



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council
Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 16th September 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 Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
2x 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, James Smith, Cllr John Bell, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Christina Pieraccini, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Irene Campbell 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: MS Seconder: MH</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes None</p>
4.	<p>Police Report There was no one present from the police. As we don't meet during July or August, there were two sets of statistics available. The August stats are recorded in Appendix 1.</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Facebook – KTCMI held a public meeting Wed 10 July o Community Planning – Keepmoat Site – Street Names <p>KTCMI The meeting on 10 July was well attended as we kept running out of chairs. A new fundraising sub-group has been formed and they are having a bingo night on 2nd October. They have also created a Just Giving page https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChristmasLightsKilbirnie in order to try and raise £7,000. This is the cost that NAC are passing on to KTCMI due to budget cuts: £3,527.50 lights up Kilbirnie Cross, £1,277.50 lights up Garden City and £2,250.00 lights up Main Street.</p>

	<p>Street Names</p> <p>We were asked to provide at 2 or 3 names for the new housing development between Place Woodland and Newhouse Drive in the Fudstone. We had less than a week to respond so we posted on Facebook to ask for suggestions from the public. The names couldn't be similar to existing names and if named for a person, couldn't be for a living person. Two days later, we collated the eligible names and ran a poll to see how much support the public had for these suggestions. The top 5 were then sent to the GVLP for a final decision. They chose Woodland Avenue and Puddock Place, subject to approval by NAC.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending ● 24/00702/PP Sub-division of building and part change of use to form hairdressing and beauty salon - Ashlar Masonic Social Club 20 - 28 Newton Street Kilbirnie North Ayrshire KA25 6HN ● 24/00547/PPM Tourist accommodation development to include: - change of use of agricultural land, erection of buildings for holiday lets, ancillary outbuildings, hunting lodge and alterations/extension to existing stable building for manager's accommodation (in retrospect); - the erection of a storage/agricultural/activity building with link corridor to existing shed, erection of holiday cabins and all associated parking, footpaths, landscaping, parking and upgraded drainage infrastructure (proposed) Tennox Farm Kilbirnie North Ayrshire KA25 6LX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending (from April) ● 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved ● 24/00532/ESU Installation of 11kv overhead electricity line Farmland At West Of Ford Cottage Kilbirnie North Ayrshire 	
<p>7.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garnock Valley Locality Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Place Framework <p>The public consultation phase has now been started. There is a website where people can respond and paper copies are also being sent to every household in the Garnock Valley. There will be a series of public meetings in November to discuss the results with the public before the final report is written up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vale Park <p>The latest development on the bridge is that Tata Steel are now questioning whether they own part of the bridge. Most likely, this is their way of trying to get out of having to pay half of the repair bill, which means that any solution will be delayed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GVLP – Childcare / minders <p>There was a presentation at the Locality meeting to discuss childcare issues. Even though they work on their own, childminders are expected to go through the same paperwork and planning processes as full-scale nurseries. There was some discussion about what support NAC could offer but their team has also been reduced due to budget cuts.</p> 	

<p>8.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Garnock Street / Mill Road A member of the public asked if a crossing could be installed at the roundabout between Main Street and the old police station car park at the top of Garnock Street. Unfortunately, the road crests right at the junction and without sufficient flat ground for the crossing and approaches, it is unlikely that Roads will be able to install one. Since there is no pavement on the Main Street side of Garnock Street, moving the crossing further down, as they did at Stoneyholm Road with the traffic lights at Tesco or at Bridge Street with the lights at Easties, would not be appropriate as there is no pathway to the Main Street. ○ Older People’s Network Gavin Ferguson has been continuing to support the Older People’s Network in the Garnock Valley. There is a conference coming up soon and Gavin has asked for one representative from each organisation to attend so that they can discuss the issues raised at the various Network meetings. ○ Centre fence Bridgend Community Centre caretaker, Avril Waldron was praised for her efforts as she and her family have been scraping old paint off the front railings and painting them. ○ Volunteer of the Year Before Covid, we used to run the Volunteer of the Year. Latterly, it was expanded to incorporate a Citizen of the Year. Jim Pierce won the award in May 2019, the last time it was presented due to Covid. We had planned to restart it last year but due to loss of James’ son, we delayed the restart for another year. It is therefore our intention to restart the Volunteer of the Year award after Christmas, where we will seek nominations for local heroes and then run a poll to see who the community thinks should be awarded Volunteer of the Year 2025. ○ Spout of the Garnock Questions were asked about the Spout of the Garnock, in the hills above Kilbirnie. There has been works done in the hills in recent years for small scale hydroelectric power generation and it was asked if these works had diverted waterways sufficiently that the Spout had dried out. It was suggested the drying out may be seasonal, but as this has been one of the wettest summers in recent memory and the Spout has still dried out, then this causes concern for when we have a nicer summer. 	
<p>9.</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 21st October at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

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



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/08/2024 to 31/08/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 485
Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 436

Kilbirnie	156				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		1			
Assault	2	Disturbance	7	Vandalism	0
Theft	3	Shoplifting	2	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Dalry	182				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	4	Disturbance	10	Vandalism	3
Theft	1	Shoplifting	4	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Beith	147				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	0	Disturbance	6	Vandalism	0
Theft	3	Shoplifting	7	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Crime Report Details		Total for this month		41
	No of reports	No detected		
Theft	2	0		
Theft by shoplifting	3	0		
Vandalism	2	1		
Road traffic offences of note				