



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 10th October 2023 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
 Cllr John Bell Cllr JB Ward 2
 Sgt Douglas Clark DC Police Scotland
 1 member of the public

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were recorded. Apologies: Cllr Janet Barr, Cllr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Anthea Dickson, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Donald L Reid, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Christina Pieraccini, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP	
2.	<u>Police Report:</u> Sgt Douglas Clark advised that they are about to adopt a new shift pattern. This means that they might have difficulty attending Monday night meetings (e.g. K&GCC) but they should be able to attend Tuesday night meetings. We also reviewed the content of the monthly report and it was suggested that figures could be presented in both GV and town figures to give context. Some issues, such as youth disorder might have an impact on Beith for a while before moving to Dalry. By having a GV perspective as well as Beith, we can see the area as a whole, especially as there is no Dalry CC any more. 101 is still having issues. The police can handle around 80 calls per month but are getting double that with 150-160 calls per month. Drugs are still a problem in the area but there aren't enough calls to give police information to go on. They also want to do more community work, such as help paint the fence at No 2 Main Street in Kilbirnie or attend events like Garnock Valley Carves HM raised the issue of two fires on Fri 20 th Sept with one at the Red Brae and the other at the Pagoda in the Community Garden where books had been set alight. Whilst the Fire Service responded, the police had not been informed.	
3.	<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: Proposer: James Waite Seconded: Robert Winning	

4	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u> None</p>	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/00721/PP) Erection of 2 no. terraced houses with mixed-use development combining 2 apartments, commercial/community unit, roof garden and 2 no. covered parking spaces – Wilson Street / Mitchell Street, Beith <p>There has been some email correspondence from the landowner after the planning application was shared on social media. He took this to be that we were looking for objections when we were just trying to publicise the application. We have no objections to his proposals. The landowner was invited to the meeting but he declined to attend.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u> (see appendix 2) Closing Balances: Admin account £254.40 Project account £35,972.53</p> <p>The accounts are currently with NAC for Audit</p>	
7.	<p><u>Place Plans</u> Consultants Austin Smith Lord and Nick Wright Planning are working on a Place Framework. They are holding a meeting in Bridgend Community Centre on Wed 11th October. HM and RW to attend</p>	HM / RW
8.	<p><u>Scottish Water</u> An issue relating to a burst water main in Burnhouse was shared on social media.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Remembering Together Events</u> The advert for these events was shared on social media. There was some discussion about some of the ideas put forward so far. The link between the designs and Covid weren't clear. One design was about creating a shared space for people to come together whilst during Covid, we had 2m social distancing. There were also issues about the project being less about creating a memorial and more about the re-opening of society after the lockdowns had ended. There are still some people, especially elderly or otherwise vulnerable groups, who are afraid to come out of their own houses in case they catch Covid or other illnesses.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Beith Orr Trust Park Strategic Group</u> The group met on 27 September with the next meeting due on 18th October. The terms of reference for the group have now been agreed.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Beith Exercise Challenge</u> We have funding to buy 2x picnic tables, 2x benches and 2x picnic benches with wheelchair accessibility. The benches are to be marked with the message "take some breathing space" as part of a mental health awareness campaign. The plan to establish the 4 sites around Beith has now been abandoned due to difficulties with NAC. Whilst we have mentioned putting some of these items beside the skate park, other locations suggested included Spiers ground and Geilsland.</p>	

12.	<p><u>GVLV and Working Groups</u></p> <p>Since the Working Group meeting is on a Wednesday night and JW is not available, he asked if RW or HM were able to attend but they were also unable to attend.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the Beith Community Association CIF Expression of Interest, which was discussed at last month's GVLV meeting. Although the EoI had been rewritten from the version submitted to the June meeting, there were still questions being asked about having some sort of business plan for what the £80k was expected to fund.</p> <p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVLV will be on Thur 7th Dec at 7pm in Bridgend Community Centre. • Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 1st Nov at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall. 	
13.	<p><u>Wee close – resident question</u></p> <p>Cllr Donald L Reid has spoken to senior Planning Staff relating to issues raised by residents in Kirk View regarding works carried out in Wee Close and Main Street and allegations of cars being sold. He has been advised that compliance and other legal notices have been served on individuals and legal processes are ongoing. As this is a live issue, no further comment can be made. Indeed it may well be a long-running process as any failure to comply with legal notices had led to litigation. Police have also been involved, but they too cannot make comment on their ongoing processes.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Speeding in Gateside</u></p> <p>Speeding in the village has been a problem for some time. Some residents had requested speed bumps being installed. Once complete, they complained about the noise caused by the vehicles going over these bumps and they had to be removed again. Unfortunately, the issue still persists. As Sgt Clark was still present, the matter was passed to him to ask Traffic Police to monitor and advise.</p>	DC
15.	<p><u>Remembrance Sunday Wreaths</u></p> <p>There was a discussion about whether or not there would be a parade on the Sunday. DC confirmed that the paperwork for the route had been received. It was then proposed to buy two wreaths: one for Sat 11th Nov at the Auld Kirk service organised by Beith Townhouse and one for Sun 12th Nov at the War Memorial</p>	
16.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beith Parish Church <p>It was noted that Rev. Adri La Grange been asked to preach as sole nominee following the retirement of Rev Roddy MacDonald. This means that the new minister-elect will preach to the congregation and there will be a vote afterwards as to whether or not to accept them as the new minister.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Dressed Window <p>B&DCC have been asked to organise the Best Dressed Window competition again this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speirs Trust 	

	<p>Cllr DLR has raised concerns that no meeting of Spiers Trust has taken place for some 3 years. Senior officers at NAC have been advised. He is hopeful that this will result in a meeting soon as Friends of Spiers are concerned that there has been no meetings for such a lengthy period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whisky Bonds <p>B&DCC has received an email from Michael Taylor, a resident of Seamill with business interests in the Garnock Valley, who has concerns about the effects of angel share on the local environment. He has been invited to attend 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 14 November 2023 at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

156 calls to police resulting in 37 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 122 Last month calls: 134

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 5
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour** –
Assaults: 6 Noise: 2 Disturb: 1 Damage: 7
Public nuisance 6 of which 2 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**
Theft: 10 H/B: 1 Vehicle crime: 4
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime** –
Road traffic matters: 11 Road Traffic Collisions: 3
Road Traffic offences: 0

Immediate calls: 16

Missing Persons calls: 0

Concern for Person calls: 1

Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	7	6	
Vandalism	5	0	
Communications	0	0	
Road traffic offences	4	2	

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

Statement 2022/2023 -BEITH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Account Overview	Balance	Income (Plus in hand balance)	Expenditure	Bank Balance	Variance
Admin	£254.40	£2,451.93	£2,197.53	£254.40	£0.00
Special Projects	£35,972.53	£37,893.73	£1,921.20	£35,972.53	£0.00
Overall	£36,226.93	£40,345.66	£4,118.73	£36,226.93	£0.00

Sent for Audit

Projects Spend Breakdown

	Fitness Project	Kings Coronation PB	Non-Project Spend
Cash In	£34,991.50	£921.00	£1,941.87
Spend	£0.00	£917.66	£1,003.54
Overall	£34,991.50	£3.34	£938.33

