



Minutes of the Meeting of Beith and District Community Council
Held in Beith Community Centre on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7pm

In Attendance:

Helen McNaughton	HM	Chair, Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair, Beith & District Community Council
Cree Hylands	CH	Beith & District Community Council
Robert Winning	RW	Treasurer
Cllr John Bell	Cllr JB	Councillor
Cllr Donald Reid	Cllr DR	Councillor
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Councillor
Christina Pieraccini	CP	Locality Officer

Public numbers: 5

		<u>Actions</u>
<u>1.</u>	<p><u>Welcome, apologies, condolences and continuation of B&DCC</u></p> <p>The chair welcome all those in attendance.</p> <p>Apologies were made for Cllr Margaret Johnson and Cllr Ronald Stalker.</p> <p>Cllr Margaret Johnson's husband sadly passed away recently, and our condolences were noted for Margaret, her family and their friends.</p> <p>Previous B&DCC Treasurer Jim Murdoch has also sadly passed away and our condolences were noted for his family and friends.</p> <p>HM raised deep concerns regarding the continuation of B&DCC if we could not raise the numbers. HM explained that we need a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 10, and that at present, we have 4. B&DCC is at risk of dissolution if we cannot find more members urgently.</p> <p>It should be noted that three members of the public joined this evenings' meeting with a view to considering joining B&DCC. HM provided paperwork to those considering joining and will action the joining process in due course if necessary.</p> <p>HM encouraged those in attendance to pass this concern along to local residents to encourage interest in joining.</p>	HM
<u>2.</u>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No police officer in attendance to provide update.</p>	AD

	It was noted that there have been some structural changes in North Ayrshire and AD agreed to take this feedback away. Whilst data was still being passed along, the delay in passing the data is leading to no data being available for the monthly meetings.	
3.	<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> HM <u>Seconded:</u> JW</p> <p>HM raised concerns that the minutes were not showing on the council website. CP noted that the minutes are showing to September 2024 and it was agreed that there was some difficulty locating the minutes due to the complex internet pathway on the website. CP agreed to feedback.</p>	CP
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HM noted that the Best Dressed Window competition during the Christmas period came to a close with three local shops. Prizes were issued accordingly and B&DCC would like to thank those who participated. First – The Little gift Shop Second – curiosity Third – Buns & Crumbs 2. We are awaiting the outcome of the Budget Engagement Survey. 3. The Travel Survey has launched and shared on social media. Awaiting outcome 4. The bridge at Barmill is now fully functional post repair works. 5. Beith Skatepark Launch was cancelled due to poor weather and will be rearranged later this year 6. Beith Orr Trust Park Strategy group - Funding for trees at Beith Orr trust Park – awaiting outcome – next meeting 29.01.25 	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24/00636/PP Erection of 44 dwelling houses to include associated roads, footpaths, parking, landscaping and SuDS infrastructure – awaiting decision <p>Updates were made available on the council website regarding the NAC Flooding Consultation response and Roads Consultation response. Miller Homes have uploaded further documentation. All responses and updates are available on the council's website, but to date, no decision has been made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Provisional Licence Application: Masonic Jacz, 21 Main St, Beith. <p>No opinions were noted and B&DCC will return a response noting no objections.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>Admin - £281.09</p>	

	<p>Special projects - £1859.86</p> <p>Funds were spent on flowers for Janet Barr thanking her for her service and prizes for the Best Dressed Window competition. Following another successful audit with no issues, NAC awarded a top up of £257.07.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Place Plans / Place Framework</u></p> <p>Now Let's Decide What To Do event will took place on the 14th November in the Beith community Centre. Attendance was high and feedback from those who attended was very positive.</p> <p>Village events will now take place in Gateside, Barrmill/Burnhouse, and Glengarnock to continue gathering feedback.</p> <p>Gateside – 20/01/2025 3-7pm Memorial Hall Barrmill/Burnhouse – 22/01/2025 3-7pm Barrmill Community Centre Glengarnock – 23/01/2025 3-7pm Garnock Boxing</p> <p>A summative event will take place at Garnock Campus in March with the date still TBC. This event intends to share the draft plan and seek views. This will summarise 18 months of hard work.</p>	All
8.	<p><u>Garnock Valley Working Group</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 16/01/2025 with community councils, Beith Trust and Dalry Hub.</p>	HM
9.	<p><u>Garnock Valley Locality Group</u></p> <p>JW attended the December meeting and noted it was a very productive meeting with the key topic being the street naming which was heavily advertised on Facebook to promote public engagement, which was a success. NAC were happy with all of the suggested names and 3 suggestions went forward.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 20/03/2025 at the Garnock Campus.</p>	JW
10.	<p><u>Citizen of the Year Event</u></p> <p>HM announced B&DCC had successfully qualified for PB funding, just shy of the sum requested, which will be used for the event. RW to follow up with relevant forms to obtain funds.</p> <p>HM noted Geilsland seemed the most appropriate place due to the in-built decorating which minimised the need for additional spending, and had obtained quotes. HM also discussed with Alan the requirement for nomination forms and Alan agreed to circulate a copy for event use.</p> <p>It was agreed it was appropriate to push the date out to May to give sufficient time for nominations and planning.</p>	All

11.	<p><u>Speirs School Records</u></p> <p>A member of the public contacted HM with old school records wishing to share with those who may have attended or be interested. The gent was a former foreign language teacher. Records were sent to HM and she will pass along to Beith Cultural & Heritage Society at The Townhouse.</p> <p>HM will share the contents at the next Spiers Trust meeting in February prior to handing over to the townhouse.</p>	HM
12.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>John Dobbie and his son Jordan joined the meeting to present their concerns regarding the potential proposal of further Loanhead Quarry expansion works, owned by W. H. Malcolm Ltd. Whilst no application has been made yet, John wished to raise his concerns in advance due to the short time members of the public must raise concerns about planning applications when they are made. The main concerns were dust/pollution, proximity to properties, noise, damage to properties and vehicles, loss of key landmarks such as St Innan's Well and disruption to the local water and wildlife.</p> <p>We welcome and look forward to working with the newly established Dalry Community Council</p> <p>POST MEETING: JW & HM agreed to pilot a later start to the February meeting to allow those travelling home from work time to arrive at the meeting</p>	
	<p>The next meeting of Beith and District Community Council will take place on Tuesday 11th February at Beith Community Centre Lounge at 7.30pm.</p>	