



**Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council**  
**Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7:00pm**

**In Attendance:**

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Janet Barr	JB	Beith & District Community Council
Cree Hylands	CH	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Councillor
Cllr Donald Reid	Cllr DR	Councillor
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Councillor
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

**Public numbers: 10**

		<b><u>Actions</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	<p>The chair welcomed all those in attendance.</p> <p>A guest was also in attendance in reference to agenda point number 5 - Nick Wright.</p>	
	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Sgt Douglas Clark, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Anthea Dickson and James Waite.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Police Report:</u></b></p> <p>The source details can be found in App 1 which was provided the day after the meeting. No police representative could attend the meeting.</p> <p>Garnock Valley total calls this month – 513                      Garnock Valley total calls this month last year – 457</p> <p>Beith – 143 calls                      Drug dealing and drug misuse -0                      Assault – 2                      Disturbance – 5                      Vandalism – 1                      Theft – 3                      Shoplifting – 3                      Housebreaking – 0                      Road crash of note – 0</p> <p>Members of the public raised concerns about the shelter at the community centre garden being vandalised by youths.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:</p> <p><b><u>Proposer:</u></b> HM <b><u>Seconded:</u></b> CH</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b></p> <p>HM attended a Prevent Awareness presentation provided by Ayrshire police.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p>24/00602/PP   Change of use from public house to form HMO containing 10 bedrooms and communal living/cooking/dining facilities   Saracen's Head 8-10 Eglinton Street Beith North Ayrshire KA15 1AQ Approved – no conditions</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Accounts</u></b></p> <p>Admin - £160.43 Special projects - £1,993.98</p> <p>2023/2024 accounts submitted for audit by RW.</p>	<b>RW</b>
7.	<p><b><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></b></p> <p>Nick Wright attended the meeting to provide the public and BDCC with an update on the initial findings from the 'Our Garnock Valley Survey' and to explain why this project was important for the community.</p> <p>NW explained he is part of a small group formed in September 2023 paid for by the council. Their main goal is to create a community led plan to improve the GV using information provided by the public. NW explained they had obtained 750 responses from the survey thus far, the majority of which from Beith, and common themes were clear, one of which is the lack of public transport.</p> <p>NW explained that a draft action plan will be prepared with a view to publishing a final plan in which the Council will sign off which is expected in early Spring.</p> <p>Events organised for November – 13<sup>th</sup> Kilbirnie, 14<sup>th</sup> Beith and the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Dalry.</p> <p>Events will also be organised in Burnhouse, Gateside and Glengarnock to gather views from public.</p> <p>NW will ensure BDCC is kept up to date regarding events to help encourage members to participate. NW confirmed surrounding areas will receive leaflets to encourage numbers to these events.</p>	

	NW confirmed you can sign up for the bulletin by going to ourgarnockvalley.net.	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Garnock Valley Older People's Voice Network</u></b></p> <p>A project to determine what issues affect older people living in the Garnock Valley from 24/09/2024 – response returned via email by the BDCC. General views were lack of transport which leads to isolation and loneliness.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>Garnock Valley Working Group</u></b></p> <p>Meetings attended 01/10/2024 by HM.</p> <p>Focus on discussing travel, employability skills in the GV and encouraging job creation/retention. A travel analysis survey is due to be launched.</p>	<b>HM</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>GV Locality Partnership &amp; Working Groups</u></b></p> <p>An update from Fiona Dunlop to follow regarding Beat the Street – schools and representatives from Early Years.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b><u>Citizen of the Year Award Beith</u></b></p> <p>An internal meeting was held by BDCC to put a provisional plan in place. Provisionally booked Geilsland to host event.</p> <p>HM applied to PB for funding requesting £1,000 to put towards the cost of the event. The event was not live at the time of the meeting but HM encouraged all in attendance to vote for BCDD once live.</p> <p>Provisional date 13/02/2024.</p>	<b>All BDCC members</b>
<b>14.</b>	<p>Beith Scouts Explorers</p> <p>Enquired regarding 4-8 week community project. Proposed Coronation Garden works but awaiting response still.</p>	<b>HM</b>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b><u>Planting update</u></b></p> <p>Brownies – 100 bulbs given for Main Street.          Scouts – Bulbs provided for Roebank.          Beith Primary School – Bulbs to be provided for Wilson St.</p> <p>Thank you to Jean Highgate for her kind donation.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	BCA are taking forward fundraising efforts for the Beith Christmas lights.	<b>CP/HM</b>

	<p>CP requested a catch up with BDCC to consider ways to increase BDCC members and members of the public to attend meetings.</p> <p>3 wreaths have been ordered for the War Memorial, Auld Kirk and the Cairn.</p> <p>Beith Skate and Play Park Initiative AGM is to be held on 09/10/2024 at the Townhouse.</p> <p>North Ayrshire Council budget proposal will be published 09/10/2024. A budget consultation will go live thereafter to provide a platform for views on the proposal. A link will be shared via BDCC Facebook.</p> <p>CP confirmed that the process for re-establishing Dalry Community Council is underway which is welcome news.</p>	
	<p><b>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Beith Community Centre at 7pm. This will also be our Annual General Meeting which will run from 7pm-7.30pm.</b></p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

**Policing in North Ayrshire  
Community Council Report  
Beith  
September 2024**



**Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire**

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024

**Garnock Valley total calls this month** 513  
**Garnock Valley total calls this month last year** 457

<b>Kilbirnie</b>	177				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		2			
Assault	3	Disturbance	8	Vandalism	6
Theft	4	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	1
Road crash of note					

<b>Dalry</b>	193				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		5			
Assault	2	Disturbance	14	Vandalism	4
Theft	2	Shoplifting	5	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

<b>Beith</b>	143				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	2	Disturbance	5	Vandalism	1
Theft	3	Shoplifting	3	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

<b>Crime Report Details</b>	Total for this month		44
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	2	0	
Theft by shoplifting	2	1	
Vandalism	0	0	
Road traffic offences of note	0		

**Your Community Policing Officers**  
 Your policing team covers the Garnock Valley and is led by Inspector David Cameron  
 Sergeant Douglas Clark  
 PCs Karen Baillie  
 Adam McKinlay  
 Scott McLay  
 John Scott

**Contact us**  
 In an emergency always call 999  
  
 For non-urgent incidents you can use the following to report incidents to Police Scotland  
 Dial 101  
 By completing the Contact Us Form on [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)  
  
 Our Twitter and Facebook sites are not for reporting crime and are not monitored 24/7  
  
 Twitter - @PSOSNAyrshire  
 Facebook - PoliceScotlandAyrshire  
  
 Email our team on - [AyrshireLPSTGarnockValley@scotland.police.uk](mailto:AyrshireLPSTGarnockValley@scotland.police.uk)

Officers in the Garnock valley have over the last month continued to Target drugs and drug dealing throughout the valley Input from the public has increased since our last update. As the darker nights and the autumnal weather draw in it is important to remember our road safety when out at night to use crossings where available and to wear bright clothing and drivers should be sure that vehicle lighting and tyre tread are in order and not below the limit.  
 As always, we should remain vigilant to the ever-increasing threat of on-line fraud and telephone scammers.  
 In all have a safe Halloween and Guy-Fawkes night where officers will be on patrol alongside Scottish Fire and Rescue.