



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 19th June 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
Arche Mathew	AM	Member, 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
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
Alistair Gemmell	AG	NAC Planning Officer
Mariette Holland	MH	Member 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: 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: JS Seconder: AB</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilbirnie Public Park – updated photos were added to the Agenda.
4.	<p>Police Report Sgt Clark read the monthly report. See Appendix 2 for details.</p> <p>A concern was raised about young people hanging around the site of the former supermarket.</p>
5.	<p>Guest Speaker - Alistair Gemmell, NAC Planning Alistair gave a recap of the information he provided last November. He explained how the Place Standard tool could be useful in assessing people’s views on an area as this covers 14 topics. We reviewed each one in turn as individuals and then took an average score from all present. We compared the scores with the Place Standard tool that was completed in 2017 to form the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership and identify the GVLP priorities, which came out as Facilities &</p>

Amenities, Moving Around and Work & Local Communities. It was interesting to see that many of the scores had improved over the last 6 years. (1= Poor, 7= Good)

Topic	2023 average	2017 score	Topic	2023 average	2017 score
Moving Around	4-5	3	Work & Local Economy	4	2
Public Transport	3-4	3	Housing & Community	5-6	4
Traffic and Parking	4-5	3	Social Interaction	5	4
Streets and Spaces	4	4	Identity & Belonging	5-6	5
Natural Space	6	5	Feeling Safe	6	5
Play and Recreation	4	4	Care & Maintenance	4	3
Facilities & Amenities	4	3	Influence & Sense of Control	3	4

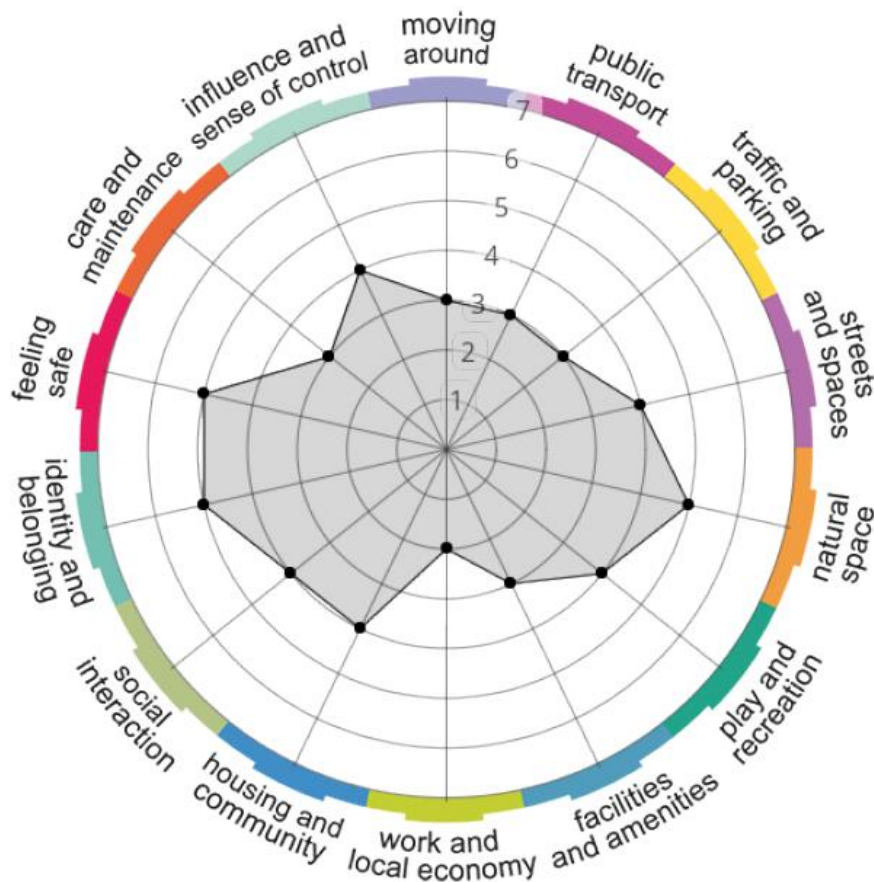


Fig 5.1 2017 Place Standard Tool

6. Correspondence

- Jack Miller – Proposal of Application Notice – Land West of Newhouse Drive
- Melanie Anderson - ScotGov: Planning Phase 3 of Permitted Development Rights

Land West of Newhouse Drive

There will be two consultation events in Bridgend Community Centre. These will be held on Wed 28th June and Wed 16th August.

7.	<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 	
8.	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates of next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supergroup review meeting on Tue 27 June at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 9th August at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Thur 15th June at 7pm in Lochshore Hub. <p>The long awaited GV2023 has identified 3x strategic goals and 9x local goals intended to be short, medium and long term goals for each of the three Garnock Valley communities. These include Stoneyholm Mill Trust planning an Industrial Design competition to repurpose the old mill, a Kilbirnie Music project and the River Garnock Reimagined.</p> <p>Beith Community Association have been working on a CIF application for funding for new posts. They had prepared an Expression of Interest, originally for four posts, now reduced to three. These were a Centre Development Officer and a chef (not a cook) in the first year and an additional Activities & Wellbeing Coordinator being added in the second and third years. The Locality meeting did not approve the Eol to become a full application and instead sent it back for further rework.</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K&GCC Project Ideas <p>Last October, K&GCC arranged a centenary service for the Kilbirnie War Memorial and in May, we held a small, family fun day to mark the Coronation as well as a concert at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we had a couple of ideas to hold events for the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sponsored Walk at Lochshore (May 2024) ● Reinstating the Volunteer of the Year competition ● What's On Kilbirnie <p>The Volunteer of the Year was previously organised by CW and AW. JS was a previous winner from before he became part of K&GCC. For What's On Kilbirnie, we would need to tie in with the NAC Participatory Budget team as they were also talking about hosting an in-person event for community groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beith & District Community Council Race Night <p>Our friends at B&DCC are hosting a race night to raise funds for the Community Council. These funds would be used for their own activities, which includes maintaining the Coronation Garden in Wilson Street (so named for the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, not King Charles III). This event will be in Beith Bowling Club on Fri 23rd June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pavement extension <p>We were advised that the pavement between Dalry Road and Boag Road was being upgraded. This work would start in August and run until November.</p>	

	<p>Other Summer Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 July – 28 July 11.30-1.30, NAC Connected Communities were providing school lunches in Bridgend. We were assured these lunches would not interfere with Café Solace’s lunches on a Friday. • 5th August – Lochshore Fun Day • 10th August – Youth Services were organising events 12 – 3 in Kilbirnie Park <p>• Iain Walker</p> <p>We were saddened to learn that Iain Walker, our Vice-Chair, has now been moved to a hospice. Iain has been part of K&GCC for a long number of years. Although he stood down in 2019, he returned in the 2021 election but has been unable to attend K&GCC since Feb 2023 due to ill health.</p> <p>• New Member – Mariette Holland</p> <p>We currently have 6 members out of a possible 8, including Iain Walker. For the past two months, Mariette Holland, who also volunteers with Café Solace, has been attending our meetings as a member of the public. We were delighted when she agreed to become a new member of Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council.</p> <p>• Next Meeting</p> <p>Last year, the September meeting was cancelled because the 3rd Monday in September was a North Ayrshire holiday and Bridgend Community Centre was closed. To avoid this issue this year, it was proposed that we meet in the HSCP room at Garnock Campus for September. A further reason for suggesting this is that all the current members of K&GCC live in Kilbirnie. Gordon Keith did not stand at the last election and as such, we have no elected members from Glengarnock. Beith & District Community Council have previously held their March meeting in Gateside, as one of the Districts in their territory. By having the meeting in the Campus, it would be a way to bring K&GCC to Glengarnock.</p>	
10.	<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 18th September at 7.00pm in Garnock Campus</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/05/2023 and 31/05/2023

153 calls to police resulting in 46 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 165 Last month calls: 163

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

Immediate Priority calls: 6

Missing Persons calls: 1

Concern for Person calls: 7

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	11	3	
Vandalism	7	1	
Assault	5	1	
Misuse of Drugs	3	3	