



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 15th May 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
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 7
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr AD	Ward 7
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr RS	Ward 7
Christina Pieraccini		Police Scotland
Sgt Douglas Clark		NAC Trading Standards
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, Iain Walker, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, 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: MS Seconder: CW</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation – The church lunch was well supported. The Family Fun Day was OK but it had to compete with a free gala day at Dalry public park, which was well attended, as well as a free BBQ at Beith Community Garden. The evening concert had 40 members in the audience plus 18 choir members. They raised £219 for the Wee School Pantry. There had also been events on at Gowanlea, the library, Moorpark PS in the week leading up to the Coronation. • No 2 Main Street – Stewart Beck and NAC Regen team to organise a paint party. JB and CP to pursue. • Milton Bus Stop – the request had been to move the bus stop next to the chip shop further up towards the Milton as the bus stop at the top of the Milton Road, before the entrance to Milton Quadrant, was too far away, especially for elderly or disabled passengers.
4.	<p>Police Report Sgt Clark read the monthly report. See Appendix 2 for details. The 3 drugs offences were related to a police response at Avils Hill, where at least two flats were being used for cannabis cultivation.</p> <p>On 8th May, there was 1x incident that caused multiple calls.</p>

	<p>Sgt Clark also mentioned a new development, Retailers Against Crime. This was an effort among retailers to share information to prevent serial shoplifters.</p> <p>A question was asked about deployment of tasers. We were told there is always at least one person each shift who is capable of using a taser.</p> <p>A question was asked about Special Constables. There are none in the Garnock Valley and only 3 in the whole of North Ayrshire. Special Constables are volunteer police officers who are seeking to gain experience before applying to become full time police officers.</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debate Night Audience – BBC Scotland filming Debate Night in Troon 10 May 	
6.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (Unresolved from previous months) ● 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved ● Prior Notification for conversion of agricultural building to commercial use - Mossend Farm Kilbirnie Ayrshire KA25 6LX Ref. No: 23/00224/AN ● 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 <p>CW had received notification that the Station Inn had applied for a new licence to allow young people onto the premises, including the beer garden out the back. This was largely welcomed as it would be nice for families to be able to support a local restaurant, especially at weekends. There had been some recruitment ads on social media. Currently, they offer food Thur – Sun but if they get the staff in place, they may be able to offer food every day. There have been some good reports about the food at the Station Inn so far. K&GCC therefore had no objections</p>	
7.	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Super Group next meeting Wed 7th June at 7.00pm in Dalry Scout Hall ○ Next meeting – Wed 15th June at 7pm, venue Lochshore Hub <p>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>	

8.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vale Park Steps (See Appendix 2 for images) <p>The 7 steps at the Vale Park, next to the lane to Glenriddet Avenue have now been removed and a new stone chip ramp has been put in place. The current condition is temporary until the stones embed themselves into the ground. NAC Active Travel have advised that they may have to put in some more stones in a few months. Once that is done, they will look into creating a handrail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kilbirnie Public Park (See Appendix 3 for image) <p>The Heras fencing has been set up in preparation for the long awaited stones in a circle to be added to the park. The consultation for these stones was in Sept 2020 so it has taken 3 years to get this far. This work is an off-shoot of the Lochshore Park investment and is intended to provide a link between Kilbirnie Public Park, Dalry Public Park, Beith Orr Park and Lochshore Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacancies <p>We currently have 6 members out of a possible 8 but 1 member has severe health issues and 2 more have other commitments. Whilst we managed to make quorum tonight, it would be helpful if we could fill one or both positions. To that end, our 2 members of the public present were asked to consider joining the team. We would only need to hold a by-election if the number of candidates was greater than the number of positions available.</p>	
9.	<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 19th June at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre.</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Other relevant Information

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

163 calls to police resulting in 44 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 173 Last month calls: 127

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 3
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 1 Noise: 1 Disturb: 6 Damage: 5
Public nuisance 8 of which 5 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 10 H/B: 0 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 4 Road Traffic Collisions: 7
Road Traffic offences: 2

Immediate Priority calls: 13

Missing Persons calls: 0

Concern for Person calls: 11

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	12	1	
Vandalism	3	0	
Assault	7	2	
Misuse of Drugs	3	3	

Appendix 2: Vale Park

Former steps at Kilbirnie Vale Park



View of path from Glenriddet Ave lane



View of path from top of slope



Path between bridge and car park



Steps before work started

Appendix 3: Public Park



Getting ready to start installing stones in a circle at Kilbirnie Public Park