



**Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council**  
**Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DLR	Ward 2
Cllr Ronnie Stalker	Cllr RS	Ward 2
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

5 members of the public

		<b><u>Actions</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	The chair welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies were recorded.  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Janet Barr, Cllr Sandy Blackwood, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Patricia Gibson MP	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Police Report:</u></b> Sgt Douglas Clark was not in attendance however sent a report. The stats from the report were read out. See Appendix 1 for details. Police attendance has been very poor. This will be raised again	<b>JW</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></b> The minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were approved as an accurate record by:  <b><u>Proposer:</u></b> Robert Winning <b><u>Seconded:</u></b> Helen McNaughton	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> None	
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23/00388/PPM   Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to bonded warehousing complex to include the erection of 5 no. double cell and 3 no. triple cell warehouses, associated earthworks, internal access roads, SuDS and landscaping   Chivas Bros Ltd Beith Ayrshire KA15 1HT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23/00595/MSC   Approval of matters specified in conditions of planning permission in principle ref. 21/01142/PPP for the formation of tourist accommodation site and associated works on the west (rear) field   Willowpark Lochlibo Road Burnhouse Beith Ayrshire KA15 1LF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared via email - no objections noted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b><u>Accounts</u></b> (see appendix 2)  <b>Closing Balances:</b>  <b>Admin account</b> £254.40  <b>Project account</b> £35,939.45</p> <p>Movements July - September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No movement in Admin</li> <li>Family Fundraising Event Final Donation £550.00</li> <li>Interest £50.17</li> </ul> <p>B&amp;DCC would like to thank the businesses that supported their Race Night fundraiser. Thanks also to JW and RW for organising</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Place Plans</u></b></p> <p>Consultants Austin Smith Lord and Nick Wright Planning are working on a Place Framework, which will include Place Plans for each of the Garnock Valley towns as well as the report from GV 2023. They are currently rewriting the consultants' brief to make sure it meets the needs of the community. There will be a project team meeting, exact date TBC but will be w/c 9<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><b>UPDATE: Meeting now set for Wed 11 Oct</b></p>	
8.	<p><b><u>GV Schools - RAAC</u></b></p> <p>There are no schools in the Garnock Valley with RAAC concrete. The only school in North Ayrshire is the main gym in Ardrossan Academy. There are already plans to build a new school at the harbour on former Shell land.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Persimmons Development – Kings Road</u></b></p> <p>There have been two public consultations. There were approx. 35 people at the first one. The plan has reduced the total number of houses from 195 to 191 whilst increasing the number of 2 bed houses from 12 to 16. It was suggested that the developer should install a tree line between the site and Ash Drive and Auldlea Road. As well as increasing biodiversity in the area, it would act as a privacy screen as some of the proposed houses are higher than the existing houses. There were concerns about sightlines breaching privacy by allowing the new homes to look into the windows of the existing houses. The initial plans showed a roundabout to support the flow of traffic – it was suggested that this be reinstated in the plans</p> <p>The planning application is due in to NAC in October, with a proposed timetable of starting construction summer / autumn 2024 and works completing 2025.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Woodland Creation Consultation, Defence Munitions Beith</u></b></p> <p>We have been advised of a consultation for Defence Munitions Beith to install a number of new trees at the boundary of their site. There were no objections.</p>	

<p><b>11. <u>Beith Orr Trust Park Strategic Group</u></b></p>	<p>This group includes Beith Skatepark Action Group, ), Irving Stringfellow, Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch, Beith and District Community Council and Beith Trust. They are looking into issues such as lighting, feasibility study to seek views on how the park can be best utilised as well as lease scoping. There is also a search of land registry records to see who owns Orr Park following an issue with Bellsdale Park.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>Beith Exercise Challenge</u></b></p>	<p>HMcN gave an update on the challenges facing this project. MHWB funders for 4 benches are now seeking closure of the project and funds spent. There have issues around communications with NAC with actions not being forwarded and mixed messages. Consent was verbally given for the sites initially however estates want to relinquish responsibility and are asking for BDCC to lease and maintain the site and equipment at a cost of £400 per year per site. In addition, NAC are requesting planning applications be made by BDCC.</p> <p>Land ownership has been, and issue and NAC confirmed ownership of Larch Terrace however land registry checks undertaken by Beith Trust on our behalf shows Chestnut Avenue under NAC ownership although NAC report this is owned by residents in Morrishill Drive and Cuff Crescent. Beith Skatepark Group and Beith Trust have no issue in BDCC placing equipment on their leased areas which negates the issue of leasing and planning consent for the area identified in Orr Park. During site visits with HMcN, Helen Millar and Ian Hollis NAC – both agreed the sites in Larch Terrace, Chestnut Avenue and Orr Park. On visiting Laigh Road site a resident was very firmly against the use of the site even though he previously agreed on a previous site visit with HMcN and CP. It was agreed that Helen Miller would seek ownership of the area between Wilson Street and Kings Road – next to Curves – we are still waiting on the outcome as this could be a possible alternative to Laigh Road.</p> <p>RW and HMcN visited residents in Larch Terrace and Chestnut Avenue to seek their views. A letter with explanation was posted on the day for residents not at home. On the day all those spoken to were very welcoming of the idea. Since then, there has been one phone call from a resident in Chestnut Ave who was not at home objecting to the project and one email from a resident in Larch Terrace raising an objection.</p> <p>It was suggested at the Orr Trust Park Strategic Group meeting that BDCC enter a partnership with Beith Skatepark Group to assign all the equipment to their project giving the group the benches and the gym equipment. This is under consideration. It is disappointing that NAC have not been supportive in this project and instead put barriers and challenges in the way of progressing a project in the town to enhance the area and support community mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 4 benches would be purchased and put into storage until a resolution is achieved which is to either install the full project on 4 sites around the town or pass over to Beith Skatepark Action Group.</p>	<p>H McN</p>

<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b><u>GVLP and Working Groups</u></b></p> <p>The meeting now follows a timed agenda with the meeting split into the three Locality Priorities:</p> <p>Facilities &amp; Amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place Frameworks – discussed earlier</li> <li>• GV2023 – next stage CIF application deferred to December instead of Sept GVLP</li> </ul> <p>Moving Around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel Needs Analysis – Previously on hold since Covid but now working towards understanding people’s transport needs in a post-Covid world.</li> </ul> <p>Work &amp; Local Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Zero Strategy – NAC declared Climate Emergency a few years ago. What plans do they have to mitigate harms in our communities?</li> <li>• Church of Scotland – continuing to look into issues in Kilbirnie and Dalry following consolidation of buildings. Also, looking at other denominations as they are also struggling. Focus is on hall space used by community groups rather than religious worship.</li> </ul> <p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GVLP will be on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm in Garnock Campus.</li> <li>• Supergroup meeting will be on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Dalry Scout Hall.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Wee close – resident question</u></b></p> <p>Four residents from the Dickson Court / Wee Close area were in attendance to discuss a garage that has opened servicing cars on a former disused site. They also built an office area, and it is believed that this was done without planning permission. Also, no evidence has been found that they have applied to NAC for a licence to sell motor vehicles. Both NAC Planning and Police Scotland are investigating.</p>	
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Speed Bumps on Dalry Road – resident question</u></b></p> <p>A resident asked for speed bumps to be installed in Dalry Road to slow down traffic entering the town from Manrahead. They were advised of the situation in Gateside where a resident wanted a speed bump but when it was installed, they complained about noise of vehicles and the speed bump had to be removed.</p> <p>There have also been questions about improving the drains on Dalry Road but the delays in these works are due to NAC having to consult with Scottish Water.</p>	
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Community Council Chairs and Vice Chairs Networking Session</u></b></p> <p>Melanie Anderson put out a list of suggested dates and the one chosen was Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This meeting will be online to accommodate Arran joining in. The purpose of the meeting is to enable CCs to meet their counterparts across North Ayrshire and discuss common issues.</p>	
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs – there appears to be an increasing number of posts on social media about unaccompanied dogs in the area, especially given the recent incident in Birmingham with the American XL Bully dog.</li> <li>• Aquafill – Cllr DLR advised that Aquafill, who operate from the Knox Mill in Kilbirnie and specialise in making threads for the backs of carpets is to close with the loss of 45 jobs in October.</li> <li>• Jemma Reekie – congratulations to Jemma Reekie on completing the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mile race in New York in 4 minutes and 19 seconds.</li> <li>• Bins – there were concerns about the number of bins not being emptied by NAC. We were advised that there are 3 lorries off the road and there is also a 25% sickness rate among refuse workers due to Covid.</li> </ul>	
	<p>With no further public business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close by the Chair.</p>	
	<p><b>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</b></p>	

## Appendix 1: Police Report

### Other relevant Information

Data collated between 01/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

134 calls to police resulting in 41 crime reports being raised.

Same time period - Last year calls: 118 Last month calls: 143

1. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse – 1
2. **Violence and Antisocial Behaviour –**  
Assaults: 2 Noise: 1 Disturb: 3 Damage: 6  
Public nuisance 2 of which 2 were youth related.
3. **Dishonesty – Thefts - Inc. Housebreakings**  
Theft: 16 H/B: 0 Vehicle crime: 3
4. **Road Safety/Road Crime –**  
Road traffic matters: 8 Road Traffic Collisions: 6  
Road Traffic offences: 0

Immediate calls: 13

Missing Persons calls: 1

Concern for Person calls: 3

### Crime Statistics : Monthly Report

Crime Type	Offences	Detected	Issues
Theft	12	5	
Vandalism	4	0	
Communications	0	0	
Road traffic offences	3	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	£35,939.45	£37,860.65	£1,921.20	£35,939.45	£0.00
Overall	£36,193.85	£40,312.58	£4,118.73	£36,193.85	£0.00

#### Movements July - September

No movement in Admin

Family Fundraising Event Final Donation £550.00

Interest £50.17

#### Projects Spend Breakdown

	Fitness Project	Kings Coronation PB	Non-Project Spend
Cash In	£34,991.50	£921.00	£1,186.96
Spend	£0.00	£917.66	£1,003.54
Overall	£34,991.50	£3.34	£183.42

