



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Garnock Campus on Monday 16th October 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
Mariette Holland	MH	Member, 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 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
1 member of the public		

Action Note

ACTIONS	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. We were pleased to welcome our newest member, Mariette Holland, to her first meeting as a community councillor.</p>
	<p>Apologies: Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP,</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: JS</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NAC PB - Voting is now open for this year's Locality PB funding. There is £15,232 available to local groups in the Garnock Valley. You have 3 votes, with 1 per application. There is also a North Ayrshire wide fund from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund where, again, you have 3 votes, with 1 per application. Voting opened Fri 13th October and runs until Sat 11 Nov
4.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Clark read out the monthly report. He advised us that due to upcoming changes in shift patterns, it will be difficult for him to attend regularly on a Monday night. He asked if it was possible to change our night but due to other lets in the hall, Monday was the best night for our meetings. We discussed the contents of the monthly reports as Sgt Clark wanted to make sure we were getting the information that we wanted. It was proposed that the new report would capture figures for each of the main Garnock Valley towns so that we can monitor issues that might move around, such as youth disturbances. This is especially important for Dalry, who have no CC to look out for them.</p>

	<p>There was a discussion about new CCTV cameras, especially in Dalry with the hope that they might also be available one day in Beith and Kilbirnie. Unfortunately, the cameras have been delayed due to objections about 5G masts in Dalry. The cameras were designed to capture higher resolution images and transmit them over the more sophisticated broadband connection.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about the planters outside the police station in Kilbirnie. Sgt Clark has been speaking to Police Estates to try to get more stones and weedkiller for these areas to tidy them up.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facebook: Adam McLean’s Gallery ○ Scottish Woodlands: Proposed Lamb Hill and Castle Hill Woodland Creation ○ Jennifer McGee: Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund ○ Elections: Change of Polling Station for Garden City ○ Melanie Anderson: Follow-up CC Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting ○ Garnock Locality: Scotrail Consultation ○ Scottish Woodlands: Moorpark Long-Term Forest Plan <p>We were saddened to hear that the art gallery would be closing at the end of November. Nina’s hairdressing has moved back to her old place at Craighouse Square.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the polling station. NAC have submitted to the Electoral Commission their preference to use the Garnock Valley Social Club in the Loadingbank. This used to be the Labour Club and is often still referred to as such among locals. An alternative suggestion would be to use the Vale Park Pavillion. It is closer to the current site at Kirk House, has its own car park, a bus stop outside and good disabled access to the facility.</p> <p>With regards to Scotrail, they want to make trains going to Ayr stop at Paisley, Johnstone and then run straight through to Kilwinning. The Garnock Valley would be served by Ardrossan and Largs trains only.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<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 <p>No update on this project and no significant other applications submitted</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<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 1st Nov at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Thur 7th Dec at 7pm in Bridgend Community Centre. <p>At the last Locality Partnership meeting, Ann spoke about Café Solace’s achievements and was well received. Beith Community Association tried again with their CIF Expression of Interest. After</p>	

	<p>some debate about whether to fund 3 years of project or to fund the first year and come back for subsequent years later, it was left for the group to decide how to proceed with their application.</p> <p>The working group are proceeding with the GV2023 follow-up to recruit a temporary worker to help drive forward the recommendations from the consultation exercise. There is also a meeting on Wed this week to discuss the Place Plans / Place Framework with the consultants.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whisky Bonds - Michael Taylor had asked to speak about the effects of alcohol in the air near the bonded warehouses, known as angel share. He is an industrial chemist from Seamill as well as a local business owner in Dalry. He spoke about a paper that had been produced for the Scottish Government called <i>“Review of the human health and environmental impacts of non-methane volatile organic compound emissions from malt whisky maturation facilities prepared for the Scottish Government by Aether.”</i>¹ The whisky industry is unregulated. The angel share of ethanol contributes 11.5% to air pollution in the UK, rising to over 50% in Scotland alone. • Christmas Collections – there have been various posts on social media about people collecting gifts for disadvantaged families. These include the Salvation Army and Garnock Valley Helping Hands. The nail bar next to the Ford garage, A Touch of Heaven, has a Christmas tree where customers can take a card to buy for someone, for example “Girl 15-16”. Abacus Valves in Paddockholm Ind Est have a collection each month at payday, where they put money into a pot with match funding from the firm. Last year, they helped GV Helping Hands, St Bridget’s school and the MD 20/20 Scooter club’s appeal. 	
<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 20th November at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/review-human-health-environmental-impacts-non-methane-volatile-organic-compound-emissions-malt-whisky-maturation-scotland-final-report-prepared-scottish-government-aether>

Appendix 1: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

151 calls to police resulting in 27 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 162 Last month calls: 159

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 5
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 3 Noise: 3 Disturb: 7 Damage: 0
Public nuisance 7 of which 4 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 9 H/B: 1 Vehicle crime: 0
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 7 Road Traffic Collisions: 2
Road Traffic offences: 1

Immediate Priority calls: 8

Missing Persons calls: 1

Concern for Person calls: 4

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	9	0	
Vandalism	1	0	
Assault	5	5	
Misuse of Drugs	0	0	