



Tuesday 25 February 2025 @ 7.00 pm

Rosearden Hall

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies (5 minutes)

Cllr Stalker, Cllr Bell, James McCosh, Cllr Johnstone

Attendees:

Andy Watson, Chair; Anna-May Learoyd, Treasurer; Gail Kilbane, Secretary; Valerie Brown, DCC; Valerie Provan, Dalry CC; Aly Reid, Dalry CC

Cllr Reid, Cllr Dickson, Christina Pieraccini, NAC, Gavin Ferguson, NAC, Helen McNaughton Beith & District CC, Allan Wright Kilbirnie & Gengarnock CC.

Sheena Woodside, Julie Wales, E McGoff, Victoria McCallum, Jill Pearson, Patricia Smith, Melanie Scott, Freddie Lauritzen, John Higgins, Gillian Wright, Carol Young.

2. Minutes from previous meeting - Approved and Seconded by Valerie Brown and Valerie Provan

3. Matters arising

Tabled on Agenda

4. Reports

➤ Chairperson's Report

Andy Watson welcomed everyone to the second meeting of Dalry CC and opened by congratulating Dalry Action Group in successfully recruiting new committee members. He also conveyed our thanks on behalf of Dalry CC to outgoing members who have worked hard to ensure that the organisation of the Christmas light switch on has been so successful.

Andy outlined importance of having a strong cohesive community, identifying concerns and working collectively to find workable solutions.

In light of an increase in Council Tax and potential risks to services, we need to be clear on what's happening by getting facts and sharing them, then determining how we make a strong, collective case and stand together for the benefit of our community; protect what matters most to the people of Dalry and keeping you informed at every step.

➤ Treasurer's Report

Bank account now in final stages and should be operational in next few days.

➤ **Secretary's Report**

Correspondence to Transport Scotland regarding clean-up of pavement between Dalry – Kilwinning supported by other two GV CC. Prompt response received advising that this will be done during a planned road closure next month at Dalgarvan to complete lining works.

Correspondence in – SG R100 Broadband Evaluation

Planning – Dalry CC on distribution list for weekly email list to check any applications

Email sent to Police Scotland regarding re-establishment of Dalry CC,

Conveyed our support to Beith and District CC re low numbers.

5. Police Report

Pc Ross Pollart presented details for January 2025 figures. Issues raised about housebreakings not picked up in either December 2024 or January 2025 data.

Other two CC's asking for representation at their meetings.

Allen Wright from Kilbirnie and Glengarnock CC gave an overview of why there is now a combined GV report, as issues in one area are likely to follow into another. Patterns and trends can be identified and actions to mitigate against these can be determined.

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

- **Library Closure** – Full closure of Dalry Library not expected to be approved as a full saving but approval last year to reduce working days of local libraries.

Reminder that it is very much a community place, with lots of activity to support social isolation rather than just a library.

- **Crossing Patrol Officers** – Concerns regarding the removal of the Officer at Sharon Street, a busy junction with poor visibility and high traffic volume travelling at speed.

7. Planning and Development Updates

- 24/00843/PPM - South Hourat Farm, Dalry KA24 5LA.

Grace McGovern and Ben Milne gave a presentation regarding the Farm Energy Company's planning application for Swindlees Windfarm comprising six turbines. The application submitted to North Ayrshire Council was approved at the Planning Committee of 19 February 2025, subject to conditions.

The Farm Energy Company is a private renewable company which looks for large energy users, in this case DSM-Firmenich to decarbonise. DSM-F currently produce Vitamin C and Bovier factory currently being built which will require an additional 10 % of electricity.

The proposal indicates a Community Benefit Fund of £5k per megawatt, which will be index linked and contracted for lifetime of the project.

The Farm Energy Company is Open to ongoing engagement to progress community benefit.

The Chair opened up the discussion with various viewpoints put forward to the representatives by members of the public.

The Chair thanked Grace McGovern and Ben Milne for their presentation.

Next Steps – Await outcome of any conditions and provide further updates in due course.

Cllr Reid indicated the benefits that Dalry already receives from the Margaret Archibald Fund and the Dalry Boundary Trust and suggested that we work across the Garnock Valley to achieve parity. Asking how we work across the GV to get the best rate and the best distribution.

➤ **Any Other Significant Developments**

- 25/00067/PP email received from Planning at NAC re change of use at 16 New Street from ground floor office space and convert to residential flat. Dalry Community Councillors had no objections to the plans.

There was discussion from members of the public regarding the applicants use of retrospective planning permission rather than in advance. This is for the Planning Department to manage.

8. Garnock Valley Locality Partnership (10 minutes)

Nick Wright, Consultant writing up plan and GV wide event scheduled for 31 March. Further details to follow.

9. Upcoming Events and Initiatives (10 minutes)

Dalry Action Group

New committee will be organising fundraisers to support the project. Their next meeting is scheduled for 17 March.

Dalry Community Development Hub

Car Show – 31 August 2025. Discount code for Dalry residents

Consider taking stand to promote Dalry CC

Party in the Park -

Collaboration with Dalry Community Sports Club and KA Leisure - Inclusive Sports Day 04 April for adults with supported needs at Dalry campus, – hoping to provide 4 sports days per year.

Skirt the Skeith – Event on 22 June. Applications open 01 March on Entry Central.

Katy Clark – Drop in Surgery 10 March Dalry Library

10. Correspondence (5 minutes)

- 11. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business) (10 minutes)** 2pm full council meeting being held tomorrow to agree budget.

12. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 25 March 7pm at Rosearden

Meeting Guidelines

Each agenda item has a 10-minute discussion constraint to ensure time efficiency.

The Chair will moderate to keep discussions focused.

Additional items requiring detailed discussion may be deferred to a working group or future agenda.