



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held via Zoom on Tuesday 13th February 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
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Ward 2
Cllr Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
Allan Wright	AW	Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council

		<u>Actions</u>			
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were recorded.				
	Apologies: Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Patricia Gibson MP,				
2.	<u>Police Report:</u> Sgt Douglas Clark submitted apologies. AW read out the stats. The source details can be found in App 1				
		Garnock Valley	Beith	Dalry	Kilbirnie
	Total calls this month	447	151	145	151
	Drug dealing and drug misuse	7	0	0	7
	Violence and anti-social behaviour	52	17	8	27
	Assault	9	3	2	4
	Disturbance	31	8	4	19
	Vandalism	12	6	2	4
	Dishonesty	15	5	5	5
	Theft	4	2	0	2
	Shoplifting	9	3	5	1
	Housebreaking	2	0	0	2

	<p>Road safety 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Road crash of note 0 0 0 0</p>			
<p>Sgt Clark had been in Irvine for 5 weeks but was now back in the Garnock Valley. Beith Co-op now has alcohol behind glass cases, which is reducing the number of shopliftings.</p>				
<p>There was a question about the Wee Close. RS advised that the site appeared to have been tidied up. DLR said Planning still had the matter under investigation, however there doesn't appear to be any vehicles about the place now. There was speculation that the site may even have been sold.</p>				
3.	<p><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:</p> <p><u>Proposer:</u> Robert Winning <u>Seconded:</u> Janet Barr</p>			
4	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GPs would now be invited to the 12th March meeting. There was some discussion about making this a community event and possibly suspending or rescheduling the rest of the agenda. 			
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>23/00890/HSC Chivas Bros Ltd Storage of hazardous substances within maturation warehouses – shared – no objections noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hazardous substance appears to be the alcohol the facility was designed to store <p>Robert McKinnon Miller Homes - Miller Homes Ltd are investigating the purchase of land known as The Glebe in Beith, North Ayrshire. “The land is being sold by the Church of Scotland and Miller are looking to acquire the site for a housing development of approximately 45 private family homes. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your Chair and Secretary at this early exploratory stage to discuss our layout and house types and to understand their views (and that of the wider community) and gain initial feedback on our proposals. After which, we would be more than happy to meet with the wider membership of the Community Council”. – Meeting scheduled via teams with HM McN & JW, however was cancelled by Mr McKinnon due to illness and to be rescheduled on 27th Feb</p>			
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>Closing Balances: Admin account £331.40 Project account £36,125.44</p> <p>Admin: we have paid for our insurance and received the money back from NAC today.</p> <p>Project: we received £27.80 in interest</p>			

	HM is chasing an invoice for a bench. Jeeni Lamont confirmed the bench had been received and was awaiting the concrete base.	
7.	<p><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></p> <p>The next meeting is to be held on Wed 21 February. HM & RW to attend.</p> <p>CP was to send an email with dates of next meetings</p> <p>There was a discussion about whether or not the group were happy with the consultants. Rather than start again, it was felt that we should continue.</p>	HM / RW CP
8.	<p><u>Chairs / Vice Chars next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be on Tue 19 March</p>	
9.	<p><u>Beith Orr Trust Park Strategic Group</u></p> <p>Funding has been secured for a feasibility study. The date of the next meeting is also Wed 21 February.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Email from Patricia Gibson</u></p> <p>“Further to my correspondence with North Ayrshire Council regarding the condition of the above, I just wanted to update you that North Ayrshire Council has assured me that an inspection will be carried out of Beith War Memorial to check its condition to see if any works are required. I will be kept updated and will update you as soon as I have any further information.”</p>	
11.	<p><u>GVLP and Working Groups</u></p> <p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVLP will be on Thur 14th Mar at 7pm (<i>Venue TBC</i>) • Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 6th Mar at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. <p>At the Working Group, they have been discussing the proposed Crosbie Wind Farm and how we can secure community benefits for the Garnock Valley (not just Dalry, as with Dalry Community Wind Power). Beith Trust has put forward a proposal for B&DCC, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock CC and Dalry Community Development Hub to work with Beith Trust to design a new group to manage the community benefits. This group might even look into taking a part ownership of the wind farm, but this is a decision for a few years down the line. There is a group of 9x Community Councils in South Ayrshire, referred to as 9CC, who took this approach five years ago and are now beginning to see the benefits of their efforts. The new group being designed will operate for approx. the next 25 years, during which time, they will also have to consider how to secure revenue for the area once the wind farm has reached the end of its life cycle. It may be that the turbines are simply replaced, or it might mean that some of the benefit money is used to purchase real estate for rent, etc.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the processes and potential outcomes of this proposal. It was then agreed that B&DCC would support the proposal. The next step will be to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the four group partners and Galileo.</p>	

<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>B714 Upgrade – there is a consultation taking place on 13th, 14th and 15th February. The concern is that by increasing the usability of the B714, particularly for larger vehicles, it will increase the number of vehicles on the A737 Beith Bypass. There is still no firm update on when the Gateside traffic lights will be installed to increase the safety of this junction.</p> <p>Community Tourism Event – Beith Trust have organised an event in the Eglinton Inn on Thur 15th Feb.</p> <p>Catering for next meeting - £100 is to be earmarked for start-up costs for catering at future meetings. This includes £36.99 for an Andrew James pump flask. Unfortunately, we don't have access to the kitchen in the centre so hot water will have to be brought from home</p> <p>Eglinton Street – Cllr DLR raised concerns about the state of the building on Eglinton Street from the former Anderson Hotel to the Royal Mail office. There was someone looking into convert these buildings into flats but it was suggested that the internal damage due to the building not being wind and water tight was cost prohibitive. Even if the building could be painted on the outside, it would improve the amenability of the area. Cllr DLR to discuss with Planning if there is a way to force landowners to develop or sell the property. Potential sources of funding could come from the Community Empowerment Bill and the Repurposing Derelict Land Fund.</p> <p>Speirs Trust – there will be a meeting in Cunningham House on Thu 15th Feb at 2pm</p> <p>James Smith – we were saddened to hear of the passing of James's son, Quentin on the 4th January.</p>	<p>DLR</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 12th March at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Policing in North Ayrshire
Community Council Report
Kilbirnie
January 2024



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

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

Garnock Valley total calls this month 447

Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 382

Kilbirnie	151				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		7			
Assault	4	Disturbance	19	Vandalism	4
Theft	2	Shoplifting	1	Housebreaking	2
Road crash of note					

Dalry	145				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	2	Disturbance	4	Vandalism	2
Theft	0	Shoplifting	5	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Beith	151				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	3	Disturbance	8	Vandalism	6
Theft	2	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Crime Report Details		Total for this month	37
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	2	0	
Theft by shoplifting	0	0	
Vandalism	5	2	
Road traffic offences of note			