



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 19th February 2024

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
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
5x members of the public		

Action Note

ACTIONS	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. On Tue 23rd Jan, we attended the funeral of James Smith’s son, Quentin as well as Cllr AD, Cllr MJ and Cllr JB.</p>
	<p>Apologies: Arche Mathew, James Smith, Cllr John Bell, 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: CW</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (From Dec) The Main Street Clock is due to be upgraded in February but is not yet complete ○ (From Dec) In the week of the December meeting, NAC were out to repair the drain in Briery Court and Enviroclean were out to attend to the drain in the field just off Loadingbank Court. Since these works, there have been no further flooding issues in the Loadingbank.
4.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Clark apologised for coming in late but he had been responding to a report of a missing person. We were pleased to hear that the individual had been found safe and well.</p> <p>Sgt Clark was pleased to see 7 calls relating to drug dealing as the intelligence these calls provided led to an arrest. With regards to the house breaking, one of the calls was from another drug dealer who had called to say that some of his narcotics were missing!</p>

	Garnock Valley	Beith	Dalry	Kilbirnie
Total calls this month	447	151	145	151
Drug dealing and drug misuse	7	0	0	7
Violence and anti-social behaviour	52	17	8	27
Assault	9	3	2	4
Disturbance	31	8	4	19
Vandalism	12	6	2	4
Dishonesty	15	5	5	5
Theft	4	2	0	2
Shoplifting	9	3	5	1
Housebreaking	2	0	0	2
Road safety	0	0	0	0
Road crash of note	0	0	0	0
<p>It was noticed that Sgt Clark was wearing a taser on his utility jacket. There had been a consultation some time ago about increasing the use of tasers in the police force. Sgt Clark advised that more officers were being trained in the safe carrying of tasers. They are seldom discharged as even just drawing the taser acts as a deterrence from any further resistance from suspects. This then helps to increase the safety of police officers as well as innocent people in the vicinity of an arrest.</p> <p>A new speed camera is to be installed in Stoneyholm Road at the junction with Dipple Road. The aim is to catch motorists entering Kilbirnie who have not slowed down to 30mph. This junction is sometimes used by pupils going to Garnock Campus from the Milton via the cycle track.</p> <p>Traffic wardens are due to be reintroduced in the new financial year. The recruitment has been concluded and the individuals are currently being trained in their new role. There will be one per Locality who will be focusing on parking issues such as parking on double yellow lines or pavements.</p>				
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kenneth Gibson MSP – Invitation to Funding Fayre, Fri 22 Mar ○ Melanie Anderson – Second phase King's Portrait scheme 			
6.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (Unresolved 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 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved ● 23/00868/PP External alterations to include the installation of replacement shopfront signage, installation of an external flue on the east elevation, the provision of external seating on the public footway and the variation of condition 1 of planning permission 08/00504/PP to permit opening hours between 0700 and 2200 hours each day 21-23 Main Street Kilbirnie Ayrshire KA25 7BX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Outdoor seating option has been removed from application 	
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garnock Valley Locality Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates of next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 6th Mar at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Thur 14th Mar at 7pm. Venue Lochshore ○ Place Frameworks Wed 21st Feb at 7pm in Geilsland Estate. <p>There is a proposal from Beith Trust to work with Beith & District CC, K&GCC and Dalry Community Development Hub to create a body to dispense community benefit money from the proposed wind farm at Crosbie. This body will serve for approx. 25 years during the lifespan of the wind turbines. Their remit will also include considering investments for when the turbines reach the end of their lifespan. Will they be replaced or will we need to find alternative investments? There is a group called 9CC (9x Community Councils) in South Ayrshire, which are a few years ahead of us and we are using their experiences as a model for the Garnock Valley. This group will be able to use the community benefit money to fund regeneration in the Garnock Valley.</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spring water – there are 30 houses, a couple of farms and also the Lime Tree Larder, which use spring water rather than mains water but there are proposed developments on the outskirts of Kilbirnie which are jeopardising the viability of these springs. In November, we discussed the new forests that have been proposed, which would also have a negative impact on these water supplies. ● Bridgend Community Centre – CW, AW and MH all attended the Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Association meeting along with Cllr MJ to discuss the running of Bridgend Community Centre. The AGM will be on Mon 25th March at 7pm ● EV Charge Points – Cllr DLR had received an email from a resident complaining about EV charge points that were out of use. ● Cemetery – Following a recent inspection, it is estimated that there is approx. 1 year left in each of the old and new cemeteries. ● Auld Kirk – A question was asked from the floor about the future of the Auld Kirk buildings. At this time, we are not aware of the Church of Scotland having decided among themselves what is to happen. Whilst there is a desire not to see the church demolished and turned into housing, it is difficult to imagine how it could be economically viable to sustain a museum there, especially as so many churches are closing at the one time across Scotland, which has an impact on the grant funding available. 	
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 18th March at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Policing in North Ayrshire
Community Council Report
Kilbirnie
January 2024



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

Drug dealing and drug misuse
 Violence and anti-social behaviour
 Dishonesty
 Road safety

Figures collated for dates from 01/01/2024 to 31/01/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 447
 Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 382

Kilbirnie	151				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		7			
Assault	4	Disturbance	19	Vandalism	4
Theft	2	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	2
Road crash of note					

Dalry	145				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	2	Disturbance	4	Vandalism	2
Theft	0	Shoplifting	5	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Beith	151				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	3	Disturbance	8	Vandalism	6
Theft	2	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Crime Report Details		Total for this month		37
	No of reports	No detected		
Theft	2	0		
Theft by shoplifting	0	0		
Vandalism	5	2		
Road traffic offences of note				