



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice-Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
Allan Wright	AW	Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council

2 members of the public

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1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance, especially Cree Hylands, who has come along to find out more about the work of B&DCC as a potential new member. We also wished Melanie Anderson a happy retirement from North Ayrshire Council. Apologies were recorded.																																																													
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2.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> Sgt Douglas Clark submitted apologies. The source details can be found in App 1</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Garnock Valley</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Beith</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Dalry</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Kilbirnie</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total calls this month</td> <td style="text-align: center;">482</td> <td style="text-align: center;">169</td> <td style="text-align: center;">148</td> <td style="text-align: center;">165</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total calls last month</td> <td style="text-align: center;">488</td> <td style="text-align: center;">154</td> <td style="text-align: center;">185</td> <td style="text-align: center;">149</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drug dealing and drug misuse</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Violence and anti-social behaviour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assault</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disturbance</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vandalism</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dishonesty</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shoplifting</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housebreaking</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Garnock Valley	Beith	Dalry	Kilbirnie	Total calls this month	482	169	148	165	Total calls last month	488	154	185	149	Drug dealing and drug misuse	6	3	0	3	Violence and anti-social behaviour	32	10	8	14	Assault	12	5	5	2	Disturbance	10	1	2	7	Vandalism	10	4	1	5	Dishonesty	34	10	17	7	Theft	11	2	3	6	Shoplifting	23	8	14	1	Housebreaking	0	0	0	0	
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	<p>Road safety 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Road crash of note 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Most of the shoplifting figures are still from the Co-Op</p> <p>Sgt Clark was pleased to note that there had been no accidents on the Beith bypass for a while</p> <p>NAC Trading Standards have been looking into the sale of vapes, particularly to young people. There was one premise in Beith that was involved with this.</p> <p>A car was recently set on fire. It is thought an aggrieved ex-partner may have had some involvement in this matter.</p> <p>Some older Ford Fiestas are at risk of theft, such as the ST model from 2017-2020. These were the first to have keyless entry. Sgt Clark reminded us to use a Faraday pouch for our keys when the vehicle is not in use as these stop signals being transmitted to open car doors, etc.</p> <p>The new Hate Crime legislation has seen over 3000 calls from the public to the control centre, but thankfully these aren't filtering down to the frontline. There is a difference between not liking someone and using hate speech.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:</p> <p><u>Proposer:</u> Helen McNaughton <u>Seconded:</u> James Waite</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>None</p>	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Miller Homes are organising a Public Consultation to take place regarding proposal to build 45 homes on the Manse Field on Tuesday 23 April at High Church Parish Hall from 2.00pm to 7.00pm.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>Closing Balances:</p> <p>Admin account £331.40</p> <p>Project account £36,125.44</p> <p>No change in bank account</p>	
7.	<p><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></p> <p>The last meeting was held on Tues 26 March. We were joined by two young people. The consultants gave a breakdown of their plan, based on feedback at previous meetings. They are looking for key groups and community events they can attend for the consultation phase. The next meeting is on Wed 24 April in Rosearden Hall, Dalry.</p>	

8.	<p><u>Chairs / Vice Chairs Meeting</u></p> <p>There was a meeting on 19th March. One of the main issues discussed was on recruitment generally, but also on trying to recruit young people to the community council. This could involve inviting MSYPs, having a school rep or offering it as an opportunity to people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Wider B777 Corridor Active Travel Study</u></p> <p>There was a Stakeholder Workshop on 27th March, held via MS Teams and included Sustrans. We were advised that the Vale Park Bridge is not deemed a strategic asset by Sustrans. They also wanted to make the bridge at Garnock View, known locally as Allan's Corner, a pedestrian only access. This makes no sense, given the number of times that area is flooded when it rains.</p>	
10.	<p><u>HSCP Locality Conversations</u></p> <p>There is a meeting in the George Steven Centre in Kilbirnie on Tues 16 April, from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Members of the public are invited to come along and share their views on what should be the local priorities for health and social care.</p> <p>Previous consultations were not well received and led to poor experiences for those attending. It was felt that the people were not listened to and the HSCP closed ranks. Sam Hodgkinson, the former Kilbirnie Community Link Worker, is organising this event, which we hope will perform better.</p>	
11.	<p><u>GVLV and Working Groups</u></p> <p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVLV will be on Thur 13th Jun at 7pm in Beith Community Centre • Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 1st May at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. <p>There has been no meeting of the supergroup since our last meeting. JW attended the Locality meeting in March and felt it was one of the better Locality meetings. It was suggested that they should bring previous CIF applicants back so that they can tell their story of the difference the money made to their project and the wider community. The Skatepark will be breaking ground this month and work is expected to be completed by September.</p> <p>A discussion then followed about the difficulties with accessing out of school care in the current climate. Dalry Early Years will retain 1140 hours for children 3-5 years full year cover, but Beith Early Years and Kilbirnie's St Brigid's Early Years will only have 1140 hours over term time for 3-5 year olds cover available. When it comes to childminders, they are still required to do the same planning work as larger nurseries, even though they are on their own. A number of childminders have left in the wake of Covid, when people were working from home and now that people are working from the office again, the number of childminders has not been restored. It is felt that there is not enough support from NAC. The only before and after school care in the Garnock Valley for working parents of schoolchildren is Beith Hive and Yellow Brick Road Nursery in Kilbirnie.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Christina's Locality Team staff numbers have been reduced. Garry Brown and Garry Tait have been redeployed while Stewart Beck and Andy Gregory have taken early retirement from NAC. The team has been joined by Gavin Ferguson</p>	

	from the Three Towns and Heather Branley, who previously worked in Kilwinning and the North Coast.	
12.	<p><u>SEPA</u> SEPA have launched a consultation on review of areas most at risk of flooding across Scotland as well as looking at disrupting criminal dumpers</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Parking Enforcement Officers This is the new name for traffic wardens. From 28th March, they will be giving out warning notices but from Mon 15th April, they will be issuing fines of £100 for parking on the pavement or other infringements. There has been a mixed response in the community. Some people think it is just about revenue generation whilst others are thankful to be able to walk on the pavements again. The scheme is at an early stage but the suggestion was made that we should be asking for monthly reporting, similar to what we get from Police Scotland. We were advised there are no current plans for regular reporting but Cllr DLR said that we could make an FOI request, possibly in a few months to see how the scheme has developed over 6 months.</p> <p>D-Day 80 Years The church minister will give a dedication at the war memorial. The Drama Group are arranging songs and poetry from 7.30-8.30pm. B&DCC will be in the Community Centre. Catering has been organised with sandwiches, tea and coffee. Frances Oates, who knitted the figures, will light the beacon. Robert Jamieson will be the bugler, though they are still looking for a piper. Sgt Clark was very helpful in advising on procedures for arranging the parade.</p> <p>Race Night B&DCC are holding a race night in The Smugglers Tavern on Fri 10th May at 7pm.</p> <p>Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch They will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm</p> <p>Beith Townhouse Quiz There is a team quiz on Fri 19th April in the Masonic Lodge. Max 5 per team @ £4 per head</p> <p>Geilsland House Beith Trust have asked us to send a letter of support so that they can apply for funding to restore Geilsland House. The letter has been sent.</p> <p>Dalry Community Council There will be a public meeting to see if there is enough interest in the community to bring back Dalry Community Council. This will be held on Thursday 2nd May in Rosearden. JW and RW will attend from B&DCC and Allan Wright will attend from K&GCC as a show of support but also to help answer any questions about how a CC works</p> <p>Bench seats</p>	<p>JW / RW</p>

	<p>Ted Nevill advised that the bench has now been installed at Spiers School and there is another one in Geilsland Estate</p> <p>Cree Hylands Having sat through her first meeting of B&DCC, Cree was asked if she was still interested in joining. She agreed to join as a co-opted member. She was proposed by Janet Barr and seconded by Helen McNaughton.</p> <p>Minutes of Meetings Allan Wright from Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council has been taking the minutes of our meetings since August 2021, missing only two meetings in that time. Due to other commitments, he has asked us to arrange our own minutes going forward. We thanked him for his help and we will make arrangements for our next meeting.</p>	
	<p>With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 14th May at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Policing in North Ayrshire
Community Council Report
Kilbirnie
March 2024



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 482

Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 363

Kilbirnie	165				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		3			
Assault	2	Disturbance	7	Vandalism	5
Theft	6	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Dalry	148				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	5	Disturbance	2	Vandalism	1
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Beith	169				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		3			
Assault	5	Disturbance	1	Vandalism	4
Theft	2	Shoplifting	8	Housebreaking	0
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Crime Report Details		Total for this month	46
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	8	1	
Theft by shoplifting	2	2	
Vandalism	5	0	
Road traffic offences of note			