

Dreghorn Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 14/04/2025
7pm, Dreghorn Bowling Club

Present: Jim McHarg (Chair), John Goldie, Harry Harvie, Jessie Mackie, Maxine Blane

In Attendance: Elaine Walker (Community Development), Cllr Matthew McLean, Dreghorn Gala, Dreghorn PTA

Apologies: Martin Kay

Welcome, Apologies & Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the March meeting was proposed by Harry and seconded by John.

Introductions

The chair welcomed everyone to the first public meeting, and community councillors and those present from the local council and community groups introduced themselves.

Item - Community Development Worker Update

Elaine gave an update on work in the community, noting that her colleague Chloe Smith will take over work on youth groups, including the one at Townend Community Centre, and highlighted the upcoming consultation on what's needed for adults & young people to fill the gap for activities for those aged 25-50.

Action: Elaine will make sure funding opportunities and updates are circulated to the community council.

Item - Treasurer's Report

Jim and Harry have not received official confirmation that the bank account has been approved, but have received cheque books and other correspondence. Community council funds are being held by the Council until the account is up and running.

Action: The treasurer will share an update at the next meeting

Item - Other group representatives: Dreghorn Gala and Dreghorn Primary PTA

Dreghorn Gala are now planning events for the Gala week beginning 7th June, with a committee meeting planned for early May. They noted the success of the adult football tournament last year, and there may be a tournament for children this year. The Gala will take place on 14th June.

Dreghorn Primary PTA have recently joined with the Parent Council, so will soon be renamed as one group. They are working to raise funds for school trips and transport to/from these trips, but finding venues is difficult as they have to rent the school to use it out of hours.

Townend Community Centre Committee is looking for members.

Item: Matters Arising

The Community Council has received a request from a representative from Irvine without Incinerators to attend and speak to the council.

Action: Maxine will invite Ian to attend the next meeting.

The pelican crossing in the middle of the village was raised as a safety issue, and how to get this potentially upgraded to stop lights or other measures.

Action: The community council will seek views locally and try to take this forward

Item - Correspondences

No new correspondences were noted.

Item - Community Councillors

There were no interventions from the Community Councillors present

Item: Elected Members Input

Cllr Matthew McLean addressed the meeting and spoke about the council committees he sits on and issues in the local area, including on pavement parking and parking at the dairy, traffic issues caused by HGVs unloading at the car dealerships which impacts the local fire service, ongoing issues with trees following the storms earlier in the year, and issues with nursery placements for locals. He also highlighted funding opportunities including the Common Good Fund, the Community Investment Fund, and that Irvine has been given £20 mil for regeneration although this has yet to be allocated.

Item: Community Involvement/Events

Those present discussed how to celebrate Christmas in the village, noting previous work by other local groups including the library to put up decorations and arrange lights.

The bowling club is looking to seek funding to expand their changing and accessible toilet facilities.

Item: AOB

Elaine highlighted that Community Cllrs will need to undergo PVG checks.

Date of next meeting: 19th May, 7pm, Dreghorn Bowling Club