

**Dreghorn Community Council**  
Minutes of Meeting 26/06/2025  
7pm, Dreghorn Bowling Club

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

Apologies: Martin Kay

In Attendance: Cllr Matthew McLean, Sgt Will Thomson (Police Scotland), Iain Wallace and Veronica (Irvine without Incinerators)

**Welcome, Apologies & Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was proposed by Harry and seconded by Jessie..

**Introductions**

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

**Item - Community Development Worker Update**

No update as Elaine and Chloe did not attend.

**Item - Treasurer's Report**

Harry and Jim are now both signatories on the account. We need a bank statement before we can set up PVG certification for community councillors. Community council funds are being held by the Council until the account is fully up and running.

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

**Item - Other group representatives: Police Scotland**

Sgt Thomson was welcomed to the meeting and shared that between May/June 357 incidents (which includes all calls to the police) had been noted in our area, which also includes Girdle Toll, Bourtuehill, Broomlands and Springside. Will shared that if anyone in the village has anything to report they can call 101 and leave a message for him anonymously, and he will also circulate an email address to be shared on the community council social media that people in the community can also use to note any concerns. He was aware of ongoing issues with off-road bikes and asked that people report where and when these bikes are used/stored as the police can seize them. Sgt Thomson shared that local police are prioritising getting involved with community and youth groups as this has shown to be effective in changing attitudes and behaviour.

**Action: Sgt Thomson will share the email address with Maxine and the contact information for the old school with Jim.**

**Item - Other group representatives: Irvine without Incinerators**

Iain and Veronica from the Irvine without Incinerators campaign were invited to speak to the community council meeting about the incinerator under construction at Oldhall. The incinerator was passed in 2020, just before the Scottish Government introduced the moratorium on incinerators. The incinerator still does not have an operating license, which must be granted by SEPA. Waste from the local area will not be incinerated at Oldhall, as our waste is contracted to be sent to Dumbarton for the next 25-30 years. Doveyard are the PR company contracted by the company building the incinerator, and they have a liaison committee that any community councillors, and indeed anyone in the community, can attend and speak at if they have concerns. There are concerns around the proposed potential benefits of the incinerator, as it would cause disruption to connect it to the grid to heat homes, and local companies have not expressed an interest in buying power produced by it. Beechams are apparently concerned about contamination. The waste produced by the incinerator would potentially lead to dangerous waste being transported through the village.

**Action: Anyone interested should contact Iain or Veronica for more information.**

**Item: Matters Arising**

*Pelican Crossing*

Correspondence from Cllr Larssen confirmed that while there is no money available to turn the crossing into traffic lights, she has asked for the crossing lines to be repainted and the current poles replaced with new poles to hopefully slow down traffic.

*Crossing Patrol Cuts*

The missing crossing patroller was back, but the patrol position outside the Brae is going to be cut as part of cuts made across North Ayrshire. Community councillors want to know if vulnerable children have been considered, and if it is possible to cut the position directly outside the school instead.

**Action: Community council will raise this with councillors.**

*Old School Building*

Arran Breweries are apparently still working with the council, but issues with vandalism, and recent fire-raising, continue. It was not clear if the building is on the Buildings at Risk register. The community council are considering what can be done about the old school as a community.

*War Memorial*

We have received conflicting information around potential funding for relocating the war

memorial from councillors and council employees. We will attempt to clarify what funding, if any is available. Funding will be key to moving forward with relocating, as will meeting with the Community Association in Springside.

**Action: Cllr McLean will find out what the breakdown of the proposed £20,000 cost of relocation is.**

#### **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 gala day, which was moved indoors due to bad weather, meaning that some deposits were lost for outdoor entertainment, but overall the gala broke even. The Gala Committee AGM will be on 3rd August, and next years gala may be in May instead. He highlighted the review of community council boundaries and that the community council may wish to send an input to the review. The deadline is 4th August. He highlighted an upcoming pilot for 20mph in targeted areas, but the police will be unlikely to enforce this. He shared a report from the recent full council meeting, where another vote related to the crossing patrollers was not passed, a school in Ardrossan is costing more money, and the Scottish Government are looking into nationalising the harbour. He shared some information on the locality partnership meetings, and was keen to find ways for local groups to work together. He also shared that there was a public meeting with local MP Allan Gemmell following the violence at Irvine Beach.

#### **Item: Community Involvement/Events**

Nothing was noted.

#### **Item: AOB**

The bowling club is keen to undergo refresher training for using their defibrillator and will pick this up with community development.

**Date of next meeting: 29th September, 7pm.**