



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 14th May 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 Margaret Johnson	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr MJ	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer
Sgt Douglas Clark	DC	Police Scotland
Allan Wright	AW	Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council

9 members of the public

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance, with an increased number of members of the public in attendance. Higher attendance was due to ongoing concerns related to the Manse Field.	
	Apologies: Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Patricia Gibson MP, Cllr Donald Reid	
2.	<u>Police Report:</u> The source details can be found in App 1	

	<p>DC was pleased to confirm that we have seen no house break ins reported from the last meeting which is positive news.</p> <p>Most of the shoplifting figures are still from the Co-Op with repeat offenders presenting the majority of the issues. DC's team are working hard on this issue.</p> <p>DC explained that the police are visible in the local areas which they feel has contributed to lower numbers. DC confirmed that police will be back out on bikes during the summer months.</p> <p>DC explained that his shift pattern is changing which presents issues attending the monthly meeting. This is an ongoing issue which DC is looking into.</p> <p>DC informed that they are working with Trading Standards to identify and manage traders selling to under age.</p> <p>DC again appealed for members of the public to report drug concerns. He explained that the more concerns raised provides the evidence for the police to act.</p> <p>DC was asked about the impact of the announcement made that police will no longer be responding to mental health wellbeing checks. DC confirmed that this will be phased out and that other services need to step in. DC confirmed that they will respond to calls where there is a risk to life. HMcN asked Cllr MJ if this was something that HSCP were now looking into. Cllr MJ confirmed that this was now under discussion to address concerns.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<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> Janet Barr <u>Seconded:</u> Robert Winning</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>The Race Night was held on the 9th of May 2024, with £277.17 raised for the D Day celebrations. The evening was a success with good turnout.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Miller Homes had held a Public Consultation regarding the proposal to build 45 homes on the Manse Field on Tuesday 23 April at High Church Parish Hall. This was very well attended by the people of Beith.</p>	<p>RW/HM/JW</p>

	<p>Planning permission application is expected to be submitted by late May/early June. B&DCC promised to circulate information on social media once notification had been received. HMcN invited the members of the public to share their views. B&DCC were informed that a group has been set up with a view to progress a community buy out application and Beith Trust are processing with a retrospective application. CP advised on funding streams that would be available to the group. The discussion also led to B&DCC and CP providing information on Place Plans / Frameworks to support town improvements and identify areas of work that would be project ready when funding becomes available. Community engagement sessions / consultations and survey are planned over the next few months to seek the views of the community. CP explained that when the Place Plan is completed it will be put forward to NAC to be included in the Local Development Plan 3. HMcN also informed the group of the work in progress to carry out a feasibility study of Beith Orr Trust Park.</p> <p>Many of the members of public in attendance shared their views on the proposed building on the Manse Field with action points raised for B&DCC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can B&DCC contact the council to investigate the ability to remove a piece of land from the LDP that has been earmarked at phases 1 and 2? 2. If this is a possibility, would B&DCC actively support any proposed removal from the LDP? 3. Would B&DCC support a community buyout if this was to be an option presented? <p>JW responded on behalf of B&DCC reiterating that the purpose of B&DCC is to support the views of the majority and therefore support would be provided if it was deemed appropriate</p> <p>It was agreed that if planning permission is submitted whilst B&DCC was on the summer break, a public meeting would be held as a priority to support the public.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>The invoice for the gym equipment was received which accounted for recent sizeable outgoings - £24, 814.98 has now been paid for the gym equipment to support the Beith Skatepark Group development.</p> <p>Special Projects balance: £1025.92 Non Projects balance £1021.95 Admin balance £254.40</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></p> <p>The last meeting was held on Wednesday 24 April in Rosearden Hall, Dalry. The next meeting will be held on the 29th May 2024. Update is contained above in Miller Homes discussion.</p>	<p>HMcN</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>SCDC Participation Request Proposals Conference</u></p> <p>At the request of the Scottish Government, SCDC have been working with community representatives and staff from public sector agencies to develop ideas for improving the</p>	

	Participation Requests process based on experience of using them so far. These ideas will inform ministers consideration of Part Three of Community Engagement (Scotland) Act 2015 as part of the wider review of the Act happening this year. The proposals conference is tomorrow 15.05.24 however no-one from B&DCC is available to attend as it is during the day when members are working.	
9.	<u>Wider B777 Corridor Active Travel Study</u> The Wider B777 Corridor Study was held on the 26 th March 2024 and feedback collated has been used to inform the development of the project during Stage 2. There will be further stakeholder engagement as part of Stage 2.	
10.	<u>HSCP Locality Conversations</u> Cllr MJ confirmed there was a good turn out at the sessions and that proposals and outcomes would be issued.	
11.	<u>GVLP and Working Groups</u> Dates of next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVLP will be on Thur 13th Jun at 7pm in Beith Community Centre 	JW
12.	<u>Better Buses Ayrshire Public Meeting</u> A public consultation is open until the 13 th May to share concerns regarding Stage Coach's remaining service. This has been shared on social media.	
13.	<u>Community Transport Survey</u> The transport survey remains open until the 2 nd June with RW to share another prompt on social media.	RW
14.	<u>The Farm Energy Company</u> Submission of PoAN to North Ayrshire council for the construction of 6 turbines to support DSM. This has been shared on social media.	
15.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> <u>D-Day 80 Years 06/06/2024</u> 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 is being organised with sandwiches, tea and coffee by HM. Robert Jamieson will be the bugler and we are hoping to be provided with a more senior piper. A member of the public offered support, noting she had a friend who had a son who is a piper who may be able to help. RW to arrange an event on social media to gauge numbers. <u>Vacancies on B&DCC</u>	RW

	A reminder was provided to the public that B&DCC has vacancies for anyone wishing to join and a reminder of the application process was explained.	
	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 11th June at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.	

Appendix 1: Police Report

JW to insert