



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council

Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 20th May 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
James Smith	JS	Member, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
PC Adam McKinlay	AMcK	Police Scotland
Allan Wilson	AWn	Radio City Association
3x members of the public		

Action Note

ACTIONS	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. We also welcomed Allan Wilson as our guest speaker for this evening.</p>
	<p>Apologies:, Arche Mathew, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present ahead of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposer: MH Seconder: MS</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moorpark Care Home – Cllr Anthea Dickson is dealing with this.
4.	<p>Police Report Sgt Clark wasn't available but we were joined by PC Adam McKinlay. We had a discussion about car thefts with keyless vehicles. Ford Fiestas seem to be particularly vulnerable as it is believed the vehicles are being stolen to order. The camera on Stoneyholm Road is now active. Some residents have been asking for similar cameras on the Largs Road and Milton Road too. There have been issues with off road bikes, especially at the rugby club at Lochshore. In a surprising development, we were informed that the rugby club have apparently given the riders permission to use the field nearest the road, known as the Bowl. NAC councillors are looking into whether it was within the rugby club's power to grant such permission.</p>

	Garnock Valley	Beith	Dalry	Kilbirnie
Total calls this month	444	146	132	166
Total calls last month	482	169	148	165
Drug dealing and drug misuse	6	0	1	5
Violence and anti-social behaviour	38	10	10	18
Assault	3	1	2	0
Disturbance	18	3	2	13
Vandalism	17	6	6	5
Dishonesty	23	11	7	5
Theft	3	1	1	1
Shoplifting	20	10	6	4
Housebreaking	0	0	0	0
Road safety	0	0	0	0
Road crash of note	0	0	0	0
5. Guest Speaker – Allan Wilson, Radio City Association	<p>Allan Wilson gave an overview of the history of the Radio City Association, which began in 1998. They took over the old George Bingo hall, which had laid empty for many years and turned it into the Radio City building, in a style sympathetic to when it was Radio City in the 1960s. They owned the building from 2000 – 2015, when it was sold to the Priory Group, now called Aspire.</p> <p>Since then, they have been focusing on their Electric Valley project, which includes a wind turbine to be built in the hills above Kilbirnie. It is expected to raise £12-14m over 25 years and the profits are intended for community benefit in the Garnock Valley area. There is also a hydro electric scheme near Glengarnock Castle. This is rated at 1MW and should produce around £3-4m. They operate an electric car and van that can be hired via an app.</p> <p>The group have provided a number of multicolour benches at strategic locations around the valley. They have been working behind Tam Payne’s boxing club to restore a play area and upgrade the path connecting the club with Glengarnock railway station. This has now been dedicated to two volunteers, who recently passed away. Work is ongoing to redevelop the Knox Institute. The asset transfer has taken far longer than expected but work is now beginning on opening the café on the ground floor. Upstairs, they hope to develop a training centre, in partnership with Aspire.</p>			
6. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Ronnie Stalker – Details of consultation for DSM turbines Tue 14th May ○ Craig Stewart – Meet the Builder – Former Garnock Academy Tue 28th May ○ Maxine Lamb – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Dreghorn Thu 20th June 			

7.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending ● 24/00351/PP Erection of business/industrial units for Class 4, 5 and 6 use, including the formation of enclosed service yards, car parking, access and associated works Site To South West Of 1 Glengarnock Workshops Glengarnock Beith North Ayrshire ● 24/00335/ADC Installation of 1 no. LCD media screen and erection of 2 no. flag pole signs (retrospective) Tesco Bridgend Kilbirnie North Ayrshire KA25 7DL (At EV charge point) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved ● 24/00112/PPM Erection of residential development of 112 dwellings with associated works including access, parking, landscaping, open space and SuDS Site To South Of 1 Newhouse Drive Kilbirnie North Ayrshire 	
8.	<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 5th June at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. ▪ GVLP will be on Thur 13th Jun at 7pm. Venue Beith Community Centre ○ Place Frameworks Wed 29th May at Bridgend Community Centre. <p>Main topics at the Working Group are looking at how best to obtain community benefit from the Crosbie and Swinlees wind farms. There are Active Travel topics and a Travel Needs Analysis coming out soon.</p> <p>Work on the Place Plan is continuing. We reviewed the first draft of the survey but after the meeting there were concerns raised, which we will seek to resolve at the next meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dalry Community Council There was a meeting on Thursday 2nd May in Rosearden to see if we can get the 20 names needed to trigger the process to restart Dalry CC. Whilst there had been a lot of support on social media, there were more people at the meeting to support the new community council than residents eligible to stand for an election. A meeting was set for Tue 4 Jun to try again as there had been a few notes of apology received by interested parties. ● Libraries Due to NAC budget pressures, the library service will be reduced from 4 full days and 2 part days to 2 full days and 1 part day, about 20 hours a week. This reduced service avoids having to close any libraries altogether. There were concerns about access to IT for people who are job seeking but don't have access to internet at home. We were told they could use the Job Centre computers. Kilbirnie library is also the Garnock Valley registrar and they will have the same hours as the library. ● Hillhead Charity James Smith gave thanks to Cllr DLR, Cllr RS and the Wee School Pantry for their efforts in supporting his charity assist vulnerable people. He also complimented Beith Community Centre's Café Vibe. Michael Deadman has been very helpful there too. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streetscene <p>James Smith commented on the state of the roundabout at Kilbirnie Cross and asked why Streetscene were not maintaining it. Due to budget cuts, there will be no annual flower planting anywhere in North Ayrshire. Instead, some areas will see perennials being planted so that they don't have to be replaced each year. James Smith was of the view that people who are unemployed should be out maintaining the areas.</p>	
10.	<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 17th June at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

**Policing in North Ayrshire
Community Council Report
Kilbirnie
April 2024**



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/04/2024 to 30/04/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 444
Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 447

Kilbirnie	166			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		5		
Assault	0	Disturbance	13	Vandalism 5
Theft	1	Shoplifting	4	Housebreaking 0
Road crash of note				

Dalry	132			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		1		
Assault	2	Disturbance	2	Vandalism 6
Theft	1	Shoplifting	6	Housebreaking 0
Road crash of note				

Beith	146			
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0		
Assault	1	Disturbance	3	Vandalism 6
Theft	1	Shoplifting	10	Housebreaking 0
Road crash of note				

Crime Report Details		Total for this month		44
	No of reports	No detected		
Theft	4	1		
Theft by shoplifting	4	1		
Vandalism	8	1		
Road traffic offences of note				