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Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council

Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton HM Chair, Beith & District Community Council

James Waite JW Vice-Chair, Beith & District Community Council

Robert Winning RW Treasurer, Beith & District Community Council

Janet Barr JB Beith & District Community Council

Cree Hylands CH Beith & District Community Council

Cllr John Bell Cllr JB Ward 2

Cllr Donald L Reid Cllr DLR Ward 2

Christina Pieraccini CP Locality Officer

Allan Wright AW Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council

Public numbers: <10

#### Actions

1. The chair welcomed all those in attendance.

A moment was taken to express our condolences for Frances Oates and Gay Christie of Hesselhead Wildlife. Both were inspirational individuals who brought so much to their community.

Apologies:

Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark, Cllr Margaret Johnson.

## 2. Police Report:

The source details can be found in App 1

Sgt Douglas Clark was unable to attend however James provided a brief overview of the recent figures. Drug crime has increased and has been a large focus in recent weeks. The usual crimes persist (shoplifting in the Coop) and all in attendance mentioned concerns about recent spates of vandalism. This appears to be an issue across Kilbirnie and Dalry also. Members noted the slogan/logo 'CUJS' or something similar appearing frequently. Lochshore in particular has seen some concerning vandalism to the boards which has caused upset to the public.

HM raised concerns regarding what appears to be an illegal vehicle causing nuisance in the local area, as well as youths causing disturbance in BCA Garden in late evenings.

## 3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:

Proposer: Janet Barr Seconded: James Waite

## 4 Matters Arising:

N/A

## 5. Planning Applications

N/A

It was agreed that if planning permission is submitted by Miller Homes whilst B&DCC was on the summer break, a public meeting would be held as a priority to support the public.

## 6. Accounts

RW was unable to attend however no notable changes to the finances except the following:

- £100+ was raised via the raffle at the D-Day event. Robert to update us on the final figure his return.
- £119 was spent on plants for Coronation Garden

#### 7. Place Plans / Place Framework

The Meeting of the Stakeholders was held and it was confirmed that the Place Plans survey is in the final stages to go out for consultation once the final product is drafted.

The Dalry Cattle Show was held on the 8th June 2024 – HM & CP & SW attended on behalf on place plans to gather views

CP will attend St Inans to further gather views

HM noted that she is expecting to attend a meeting with Nick from the consultants on 8 July to discuss Beith's needs.

The next meeting is to be held on the 8th July 2024 at Geilsland

#### 8. GV Locality Partnership & Working Groups

DSM Windfarm - CP confirmed a consultation was held on the 11th June 2024 and had been held in previous weeks also. Findings are expected to be presented on the 23rd July 2024. An event will be held on 3-7 July in Rosearden to provide further information.

Beith Trust, along with New Practice, Beith Skate and Play Park initiative, Fun Time Carnivals, and B&DCC are taking forward feasibility study for Orr's Park. HM raised concerns regarding the survey and will pick up with Jane directly. HM will ask for a meeting date for the strategy group

Crosby Windfarm – a meeting is scheduled for the 14th June 2024 to discuss what community benefits the project will yield.

#### 9. Public Station Based Engagement Event

JB is expecting to attend the event on 20th June 2024 2-4pm at Dreghorn Community Fire Station to understand the wider needs and discuss how to improve efficiency. An

event will also be held on the 19th at Ayr Community Fire Station.

#### 10. Have your say on North Ayrshire Council's Litter, Flytipping and Dog Fouling Prevention Strategy

HM raised awareness regarding the survey available to complete. This has been shared on social media. One hour workshops were advertised on social media with attendance confirmed via Eventbrite.

#### 11. North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan 3 – Play Sufficiently Assessment Consultation

NAC are currently carrying out an assessment of the play opportunities for young people throughout the council area. The council are seeking the views of the public. This has been shared on social media.

HM noted further discussion is needed on this as a group.

#### 12. D-Day Update

Council members provided a summary of the event and informed the public that the event generated the target numbers anticipated. Members of the public had shared images on social media and feedback was very positive from the public.

JB is going to look into potential plans for VE Day.

#### 13. Planters

HM noted that after corresponding with the Council, funding is not available for the planters or areas to be planted including the war memorial. HM has requested they reconsider planting at the war memorials but this is unlikely to yield a positive response.

HM suggested that the 'adopt a planter' strategy is used for surrounding planters and has completed the relevant paperwork. HM noted that it is too late for notification to be shared with groups so it was agreed that B&DCC would seek to fill the planters this season with the 'adopt a planter' strategy being utilised thereafter.

The council confirmed that they will put in perennials or grass over areas not adopted such as Roebank Road. if nobody adopts a planter however concern was raised that unused planters may be removed. JW raised concerns that the 'adopt a planter' paperwork is somewhat lengthy, stringent and outdated, and raised further concerns that this may prevent applications.

#### 14. AOCB

1. CP noted that an email had been circulated seeking Community Reviewers for this years PB Funding. CP to forward on to HM to circulate to the council members to see if anyone has capacity to take this forward. The first meeting is due to be held on the 19th June online 5.30-6.30pm with a number of dates in place thereafter.

2. Questions were asked with regards to whether St Inan's Gala Day is proceeding and what date. It was confirmed that the expected date is the 22nd June however little awareness has been raised.

3. Concern was raised as to the how the Beith Citizen of the Year Award could be brought back into the public eye. Members of the public are keen to see this taken forward however the Beith Community Association have not confirmed their views. They have previously confirmed however that the B&DCC will not see ownership of the task returned to them. It was agreed that questions should be asked at their next AGM with HM keen to take this further.

4. JW noted that a new flag had been purchased for the Coronation Garden with efforts being made to maintain this and update more frequently.

With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.

The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 10th September at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.