



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 10th September 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 Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Councillor
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

Public numbers: 11

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	<p>The chair welcomed all those in attendance.</p> <p>A moment was taken to express our condolences to Cllr Ronnie Stalker for the passing of Tony Stalker.</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Cllr Donald Reid, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Sgt Douglas Clark, Cllr Margaret Johnson, James Waite and Robert Winning.</p>	
2.	<p>Police Report: The source details can be found in App 1.</p> <p>Garnock Valley total calls this month – 485 Garnock Valley total calls this month last year – 436</p> <p>Beith – 147 calls Drug dealing and drug misuse -0 Assault – 0 Disturbance – 6 Vandalism – 0 Theft – 3 Shoplifting – 7 Housebreaking – 0 Road crash of note – 0</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>	

	Proposer: Janet Barr Seconded: Cree Hylands	
4	<u>Matters Arising:</u> N/A	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>23/00838/PPM Erection of 191 dwellinghouses with associated infrastructure and landscaping Site To West Of Auldlea Gardens Beith North Ayrshire Approved with 10 conditions</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 Response sent</p> <p>24/00636/PP Erection of 44 dwelling houses to include associated roads, footpaths, parking, landscaping and SuDS infrastructure Site At Glebe Road Beith North Ayrshire Public meeting held to hear community views as agreed at last meeting – 26.08.24 - Response sent. N.B. The public have until the 18th to submit comments.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that the Manse Field did not appear on Local Development Plan Phase 2, albeit it was suggested all areas identified in LDP1 were carried over. AD agreed to look into this and confirm.</p> <p>Post meeting update from AD:</p> <p>Today I checked the position with officers and received the following information/confirmation –</p> <p><i>“I have checked the facts with the team and can confirm that Manse Field has been identified in a number of plans dating back some years. The Garnock Valley Local Plan (2000) allocated the site for residential development (as specific proposal HOU1b), this allocated area was then incorporated into the overall Beith settlement area by LDP1 (2014) and this remains reflected in LDP2 with Manse Field being part of the overall General Urban Area. LDP2, is of course, the extant Local Development Plan that will be considered in the assessment of the recently submitted planning application.”</i></p>	AD
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>RW was unable to attend however accounts have been updated and submitted for audit.</p> <p>Admin - £222.93 Special projects - £1,992.29</p>	RW JB

	<p>Funds will be required to replace the storage container at the Coronation Garden. JB researching a suitable replacement Agreed to purchase bulbs and winter plants at approximately £350</p>	HM
7.	<p><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></p> <p>Our Garnock Valley Survey was handed out during meeting with encouragement for public to complete by providing feedback. This was also posted to households in Beith.</p> <p>The survey aims to identify areas of which action is needed to tackle the challenges our committees face by asking ‘What should the priorities be for the Garnock Valley?’. This will also be used to develop LDP3.</p> <p>Nick Wight is expected to attend the next meeting to elaborate on this issue.</p> <p>Surveys can be done online or via paper form and can be handed into the library.</p>	HM
8.	<p><u>GV Locality Partnership & Working Groups</u></p> <p>Workshop 14.08.24 -HM was unable to attend due to work commitments.</p> <p>A steering group has now been established, which will develop a community benefits distribution model.</p> <p>Our focus is on ensuring equitable resource distribution from potential local developments, which will create real community impact across Garnock Valley now and in the future. A Partnership Agreement is now in place. How can we bring more money into the GV?</p>	HM
9.	<p><u>Garnock Valley Working Group</u></p> <p>Meetings attended 07.08.24 & 04.09.24 by HM.</p> <p>Focus on discussing travel, employability in the GV and encouraging job creation/retention. A Travel Analysis survey is due to go live later this month.</p>	HM
10.	<p><u>GV Locality Partnership & Working Groups</u></p> <p>Update from JW to follow at October meeting.</p>	JW
11.	<p><u>Spiers Trust</u></p> <p>Meeting attended 26.08.24 by HM.</p> <p>A kind lady in Germany emailed historical docs, illustrations, photos – passed onto Beith Heritage.</p>	HM
12.	<p><u>Invitation to DTAS from Beith Trust to showcase ongoing work & progress</u></p> <p>This event was held on 27.08.24 however nobody was able to attend.</p>	JB

<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Orr Park Strategy – feasibility study</u></p> <p>The study has taken a great deal of effort and research and should be completed shortly. Findings to be discussed in due course.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>TACT invitation – Prevent Safeguarding Session</u></p> <p>Police Scotland – 17.09.24 – 10.00 – 11.00am via Teams. HM to attend.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Community Land Scotland</u></p> <p>Community Land Ownership session invitation – 25.09.24 – 6.00pm – West Kilbride; 26.09.24 Prestwick & Muirkirk – no-one from CC is able to attend</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>Citizen of the Year</u></p> <p>It was agreed that B&DCC would move forward with this project and BCA would support the event by providing the venue/bar. BCA confirmed they do not have capacity to organise the event themselves.</p> <p>A meeting with CC members will be arranged to discuss further.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p><u>Beith Scouts Explorers</u></p> <p>Enquiring for a 4-8-week community project. We have recommended works in the Coronation Garden.</p> <p>HM to organise and liaise.</p>	
<p>18.</p>	<p><u>Planting</u></p> <p>Thank you to Beith Christian Action Group for donation of £150 and Roebank Road resident for donation of £50 to cover costs of purchasing plants. Thank you to Dougie from Scotplants for his generous donation of 500 begonias for the war memorial and for additional begonias and lobelia planted in the coronation garden. Thank you to Gateside Plant Centre for donating additional plants and advice at time of purchase. H McN – negotiated adoption of planters in Main Street; Wilson Street; Roebank Road and the war memorial until September 2024.</p> <p>Streetscene agreed to allow summer planting at the war memorial and delay planting with perennials.</p> <p>The following have agreed to adopt sites:</p> <p>Beith Primary School – Wilson Street planter; Beith Guides – Main Street planter and Beith Scouts – Roebank Road.</p>	
<p>19.</p>	<p><u>Beith Townhouse Repairs Update</u></p> <p>Fiona Fraser kindly presented an update on the significant works required to remediate the Townhouse, which is potentially running into the £0.5m mark. Surveys are still to be prepared for rot however which may change this.</p>	

	<p>Concern from the committee at how they will raise this, and if this is the best option. The committee have 10 years into their lease with the Council, however are responsible for all maintenance and repairs during this time. The committee are worried that if they don't attempt repairs, the Townhouse will simply be lost.</p> <p>A detailed survey was conducted which outlines a whole host of works to be undertaken, with a sizeable sum of this classified as priority 1.</p> <p>Concern was noted for the absentee landlord who owns the surrounding buildings which are also subject to water damage which impacts the Townhouse.</p> <p>Fiona passed around membership leaflets and encouraged members to join to encourage visits and ensure the Townhouse remains on Beith's radar.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>A member of the public raised concern for the short notice provided to raise funds for the Beith Christmas lights, which is estimated to be over £6k. This includes a sizeable repairs bill which members of the public are questioning.</p> <p>BCA have initiated fundraising to help.</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 8th October at Beith Community Centre at 7pm.</p>	

Appendix 1: Police Report

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



Policing Priorities in North Ayrshire

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

Figures collated for dates from 01/08/2024 to 31/08/2024

Garnock Valley total calls this month 485
Garnock Valley total calls this month last year 436

Kilbirnie	156				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		1			
Assault	2	Disturbance	7	Vandalism	0
Theft	3	Shoplifting	2	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Dalry	182				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	4	Disturbance	10	Vandalism	3
Theft	1	Shoplifting	4	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Beith	147				
Drug dealing and drug misuse		0			
Assault	0	Disturbance	6	Vandalism	0
Theft	3	Shoplifting	7	Housebreaking	0
Road crash of note					

Crime Report Details	Total for this month		47
	No of reports	No detected	
Theft	3	0	
Theft by shoplifting	7	5	
Vandalism	2	1	
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

 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

We are returning to business as usual after our summer activities across Ayrshire.

We are noticing a slight increase in the amount of drug intelligence coming to us but I am aware this still falls short of what I would like.