



**Minutes of the March 2025 Meeting of  
Beith and District Community Council  
Held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**In Attendance:**

Helen McNaughton	HM McN	Chair Beith & District Community Council
James Waite	JW	Vice Chair Beith & District Community Council
Robert Winning	RW	Treasurer Beith & District Community Council
Christina Pieracini	CP	Locality Officer NAC
Cllr Donald L Reid	Cllr DR	Ward 2
Cllr Anthea Dickson	Cllr AD	Ward 2

**Apologies:**

Cllr J Bell. A Wright. Cllr M Johnston. C Hylands

**Actions**

1. The Chair welcomed all to this meeting.

**Apologies:**

Cree Hylands	CH	Beith & District Community Council
Cllr John Bell	JB	Ward 2

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Approved: JW

Seconded: HM McN

3. **Matters Arising:**

No Matters arising, not otherwise on the agenda.

4. **Police Update:**

There was no report received, and no officer was present.

## 5. Planning Applications:

- 24/00636/PP | Erection of 44 dwelling houses to include associated roads, footpaths, parking, landscaping and Suds infrastructure – continue to await decision - **UPDATE – New Documents:**

19 Feb 2025	Drawing	Drainage layout - sheet 1 of 2
19 Feb 2025	Drawing	Drainage layout - sheet 2 of 2
19 Feb 2025	Report	Bat survey
11 Feb 2025	Consultation Response	Further roads consultation response
21 Jan 2025	Drawing	Levels layout
21 Jan 2025	Drawing	Fire appliance tracking layout
21 Jan 2025	Drawing	Refuse vehicle tracking
08 Jan 2025	Drawing	Fencing layout
08 Jan 2025	Drawing	Route of build
08 Jan 2025	Drawing	Sales area layout

Donald Bentley, spoke at length and very knowledgably about various aspects of the planning applications and the new additional documents. Donald spoke of the concerns re:

- Flooding Risks
- Process followed regarding the size of the development
- Bats
- Biodiversity

Donald took some concerns and queries, and it was agreed given his knowledge he would write a letter that the CC would send to planning asking for these important matters to be considered in the decision-making process.

DB/HMcN

- 25/00062/PP | Change of use of former church to beauty salon | 1 Auldlea Road Beith North Ayrshire KA15 2DA  
**Shared and no objections**
- 25/00041/PP | Alterations to farmhouse, conversion of stables building to form dwelling house and replacement of barn/byre to form dwelling house | South Barr Kilwinning Road Barrmill Beith North Ayrshire KA15 1JZ  
**Shared and no objections**
- 25/00051/PP | Change of use from public house to cat cafe | The Masonic Arms 21 - 23 Main Street Beith North Ayrshire KA15 2AD  
**Approved no conditions**

## 6. Treasurers Report:

RW presented the financial update. Attached to the minute.

There were no questions

Statement 2024/2025 -BEITH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

	Balance	Income (Plus in Hand Balance)	Expenditure	Bank Balance	Variance
Admin	£128.87	£720.50	£591.63	£128.87	£0.00
Special Projects	£2,798.28	£3,038.78	£240.50	£2,798.28	£0.00
Overall	£2,927.15	£3,759.28	£832.13	£2,927.15	£0.00



Projects Spend Breakdown

	Fitness Project	TBC	Non-Project Spend
Cash In	£0.00	£0.00	£2,100.46
Spend	£0.00	£0.00	£240.50
Overall	£0.00	£0.00	£1,859.96



**7. Place Framework:**

Events have taken place, there was a good turn out and some positive engagement.  
Summary event will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Work remains ongoing currently.

**8. Garnock Valley Working Group:**

HM McN gave an update on the aspects the group are looking at, including Place Plans and the Travel Needs Analysis. HM McN

**9. Garnock Valley Locality Partnership:**

JW noted that there has not been a meeting since the December Meeting, the next Locality Partnership meeting will be 20/03/25, feedback form this will be given at the April meeting. JW

**10. Consultation on SPT Draft Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy for Community Councils:**

All

Shared to Community Council Members

**11. Draft Just Transition Plan for Transport**

All

Shared to Community Council Members

**12. Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test**

All

Shared to Community Council Members

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| 13. | <b><u>SP Energy Networks Annual Stakeholder Survey</u></b>   | All    |
|     | Shared to Community Council Members  |        |
| 14. | <b><u>Draft Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) environment topic paper</u></b>  | All    |
|     | Shared to Community Council Members  |        |
| 15. | <b><u>NAC Budget</u></b>   |        |
|     | Shared to Community Council Members – Discussion held on removal of school crossing patrollers   |        |
| 16. | <b><u>Citizen of the Year 30.05.25:</u></b>  | All    |
|     | Planning is well in hand, venue, criteria and catering are organised. Nomination forms will be available both online and in paper form.                  |        |
|     | Currently working on the event itself, with plans for special guests and a night of celebration.   |        |
| 17. | <b><u>VE DAY 80 Years – 08.05.25:</u></b>  |        |
|     | Due to the limited number of CC members, we will not be holding any specific events to commemorate VE day 80 <sup>th</sup> .                             |        |
|     | Where possible, B and D CC will attend events organised locally.   |        |
| 18. | <b><u>Beith Orr Trust Park Strategy Group – next meeting 19.03.25</u></b>  | HM McN |
|     | HM McN will attend, key issues are the flooding and drainage around the skatepark.   |        |
| 19. | <b><u>Barrmill/ Burnhouse Action Group meeting 19.02.25</u></b>  |        |
|     | HM McN attended with Gavin Ferguson Connected Communities, key community concerns are the traffic and the speed in which the vehicles pass through.      |        |
|     | Residents advised to set up an action group and records incidents and to continue reporting incidents/accidents. No further action required at this time |        |
| 20. | <b><u>Spiers Trust – next meeting 22.04.25</u></b>   | HM McN |
|     | Date noted – B&DCC Chair is the representative on the group.   |        |
| 21. | <b><u>Lights &amp; Laughter 2025</u></b>   | HM McN |
|     | It was noted that Beith Community Association (BCA) will not be continuing with organising the Light and Laughter event in December.                     |        |
|     | North Ayrshire are looking for a plan for the coming year (Dec 2025), and have been in contact with Norrie Brown, who has passed this on to the CC.      |        |
|     | It is not clear at this stage if NAC have been paid for the 2024 bill for install and electricity.   |        |
|     | It was agreed that any group of people would want to know exactly where the situation stands financially before signing up.                              |        |
|     | From the members of the public present there was 2 points:   |        |

1. If it's unclear if the bill has been paid what happened to the fundraising donation made by the people of Beith via social media, and if it has been paid was there a surplus or deficit?
2. Given there are new shops in town with keen owners, could the shops play a bigger part in the organisations of the night – this would be going back to how it used to be

It was agreed that with current low numbers of CC members it would not be feasible for the CC to take this on board, however the CC could be a conduit for gather people together. It was noted there was a query around the 2024 fund raising by BCA and it was agreed that the CC would write and ask for clarity on this matter and report back at the next meeting.

**22. The Auld Kirk:**

All

Jean Highgate spoke about the dire situation with the Auld Kirk roof, and the cost of the repairs that are needed (£25,000 + VAT at 2022 prices)

Discussion took place on the cultural and historical significance of the building and whether these connections could be used to help secure funding,

The CC agreed to support the Cultural and Heritage Society in every way in their endeavours to remedy the situation.

**23. AOCB:**

- Skatepark Launch Date 10/05/25
- Coronation garden to be included in the Gardens Open day – Thanks to Carrick Crawford for including us
- Donald Bently, who was in attendance, agreed to be co-opted as a community councillor HMCN proposed RW seconded.

**24. Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 8 April at 7.30pm – Beith Community Centre Lounge

**25. Future Meetings:**

13.05.25

10.06.25

Then break for summer recess – resume 09.09.25