



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council**

**Held in Bridgend Community Centre on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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 Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
4x members of the public		

**Action Note**

ACTIONS	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. We also welcomed Nick Wright as our guest speaker for this evening.</p>
	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Arche Mathew, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Christina Pieraccini, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Irene Campbell MP</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> 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>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> KTCMI's Just Giving page is currently sitting at £3,420 of their £7.000 target. They also made almost £1,000 at a recent bingo night.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b> There was no one present from the police. Chief Inspector David Cameron has left and Sgt Douglas Clark is covering his position in Irvine. The Sept stats are recorded in Appendix 1.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Guest Speaker – Nick Wright, Place Plans</b> Place Plans are not NAC driven but are supported by various groups in the Garnock Valley, such as K&amp;GCC, Beith &amp; District CC, Dalry Community Development Hub, Dalry Community Sports Club and Beith Trust. Of the recent survey, there were 744 responses: 308 Beith, 172 Dalry and 191 Kilbirnie. There are public events being held in Kilbirnie (13 Nov), Beith (14 Nov) and Dalry (22 Nov). Other events will be arranged for Glengarnock, Gateside, Barrmill and Burnhouse. The survey showed that 82 respondents' top priority was to fix dilapidated buildings and 71 to improve the town centre. Transport issues are also a problem in the Garnock Valley, not just getting around the main towns but getting from the villages to the towns as well, such as Gateside to</p>

	<p>Beith. There is a Travel Needs Analysis underway, which will look at the travel issues in more detail. Please fill it in if you can: <a href="https://arcq.is/00KCqH">https://arcq.is/00KCqH</a></p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NAC Roads – Roadworks on Milton Road</li> <li>o Scottish Forestry – Update on forestry plans around Ladyland House</li> <li>o Community Planning – NAC Budget consultation 2025/26</li> <li>o Community Planning – Additional Council Tax Levy on Second Homes</li> </ul> <p><b>NAC Roads</b>  Communication has been poor on this resurfacing work. Someone sitting in Irvine decided it was a good idea to make the Stockie a diversion without realising that it was a single-track way with only field gates as passing places. There is also work in progress due to the new turbine being installed. Cllr Reid met with NAC Roads and they amended the plan to allow traffic to pass through the works between the Quadrant and Stockbridge Crescent. Even after the works were completed, there were issues with bus routes as Stagecoach were not confident that the road was open, so had the buses terminate back at the cross, which meant people (including elderly) had further to walk to get home.</p> <p><b>Forestry</b>  Last November, we heard about plans to create a new woodland behind Ladyland House. Our concern was for the off-grid water supply for up to 30 houses in the area. The plans have been revised to accommodate the water supply and the choice of trees has also been changed.</p> <p><b>Budget Consultation</b>  This is online only, though paper copies may be available from the library. There is no in-person meeting at the Campus this year.</p> <p><b>Second Homes</b>  Concerns were raised that bereaved families should not be subject to the same council tax treatment as those with holiday homes.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Pending (from Sept – sent to Planning Committee meeting Wed 27 Nov)</b></li> <li>• 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"> <li>o <b>Pending (from April)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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"> <li>o <b>Approved</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	

8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</b></li> </ul> <p>We have been continuing to work on the Place Plan as well as looking at employability issues, including a presentation from Laura Neil at NAC Employability (see Appendix 2)</p> <p>Catherine attended the recent GVLP quarterly meeting</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Locality PB</b></li> </ul> <p>There were 22 requests for funding with only £18k available. This means that most groups should receive some funding. Voting is underway for people to choose which requests should be funded. K&amp;GCC has a bid in to buy flowers for planters next year. Café Solace has a bid in, as does Bridgend Community Centre for the larder. Donald Reid has a bid in through the Barrmill Jolly Beggars (though not as a councillor!). KTCMI has a bid in as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pension Credit</b></li> </ul> <p>We have received a poster asking if people are over state pension age to check their eligibility for Pension Credit. This is a gateway benefit that will allow them to claim, among other things, winter fuel allowance. Single people need to earn less than £218.15 per week, or roughly £11k per annum and couples £332.95 per week, or roughly £17k per annum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Lochshore</b></li> </ul> <p>The new play equipment has been constructed but the area has not yet been officially opened as NAC are still awaiting safety certificates. There was also a discussion about potential use for campervans. In the Lochshore Master Plan, there was an area marked off in the north west corner of the park, just off the Lochwinnoch road, that could potentially be used for campervans but there is no funding for this. In the shorter term, the idea of campervans using the far end of the car park next to the Hub are being investigated. We were advised that these were not being looked at for the travelling community but for recreational campervans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Largs Road A760 crash</b></li> </ul> <p>Police Scotland have released the name of the young person killed in the recent car crash on the A760 as Jonny Baxter, age 22, from Kilbirnie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Radio City Association</b></li> </ul> <p>There were some complaints about the parking of RCA's van on the pavement outside the new café. Whilst it is understandable to park there for 5-10 minutes to unload goods and materials, the van has been sitting there on a regular basis and it is causing problems for pedestrians to get round the corner as they are having to go on the road at the roundabout to get past it or take a longer detour through three sets of traffic lights instead of just crossing over to the old police station car park.</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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in Bridgend Community Centre</p>	

**Appendix 1: Police Report**

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



**Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire**

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 513  
Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 457

<b>Kilbirnie</b>	<b>177</b>				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		2			
Assault	3	Disturbance	8	Vandalism	6
Theft	4	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note					

<b>Dalry</b>	<b>193</b>				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		5			
Assault	2	Disturbance	14	Vandalism	4
Theft	2	Shoplifting	5	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

<b>Beith</b>	<b>143</b>				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	2	Disturbance	5	Vandalism	1
Theft	3	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

<b>Crime Report Details</b>		<b>Total for this month</b>	<b>52</b>
	<b>No of reports</b>	<b>No detected</b>	
Theft	4	1	
Theft by shoplifting	3	3	
Vandalism	4	0	
Road traffic offences of note			

Appendix 2: NAC Employability

# North Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership

**North Ayrshire LEP Partners:**

- Department For Work & Pensions (DWP)
- Skills Development Scotland
- Ayrshire College
- TACT - Third Sector Interface
- Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce
- NHS Ayrshire & Arran
- North Ayrshire Council

**Aim:**

Improve skills for employment and reduce unemployment for citizens of North Ayrshire

**What Success will look like:**

- Unemployment levels will reduce
- Employment rates will increase
- Number of people with qualifications will increase

