



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday the 21st November 2023 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

James Waite	JW	Vice Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Robert Winning	RW	Treasurer, Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Sandy Blackwood	SB	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

2 members of the public

		<u>Actions</u>
	Apologies: Helen McNaughton (HM), Cllr John Bell, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Patricia Gibson MP, Sgt Douglas Clark	
1.	The vice chair welcomed all those in attendance. The quorum to allow meetings to continue is 3 so we were able to proceed. Apologies were recorded.	
2.	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by: <u>Proposer:</u> Janet Barr <u>Seconded:</u> Robert Winning	
3.	<u>Matters Arising:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4.	<u>Chair's Report</u> HM had put in apologies for tonight's meeting but had submitted a written report, which was read out in her absence. See Appendix 1.	
5.	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Closing Balances: Admin account £254.40 Project account £35,389.45 Full details in Appendix 2	
6.	<u>Secretary's Report</u> As we don't have a Secretary, there was no report to submit.	

7.	<p><u>Vacancies</u></p> <p>We have five positions available if anyone would like to join us. We are also looking for a secretary, although Allan Wright from Kilbirnie & Glengarnock CC helps out as acting minutes secretary. HM and JW handle any correspondence that is required.</p> <p>There was a discussion about ways to try and get more public participation. This might include NAC Comms and approaches to the Youth Forum.</p> <p>ACTION: JW to set up a call for new members</p>	JW
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
9.	<p>With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Vice Chair.</p>	
10.	<p>The next AGM of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2024 in Beith Community Centre.</p>	

Appendix 1: Chair's Report

Chair's Report - AGM – 14 November 2023

Beith and District Community Council was reformed in November 2017 following its dissolution in 2012 due to lack of support. We have been elected to serve for 4 years and were re-elected in 2021. We have now completed our sixth year of membership.

Chair – Helen McNaughton

Vice Chair - James Waite

Treasurer – Robert Winning

Members:

Janet Barr; Sandy Blackwood. We have 5 vacancies including the secretary role.

Our membership has had some changes – Michael Deadman resigned. The position of secretary remains vacant however Allan Wright from Kilbirnie & Glengarnock CC has been attending our meetings and kindly taken minutes and we extend our grateful thanks to Allan. The remaining secretary tasks are covered between Helen & James.

Our meetings are held in Beith Community Centre Lounge every 2nd Tuesday of each month.

- We have responded to various statutory requests for information and completed surveys.
- We continue to get to know each other and the wider community.
- We have been advised of and responded to planning applications.
- We continue to build relationships with the councillors, police, North Ayrshire Council and our colleagues in the Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council.
- There has been a very good attendance from Ex Officio Members who have fully supported us and Police have attended some meetings. Police have confirmed attendance at all meetings and together we have reviewed how the reports are presented and written to provide context within the monthly report.
- We continue to be affiliated members of Beith Community Association. We take turns to attend regular meetings.
- The Vice Chair is also Vice Chair of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership and attends regular meetings.
- The Chair is a member of The Lochshore Development Group and attends regular meetings. The 5K route has now been completed and is attracting many visitors.

In March we held our meeting in Gateside Memorial Hall to support residents with their concerns regarding planning applications in relation to Balgray Whiskey Bond and Treane Quarry. There was a very good response from the community and the meeting was well attended.

We have supported residents in Kings Road in relation to a planning consultation from McLaughlin Construction in relation to building 178 houses and planning consultations from Persimmons Development also in Kings Road for 191 houses. We will share the planning applications when we receive them in due course.

We delivered a family day to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III in Beith Community Centre and decorated the town and Coronation Garden with plants and bunting. This event was well attended.

We held a successful Race Night in June to raise funds that will support our ongoing projects such as plants for the Coronation Garden. We intend to host another Race Night and hope that the community will support this event.

We supported and organised the Best Dressed Window Competition in Dec 2022 and invitation letters for Dec 2023 Best Dressed Window Competition will soon be issued. We are working with BCA to support the delivery of Beith Lights and Laughter event on Friday 1 December 2023.

We secured funding to install Beith Exercise Challenge across four sites in the town with the installation of mental health benches and 2 pieces of outdoor gym equipment. Due to various barriers and challenges imposed by NAC the project has now been closed. BDCC have entered partnership with Beith Skatepark Action Group with the purchase of picnic benches and green gym equipment to be installed on the land they lease from NAC in Beith Orr Trust Park. This will allow the group to release their funding that was set aside for green gym equipment to support the development of the skatepark. This compliments the work Beith Orr Trust Park Strategic Group of which BDCC are members to explore improvements in the park starting with a feasibility study. In addition, BDCC have donated a mental health bench to Spiers School and to Geilsland.

Special thanks to Christina Pieraccini North Ayrshire Council for her ongoing support and encouragement. Grateful thanks to Donald Reid, Anthea Dickson, John Bell, Ronnie Stalker, Margaret Johnson and Police Scotland for their support and guidance.

Finally, as chair, I would like to thank all members for their contributions, support and enthusiasm over the past year. Thank you, it is much appreciated and valued. You are a great bunch to work with and as chair I am grateful for your commitment and support.

Our future meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday 09.01.24
Tuesday 13.02.24
Tuesday 12.03.24
Tuesday 09.04.24
Tuesday 14.05.24
Tuesday 11.06.24

Times: 7.00pm – 9.30pm – Beith Community Centre Lounge – everyone is welcome to come along.

If you would like to find out more or join the community council, please email:

beithanddistrictchair@gmail.com

Helen McNaughton

Chair

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

BEITH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Opening Cash in Hand Balance	£	-	
Opening Bank Balance	£	61.53	
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	£	-	
			£ 61.53

Receipts

Administration Grant	£	418.47	
Insurance Reimbursement from NAC	£	86.33	
	£	-	
	£	-	
	£	-	
			£ 504.80

Payments

Printing and ink	£	60.80	
Poppy Wreath	£	74.80	
Hall Lets	£	75.00	
Insurance	£	86.33	
Engraving	£	15.00	
			£ 311.93

Closing Cash in Hand Balance	£	-	
Closing Bank Balance	£	254.40	
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	£	-	
			£ 254.40
			£ 566.33

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**BEITH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

PROJECT ACCOUNT

Opening Cash in Hand Balance	£ -	
Opening Bank Balance	£ 10,717.92	
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	£ -	
	<u>£ -</u>	£ 10,717.92

Receipts

Health & Moving Around Grant	£ 25,000.00	
Participatory Grant (Kings Coronation)	£ 921.00	
Donation - Beith Christian Action Group	£ 500.00	
Interest earned	£ 171.73	
		£ 26,592.73

Payments

Spend on Kings Coronation event	£ 917.66	
Sound System Installation	£ 769.00	
Plants	£ 189.54	
Queens Remembrance flowers	£ 45.00	
		£ 1,921.20

Closing Cash in Hand Balance	£ -	
Closing Bank Balance	£ 35,389.45	
Uncashed Cheques (minus)	£ -	
		<u>£ 35,389.45</u>

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