



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 15th January 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
Arche Mathew	AM	Member, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 2
2x police officers		Police Scotland
4x 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. We were saddened to learn of the death of James Smith’s son, Quentin, aged just 15 years old. We extend our condolences to James and his family. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.</p>
	<p>Apologies: Mariette Holland, James Smith, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Christina Pieraccini, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP</p>
2.	<p>Guest Speakers – Georgia Burborough, Tennox Farm project</p> <p>Ms Burborough gave a short PowerPoint presentation to show the buildings that are currently on site and explained the proposed developments. The site was bought in 2007 by Mr Gareth Wilson, owner of Wilsons Auction house in Dalry. The site consists of various buildings, including an old stables and a parlour. It is proposed that the outlying buildings be converted into 6 holiday lodges. It is proposed to add a number of outdoor activities, such as archery and horse trekking. The site currently has around 2000 visitors per year and employs 18 people on site, which is expected to rise when the lodges are complete. Mr Wilson already owns a number of sites in the Kilbirnie and Glengarnock area, such as various Lochshore units, including Spark of Genius’ building. The site has a heritage museum with a private collection of vintage motors. There has been a retrospective planning application pending since February of last year. This will be withdrawn and a new planning application submitted in it’s place. There will be an opportunity to visit the site tomorrow as part of a public consultation between 4.30-7.30pm. A question was asked about the suitability of the site for building, given that this used to be a coal mine. We were told that borehole testing has started and is ongoing.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present ahead of the meeting.</p> <p align="center">Proposer: CW Seconder: MS</p>

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the previous minute, it was noted incorrectly that Streetscene were doing various works at the police station and the cycle track. The police have their own contractor and it is Sustrans, not Streetscene who are responsible for the maintenance of the cycle track. ○ The new Moorpark Primary School is due to open at Easter 																																																																							
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Clark wasn't able to attend but two of his colleagues came in his place. Sgt Clark has temporarily been reassigned to Irvine. The officers present read out the stats, which now cover the Garnock Valley:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="151 584 1177 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>GV</th> <th>Beith</th> <th>Dalry</th> <th>Kilbirnie</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total calls this month</td> <td>402</td> <td>163</td> <td>126</td> <td>113</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drug dealing and drug misuse</td> <td>9</td> <td>7</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Violence and anti-social behaviour</td> <td>28</td> <td>10</td> <td>8</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assault</td> <td>6</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disturbance</td> <td>16</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vandalism</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dishonesty</td> <td>18</td> <td>6</td> <td>9</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shoplifting</td> <td>15</td> <td>5</td> <td>8</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housebreaking</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road safety</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road crash of note</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1 fatal)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		GV	Beith	Dalry	Kilbirnie	Total calls this month	402	163	126	113	Drug dealing and drug misuse	9	7	0	2	Violence and anti-social behaviour	28	10	8	10	Assault	6	3	2	1	Disturbance	16	6	6	4	Vandalism	6	1	0	5	Dishonesty	18	6	9	3	Theft	1	0	0	1	Shoplifting	15	5	8	2	Housebreaking	2	1	1	0	Road safety	2	2	0	0	Road crash of note	2	2	0	0			(1 fatal)			
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6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Planning – People's Panel ○ LDP - Local Development Plan 3 - update 																																																																							
7.	<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"> ○ Pending ● 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 																																																																							

	<p>There was some discussion on the proposed changes to the Knox Building, where Jessalina’s Café used to be. The plans showed outdoor seating and there were objections to this part as we didn’t consider the pavement wide enough for outdoor seating and wheelchairs / pushchairs to safely navigate the corner. We had no objections to the interior layout of the building, though we noted a concern from Environmental Health about the proximity of the toilet door to where the prepared food was being passed to floor staff for delivery to tables and the risk of cross contamination.</p>	
<p>8.</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 17th Jan at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Thur 14th Mar at 7pm. Venue TBC ○ Place Frameworks TBC at 7pm in Bridgend Community Centre. <p>Working Group had put forward a funding application to December Locality meeting to employ a consultant to push forward the GV2023 aims and projects. This was approved, subject to Cabinet.</p> <p>For the Travel Needs Analysis, we have been reviewing two bids to complete this work. Unfortunately, there were some difficulties with the procurement process that meant that no decision was made as to which party should proceed.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roadworks A question had been asked if road works were inspected and signed off before the contractor was paid. Cllr Bell advised that, yes, they were inspected. He also advised that one of the contractors in our local area, Finco, had gone out of business. ● Library services There has been a new group set up in the library, Lend and Mend, which aims to teach people basic sewing skills so that they can repair clothing, rather than throwing it away to landfill. These skills start off with sewing on buttons and can progress as far as making some garments out of old fabric materials. These skills could be of benefit to low income households as it would save them having to buy new clothes. ● Spiers Trust There hasn’t been a meeting of the group since Covid. Our former member, Gordon Keith, used to be our representative but as the Trust meets during the day at Cunningham House, there was no one available to go on behalf of K&GCC. Cllr DLR is involved with the Trust so it is hoped that he can report back any news from the group. 	
<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 19th January at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Policing in North Ayrshire
Community Council Report
Kilbirnie
December 2023



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/12/2023 to 31/12/2023

Garnock Valley total calls this month 402
Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 376

Kilbirnie		113			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		2			
Assault	1	Disturbance	4	Vandalism	5
Theft	1	Shoplifting	2	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Dalry		126			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	2	Disturbance	6	Vandalism	0
Theft	0	Shoplifting	8	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note					

Beith		163			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		7		6 mal calls (person reported)	
Assault	3	Disturbance	6	Vandalism	1
Theft	0	Shoplifting	5	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note		2 (1 fatal)			

Crime Report Details		Total for this month	25
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	4		
Theft by shoplifting	2	2	
Vandalism	3		
Road traffic offences of note			