



## MINUTE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 6.30pm

### Face to Face

**PRESENT:** John Lamb **(JL)**; H. Thomson **(HT)**; Douglas Penman **(DP)**; Richard Campbell-Doughty **(RD)**, Kay Hall **(KH)**, Cllr Collier **(EC)**. Graeme Buckley **(GB)**,

**NAC REP:**

**POLICE** No Police attendance

**PRESS:** Not Present

**VISITOR:** S. Macpherson G. Roos

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Hill **(AH)**, Cllr Murdoch **(IM)**, N. Armstrong **(NA)** Cllr Marshal **(TM)** George Cloughley **(GC)** Cllr Ferguson **(TF)**, Sgt D. Fisher **(DF)**

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The February minutes **(KH)** Approved **(DP)** Seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **(DP)** Treasurer reported the WKCC accounts are up to date and there has been no unexpected expenditure in the last month.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND:**

No police presence, report of Crime Statistics sent by e-mail from Sgt. Fisher, is as follows:  
There were 8 notifiable crimes reported.

Assault – **(3)** Threatening / Abusive behaviour – **(1)** Attempted telephone scam – **(1)**

Banking scam – **(2)** S.57 Intended Theft – **(1)**

For the 3 assaults, they relate to individual domestic circumstances and not indicative of general public disorder that would affect the public going about their normal business in the town.

Scams – An ever-present issue, and I can only try to re-iterate the message to anyone that a phone call or approach from any person that is unexpected should be presumed to be a scam and treated as such.

## **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

### **Surgery: (EC)(GC)**

**(GC)** informed the CC that there is a Facebook page regarding complaints against ANG and Alba.

**Cllr Collier** Reported the number of complaints she had received and had raised various issues with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care who subsequently passed her concerns and examples of how bad the service is to Caroline Cameron the Director of the HSCP who had arranged a meeting with AMG last week the outcome of which was still to be released.

### **NAC Local Place Plans: (GC/JL)**

We now await the next stage from NAC.

### **MAIL CHIMP: Community Council Mailing List. (GC)**

To date we have (151) subscribers registered.

### **NAC / AMEY Roads:**

Various road closures and restrictions which have been circulated to members. Work on a new culvert on the A78 at the Waterside is causing increased inconvenience The timescale is indeterminate as it is weather related. It was due to be completed by end February is now forecast to be 3<sup>rd</sup> May. AMEY Roads has now delayed the implementation of crossing points on the A78 in Seamill

### **NAC Roads:**

All road works notified have been circulated.

**Hyndman Road Car Park:** McTaggart Construction agree that they own the site but deny that they have to maintain it. With NAC legal for a decision on what happens now. This is ongoing.

**Age Well WK Guide: (KH)** The Age Well WK Guide Booklet has been issued (Circulated to Members)

### **The Glen (KH) (GC)**

During the last month there has only been minor work done due to holidays and adverse weather. NAC will be cutting the hedges and should be complete by end February (Hedges still not cut). Volunteers have continued to cut back brambles and wild flower planting has started along with volunteers from the Scottish Wildlife Trust. We are hoping for some hedge cutting but there are many changes in service personnel. Drainage continues to be a problem and this will be highlighted again by Friends of Kirktonhall Glen.

There is still no agreement with NAC regarding the lighting in the glen from Orchard Street to the Sports Pavilion it is vital for H&S that lighting is provided from Orchard Street to the

sports area. This is a main access route and is considered to be dangerous for all age groups. Funding is being sought and NAC has been approached for maintenance once the community has raised funding to cover capital costs. It was suggested that we should now ask all our Councillors for support.

The Kick-about area in the glen will be finished but not in use in the next two weeks drainage is currently being dug and All Grass are hoping to complete the work in about two weeks. Seeding may be later (HT) also stated that the drainage from the kick about area was insufficient and did not discharge into the burn,

(HT) commented that the old Pitch-and Putt area was now a swamp made worse by the drains failing and water can be observed flowing out of the ground in at least two locations.

(KH) said she would speak to Streetscene about this. The contractor could not get any machinery on the site due to the flooded ground conditions.

**Persimmon Developments: (JL)** No further information on progress with Transport Scotland (GB) asked if we knew who would be responsible for the landscape maintenance in the future. GB will contact Cllr D Reid as N/A representative to Transport Scotland re maintenance of proposed landscaping at entrance to Summerlea road so as to avoid Hyndman Road situation. Persimmon have still to submit plans for A78/B7048 junction

#### **Listed building at corner of Main Street and Hunterston Road.**

To date no further information has been made available. However, the Hunterston Road side of the building has been painted which has improved the overall appearance.

**Crosbie Wind Farm;** Crosbie windfarm company attended the meeting with the Community Council prior to a second public exhibition. Various questions were asked but less than adequate answers were forthcoming. Laura Petrie (Galileo) The second public exhibition in West Kilbride will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> May in the Village Hall. (JL) thanked Laura for her presentation and requested that she send WKCC a copy of the presentation.

#### **Development at Tarbert Hill.**

There have been no further actions from the CC in the last month. (EC) informed the CC that ScotRail had refused permission to lay a discharge pipe under the railway bridge.

**Office of Nuclear Regulation** Consultation on Hunterston B: This was due by the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Chair of Hunterston SSG responded to the consultation items raised by WKCC before it was sent were partially covered. The question was raised by (GB) as to why this consultation was necessary as once all fuel is transferred to Sellafield the site will be transferred to Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (Magnox /NRS)

**Multisport Pitch (KH) (GC)** - application to the Community Ownership Fund will be submitted this week. The Development Group are seeking 80% of the total cost and 20% from match funders. An expression of interest has been submitted to NAC for match CIF funding. This would be progressed if needed but initially the match funding would be sought from Sport Scotland. The immense amount of work this has been for the volunteer group was highlighted and WKCC wishes them every success in improving this much needed area of the Glen.

## **NAC BUSINESS:**

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Cllr Collier;**

(EC) Reported that the last month had been taken up with the other North Coast Councillors on the disruption being caused by Amey Roads works on the A78. The restriction to parking on main street as a result of works by Scottish Water is yet another problem in the making. The complaints emerging about the surgery were also high on her agenda.

**There were no other Councillors present.**

**Cllr Ferguson;** was unable to attend due to ferry disruption between Largs and Cumbrae.

### **NAC Planning Decisions since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**

**Relocation of existing 1.8m high fence to increase rear garden area (retrospective)** 6 Sharlee Wynd West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9FD Ref. No: 23/00912/PP | Received: Mon 11 Dec 2023 | Validated: Wed 17 Jan 2024 | Status; **Application withdrawn.**

### **NAC Planning applications not yet decided**

**Erection of extension to form spa accommodation and associated alterations** Waterside Inn Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NG Ref. No: 24/00282/PP | Received: Mon 01 Apr 2024 | Validated: Thu 04 Apr 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Erection of two detached dwelling houses** Site to South of Highthorne Cottage West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00288/PP | Received: Mon 01 Apr 2024 | Validated: Wed 03 Apr 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Formation of private 10 space car park with automatic barrier access and EV charging bays** 120 - 124 Main Street West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00265/PP | Received: Wed 27 Mar 2024 | Validated: Thu 28 Mar 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Request for EIA screening opinion for proposed excess 50-megawatt (MW) Solar Array and Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS)** Site To North West Of High Boydstone Farm Ardrossan North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00256/EIA | Received: Mon 25 Mar 2024 | Validated: Tue 26 Mar 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration—( Dalry CC Area.)**

**Removal of one Beech Tree within an area covered by Law Brae Tree Preservation Order** Lisheen Law Brae West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9DD Ref. No: 24/00249/TPO | Received: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Validated: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**Carry out tree works to Hawthorn and Elder trees with some edge mix species, works comprise of thinning out by approx. 20-30% and clear trees/branches from fences to create at least a 1m clearance within an area covered by West Kilbride No1 Tree Preservation Order.** 10 Ardrossan High Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NY Ref. No: 24/00238/TPO | Received: Fri 15 Mar 2024 | Validated: Thu 21 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**Change of use and conversion of redundant agricultural shed to form a single dwellinghouse** Blackshaw Farm West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9PG Ref. No: 24/00224/PP | Received: Wed 13 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 13 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**AOCB:** Arrange meeting with all community councillors to deal with actions taken from LPP. A date would be fixed by the Secretary. This would be on Zoom.

**Meetings later this month;**

Hunterston Parc liaison meeting 17/04/24.

**The meeting Closed at 8.40 pm.**

**The next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> May2024**