads – Cllr AD passed our comments to NAC Roads with regards to the white lines in the centre of the road at Holmhead. Their response is in Appendix 1

CW

4.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Clark read the monthly report. See Appendix 2 for details. There was a discussion about youth related vandalism at the Walker Hall, where windows were being broken by stones thrown from Mill Road. The thefts were related to shoplifting at Tesco.</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Donald L Reid – Kilbirnie cemetery ○ Salvation Army – Kilbirnie Networking Event May 30th ○ GV Locality - Consultation on the Draft Local Transport and Active Travel Strategy <p>Kilbirnie cemetery</p> <p>There are only 2-2 ½ years left of usage in both the old and new cemeteries in Kilbirnie. NAC are trying to identify a new site but have failed to find a suitable location. Instead, Cllr DLR said that the council wanted more people to use the crematorium, such as on the Largs Road instead. There was a recent post on Facebook where a number of people expressed anxiety and concern at the thought of living all their lives in Kilbirnie but not being allowed to be laid to rest here.</p> <p>Networking Event</p> <p>ACTION: CW to attend</p>	CW
6.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (Nov application withdrawn and resubmitted) ● Erection of detached dwellinghouse to include formation of access, erection of boundary treatment and provision of garden ground. Site To North Of 1 Auchengree Road Glengarnock Beith North Ayrshire Ref. No: 23/00151/PP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (from February) ● 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 	
	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Super Group meeting Tue 28th Mar at 6.30pm in Bridgend Community Centre ○ Next meeting – Wed 22nd March at 7pm, Geilsland Hall, Beith <p>Instead of having three separate meetings for each of the core priorities of Facilities & Amenities, Moving Around and Work & Local Communities, we will instead have one “super group” meeting. Project teams will meet between super groups so as to advance their projects and report back their progress. Some projects only require a short written update, which will be emailed ahead of the meeting, for example B714 upgrade. It is hoped that this model will encourage people to get involved in specific projects.</p>	
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Association AGM <p>The group that runs the Bridgend Community Centre will be having their AGM on Mon 27 Mar at 7pm. CW is the treasurer and AW is on the Centre Council</p>	CW / AW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Locality PB</p> <p>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. Although the voting has concluded, the results are not yet available. There were concerns about the NAC Consol website used for the voting. Some groups used the paper copies from the library to canvas for votes. Each person could vote for up to 3x groups but only 1 vote per group. They had 3x votes for the Locality PB and another 3x votes for the Arts PB.</p> <p>• Vale Park bridge</p> <p>NAC are continuing to pursue ownership and resolution on the closed bridge at Vale Park. This is a key piece of infrastructure to help Kilbirnie residents get to the Lochshore Park and to use the cycle track up to Lochwinnoch and beyond. Currently, instead of crossing the bridge at the Vale Park, residents will have to go down to Allan’s Corner in Glengarnock and along Caledonia Road to access the cycle track from there. Alternatively, they will need to either go up to Paddockholm beyond the local dump or past Tesco and Anam Cara then down Dean Road. There is an access from Knoxville Road but this path is in very poor condition and very muddy.</p> <p>• Garnock Rugby Club</p> <p>The Rugby Club have a home game at 3pm on Saturday. If they win, they will be promoted to the national league. Cllr RS encouraged as many people as possible to support the team</p> <p>• Garnock Campus Parking</p> <p>JS raised the issue of people abusing disabled parking spaces for drop off. DC advised that there is only paint on the ground. Police Scotland are not able to enforce the disabled bays if there are no signs on poles. As the Campus is a shared space between Education and KA: Leisure, it was unclear what the process would be to have the necessary poles installed. Cllr JB pointed out that it wasn’t just the signs that were needed but a Traffic Regulation Order, which can be costly.</p> <p>• Tea and Chat</p> <p>Jean McCulloch is organising another Tea and Chat event at Kilbirnie Library to raise funds for the Ukrainian Refugee Appeal on 31 March from 10am - 4pm</p> <p>• Cllr DL Reid’s Updates</p> <p>His latest newsletter, Garnock Valley Focus Edition 3 is now available. He is also organising a concert in St Columba’s Church on Sun 30 April at 2pm. This is now being titled a Concert for King Charles. It features a flute band from Kilwinning and there will be some schools involved. This event is not to be confused with the Community Coronation Concert in the Auld Kirk a week later.</p> 	
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 17th April at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre.</p>	

Appendix 1: Response to Query from NAC Roads, via Cllr AD

“Campbell Dempster has responded to the suggestion of removing the hatching markings and painting car parking bays at Holmhead –

Further to your enquiry on behalf of the Community Council I have now had an office look into this matter.

Obstruction to the public through vehicles being parked on the pavement currently remains a matter for Police Scotland to enforce. The prohibition of pavement parking as part of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 is expected to come into force around December this year, at which time it will become a matter for local authorities to enforce. Following the introduction of decriminalised parking enforcement in North Ayrshire, enforcement officers will then be able to issue penalty charge notices to those who continue to park on the pavements.

The hatching in this area was installed over 7 years ago to enable the installation of a right turn lane towards Paddockholm Road and to assist in reducing traffic speeds by narrowing of the running lanes to the north. The carriageway at this location has sufficient width to allow cars to be parked on street, with vehicles able to pass parked vehicles as long it is safe to do so. Drivers can use the hatched area to overtake, it is only an offence to enter a hatched area if it is contained within solid white lines. There are no parking restrictions on this part of the road therefore if drivers wish to park at this location they should do so on the road not the footway.

The marking of parking bays is generally only carried out in busy town centre areas or where parking requires to be regulated in order to control parking behaviour, there are no parking restrictions at this location and drivers are able to park freely on the road as long as they are not causing an obstruction.

I trust that this information is helpful to you in response to your enquiry.

As I think I said at the meeting, it is a situation where bad behaviour should be changed rather than altering recommended safety markings. The response seems to agree with that view. I accept though that no-one is likely to pick up on the infringements just now, and that is very frustrating.”

Appendix 2: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023

141 calls to police resulting in 22 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 156 Last month calls: 120

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

Immediate Priority calls: 15

Missing Persons calls: 2

Concern for Person calls: 8

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	1	0	
Vandalism	3	0	
Assault	4	1	
Misuse of Drugs	2	1	