



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Garnock Campus on Monday 18th September 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 2
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Shabnam Komai-Koma	SKK	NAC Regeneration

Action Note

ACTIONS	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. Only days after our last meeting, Iain Walker, our Vice-Chair, sadly passed away. His funeral was held in Kilbirnie Auld Kirk followed by a burial. After over 40 years of marriage, he was now back with his wife, who had pre-deceased him. Four members of K&GCC were in attendance to pay their final respects.</p>
	<p>Apologies: Mariette Holland, Arche Mathew, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>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"> • Newhouse Drive – The site plan for the development off Newhouse Drive was circulated on the back of the agenda. See Appendix 1 for details. There had been a consultation in Bridgend
4.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Clark put in apologies. His team had submitted the monthly report, which was read out. See Appendix 2 for details.</p> <p>It was noted that the new houses being built on the Longbar Brae had been broken into, possibly by someone looking for power tools. It is also expected that the first families will be moving in to the estate by November.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been three road crashes on the same day: Dalry Road, Holmhead and in the Milton, where the car had ended up on the roof.</p>

5.	<p>Guest Speaker - Shabnam Komai-Koma, NAC Regeneration</p> <p>There will be a meeting to discuss Place Frameworks on Wed 11th October in Bridgend Community Centre. Part of this work will include creating Place Plans and this will be led by K&GCC, Beith & District CC, Beith Trust and Dalry Community Sports Club (DCSC). It is expected that the report will call for more support for Kilbirnie than Dalry or Beith. Part of the process will also involve reaching out to other stakeholders in the area, such as Radio City Association to see how they are getting on with their turbine and hydro scheme. The promise had been that these two initiatives would see profits reinvested in the community.</p>	
6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Vale Park Bridge ○ Melanie Anderson – Community Council Chairs and Vice Chairs <p>Vale Park Bridge</p> <p>NAC have prepared a brief to recruit a consultant to examine the bridge and to suggest solutions to restore it to active use on behalf of the owners, Tata Steel and Sustrans. Although NAC are not the owners, they are keen to see the link restored between the Garden City area and NCN 7 / Lochshore Park.</p> <p>Chairs and Vice-Chairs</p> <p>Since the meeting on 12th October is on Teams, CW will be unable to attend. AW has other commitments. MS said if he was available, he might attend.</p>	
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 ○ Approved ● Change of use from House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) to Class 8 (residential institution) to include entire building - Moorpark House Kilbirnie Ayrshire KA25 7LD Status: Approved with no Conditions ● Erection of 50 dwellinghouses with associated roads, footpaths, parking, open space, landscaping and SuDS infrastructure - Former Garnock Academy School Road Kilbirnie North Ayrshire Status: Certificate Issued 	
8.	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates of next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 4th October at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Wed 20th September at 7pm in Lochshore Hub. <p>Beith Community Association have reworked their CIF Expression of Interest and was much better received this time. The controversial chef post has been dropped and the information better laid out. Initial plans to recruit someone to advance the 9x projects identified in the GV2023 consultation are advancing whilst the group also had a chance to meet the consultants who will lead on the Place Frameworks.</p>	

<p>9.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• NAC Participatory Budget The deadline for new applications for this year’s Locality PB and Youth PB has now passed. So far, there are 16x applications at £1000 each for a Locality PB fund worth £15,232 and 11x bids at £1,000 each for a Youth PB fund worth £8,433. The applications will now go to a review stage before going to public ballot on Fri 13th October. If there are any surplus funds in the Locality PB, these will be reassigned to the Youth PB so that the money is retained in the Garnock Valley. Also included in this year’s event is a pot of £30k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This fund requires bids to be organisations in partnership and bids can be for up to £5,000. UPDATE: The UK SPF fund had 25x bids totalling £100,000 for the £30,000 fund</p> <p>• Grahamstone Avenue school There are currently no plans to develop the site of the former school on Grahamstone Avenue. This site has been zoned as a flood plain but this might be reviewed, if required, as part of the Place Plans / Place Framework exercise.</p> <p>• Moorpark PS Delays on site with contractor. No new handover date announced</p> <p>• Aquafil Aquafil has announced that they are to close with the loss of 38 jobs. They make thread for the backs of carpets from a site at the rear of Knox’s mill. The company is expected to close so is a blow for the workers, coming just two months before Christmas.</p> <p>• Volunteer of the Year Counting backwards from a target date of May for a presentation ceremony, this means that the nomination forms would have to go out at the beginning of February until the middle of March and then voting forms from middle of March to end of April.</p> <p>• Benny’s chip shop There are no plans in place to develop Benny’s chip shop. The site has been listed on Future Property Auctions as low as £15,000 but there have been no takers. It was asked if they could at least put a roof on it to make it more attractive but it was pointed out that in it’s current state, it can’t be taxed as a commercial premise but if it has a roof, it could be taxed.</p> <p>• Friends of Kilbirnie The suggestion was made that a Friends of Kilbirnie group could be formed to encourage residents to take better care of their surrounding area. Other examples of such groups are Friends of Speirs and Friends of Lochshore. The purpose of the Friends of Kilbirnie idea was that if residents were to take on some of the smaller, low cost jobs such as cutting the grass on some pavement areas or looking after flower beds, it would free up staff and resources for Streetscene to tackle bigger projects in the area. Cllr JB was particularly against the idea as he believes that if residents see something needing done, they should phone the council, who would get to it eventually.</p> <p>• Bridgend Garden The gate is currently broken. Café Solace are looking to convert part of the area into a vegetable garden</p> 	<p>CW/ AW/ JS</p>
<p>10.</p>	<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 16th October at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

Appendix 1: Site off Newhouse Drive



Masterplan Concept : Showing overall concept for proposals



Appendix 2: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

159 calls to police resulting in 30 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 181 Last month calls: 154

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 3
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 2 Noise: 3 Disturb: 5 Damage: 3
Public nuisance 6 of which 15 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 5 H/B: 1 Vehicle crime: 1
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 10 Road Traffic Collisions: 9
Road Traffic offences: 1

Immediate Priority calls: 11

Missing Persons calls: 0

Concern for Person calls: 8

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	12	3	
Vandalism	4	0	
Assault	4	0	
Misuse of Drugs	1	1	