



**Tuesday 29 April 2025 @ 7.00 pm**

**Rosearden Hall**

**1. Welcome and Apologies ( 5 minutes)**

Chair Andy Watson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies received from Sgt Douglas Clark, Victoria McCallum, Christina Pieraccini.

In attendance: CC - Andy Watson, Gail Kilbane, Anna-May Learoyd, Valerie Brown, James McCosh, Valerie Provan, Aly Reid.

Cllr Donald L Reid, Cllr John Bell, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Cllr Ronnie Stalker, Gavin Ferguson NAC, Allan Wright KGCC, Gillian Wright GKCC, Audrey Mason DPBT, Helen McNaughton BDCC, Gordon Duckett, Holly Hodge, Lisa Griffiths, Alastair Adamson, Jill Pearson, Joan Cairns, Jean Lesperance, John Higgins.

**2. Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes of meeting from 25 March 2025 approved – proposed by Anna-May Learoyd, seconded by Val Brown

**3. Matters arising**

Covered in Agenda

**4. Reports**

**• Chairperson's Report (5 minutes)**

Andy welcomed everyone, meeting of CC held in public.

Aware of public feeling in the meeting regarding Crosbie Windfarm. Dalry CC has written to Crosbie suggesting another public meeting. Aim tonight is to keep focused on tonight's agenda.

**• Treasurer's Report (5 minutes)**

Bank account up and running with money being credited into account. New laptops purchased.

**• Secretary's Report (5 minutes)**

Agenda will be circulated in advance of meeting online, in library, Rosearden and in town notice board. Approved Minutes will be shared on NAC website, Dalry Community Council Facebook page, Dalry Library and Rosearden.

**5. Police Report**

Sgt Clark was unable to attend but submitted a written report outlining a marked reduction in the number of calls being made to Police Scotland compared to the same reporting period last year. Success in reducing the number of dishonesties in the Garnock Valley area. PS preparing for the increased workload anticipated due to better weather. Quad-bike patrols in

operation to address the use of off-road bikes in various places across the Garnock Valley and beyond.

## **6. Community Issues and Feedback (10 minutes per topic)**

- School Crossing Patrol – NAC have made decision to reduce school crossing patrol officers, including some in concerning areas. The three GV Community Councils have written raising concerns and been advised that no objections can be made until 6 months after the decision was made, in line with standing orders. Although the letter was sent just prior to Easter Holidays there has been no formal response to date.

Although Vennel Street failed to meet council criteria, but decision to remove the SCP from that area has been reversed.

Local strength of feeling is running high. The recognised methodology to determine where SCP will be removed is complex but assessments taking place in Dalry were recorded at times when children weren't crossing to go to and from school. The decision was taken without consultation with parent councils or community councils.

A campaign is underway to support a motion to suspend the standing orders in relation to this budget decision at the next NAC meeting.

Although we are aware of other campaigns across NA including parents of children with additional support needs, Aly will take to next parent council meeting.

Anna-May Learoyd proposed and Valerie Provan seconded proposal to progress with ongoing campaign. Dalry Community Councillors unanimous in our decision to progress.

During the discussion, the Margaret Archibald Fund was brought up, with a suggestion that NAC's governance in managing the fund was incorrect but could any underspend be used for SCP. Cllr Stalker advised that any suggestion of mismanagement was incorrect, but some shares the fund invests in are against the ethics of the council, so these are being sold and reinvested in council's own fund.

The Chair advised that discussion of the Margaret Archibald Fund is not on tonight's Agenda, but anyone wishing to formally discuss it, can request that it be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

### **• Road safety – Roche Way/Townend Street Junction**

Concerns regarding driving on the stretch of road, especially with increased number of heavy goods vehicles travelling through the town. A letter was sent by DCC to NAC Roads Department expressing concerns for the local community. Prompt reply advising there was no need to extend double yellow lines. It is more of an enforcement issue.

The Community Council agreed to continue to raise any ongoing concerns with NAC. This was proposed by James McCosh and seconded by Aly Reid. Unanimous in our decision to proceed.

### **• Library**

Good news – the library opening hours will remain the same

### **• Dalry – Kilwinning Footpath**

Cllr Stalker thanked the CC for their efforts to get the footpath between Dalry and Kilwinning cleared. It was a joint initiative between the three CC in the GV.

## • Road/Paths

Bottom of Courthill Street/bottom of park is now in state of disrepair. Area not owned by NAC but unclear as to who owns it. Path resurfaced ten years ago but now in state of disrepair. Road no longer being used by existing traffic. Is there any community benefit?

Path from Seik House into Park owned by Wimpy. The DPBT has funds, but funding request would need to come from the community.

Road from Lidl to the station, done at one end but not the other. Cycle track – Sustrans put the cycle track in. The second stage of the bypass is looking at funding from the bridge to the back of the old farm and cycle path down to Kilwinning road. Flood management survey being done. Ideas there but funding needs to be identified.

## 7. Planning and Development Updates (10 minutes)

### • Crosbie Windfarm

A number of local residents were in attendance to express concerns around the proposed development:

- Concerned with Battery storage farm right into planted forest. Access for emergency services not clear
- A number of discrepancies are in the planning report including, 8 dwellings omitted from the proposal.
- Wind turbine locations have changed, with one being on the periphery or in the forest itself.
- SG itself trying to reinvigorate peat marsh

Although it is a small group of residents living in a rural part of Dalry, the impact is significant should the development go ahead.

Moving forward we will gather wider range of local views via a questionnaire and invite Crosbie to host another public meeting.

- Other Developments
  - Former foundry Carsehead (McLuckies). Part change of industrial building for second hand vehicle sales. For information only.

## 8. Garnock Valley Locality Partnership (10 minutes)

The working group has been meeting every month across the GV.

Travel needs analysis is now complete

Place plan – report being finalised and local consultation event for the whole of the GV being planned for June 2025. future event being planned for June.

Community Benefit has been discussed across the three Community Councils areas, based on the 9CC model which was set up across 9 communities in East Ayrshire.

SG consultation underway on Community Benefits for offshore and onshore windfarm.

## 9. Upcoming Events and Initiatives (10 minutes)

8 May – VE Day – Open Invite to Cream Tea Celebration event in Rosearden 2-4pm.

- Citizen Volunteer of the Year

Lots of great work, probably in August celebration event.

Citizen/young person/team of the year.

#### **10. Correspondence (5 minutes)**

Already discussed in other agenda items

#### **11. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business) (10 minutes)**

In recognition of the great community work that goes on in Dalry, the Community Council have applied for funding to organise a Volunteer/Citizen of the Year event in August.

#### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 27 May 2025, 7pm @ Rosearden Hall**

#### **Local Events Calendar**

<b>08 May 2025</b>	<b>VE Day Celebration – Rosearden</b>
<b>25 May 2025</b>	<b>Party in the Park</b>
<b>14 June 2025</b>	<b>Dalry Show</b>
<b>22 June 2025</b>	<b>Skirt the Skeith</b>
<b>31 August 2025</b>	<b>Dalry Motor Show</b>
<b>13 September 2025</b>	<b>Garnock Valley Carves</b>
<b>Last Friday Every Month</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Network, Public Living Room</b>