

Dreghorn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 27/10/2025

7pm, Dreghorn Bowling Club

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

In Attendance: Elaine Walker, Chloe Smith (Community Development), Cllr Matthew McLean, Ryan McLuskie, Mita, Linda Haswell, Ann Oakes, John Logan, Lynn Logan, Peter Butchard, Robert ??, Lee,

Welcome, Apologies & Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was proposed by John and seconded by Martin.

Introductions

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted the increased attendance and those present from the local council and other groups introduced themselves.

Item - Community Development Worker Update

Chloe will be taking from Elaine as the Community Development rep for Dreghorn Community Council. Elaine shared an update on the Youth Group at Townend, which is still well attended, and highlighted that the Dreghorn Community Association based at Townend is having their AGM this week. Community Learning and Development have been holding Adult Learning events. Elaine shared information about Irvine Twinning Association, which is currently led by members of Irvine Running Club. Irvine is twinned with Voissons-le-Bretoneux, and annually hosts visitors from VLB at Marymass. Anyone who is interested in getting involved in the Twinning Association is encouraged to contact them.

Action: Maxine will share info about the DCA AGM and Twinning on DCC Facebook.

Item - Treasurer's Report

We have received funds from NAC into our account, and Elaine has provided the information required for PVG, the Community Council will action this in the new year.

Action: Max will collate info required for PVG.

Item - Other group representatives: Dreghorn Gala

Lee shared that the Gala had a sold out 'Galaween' fundraising evening, and they intend to put on a Christmas film afternoon for children. The committee is provisionally considering 16 May 2026 as the date for next years gala.

Item - Other group representatives: PTA

Lee shared that the PTA made £427 at their Halloween disco, and that they are hosting a fundraising Christmas Ladies Night on 28th November.

Item: Matters Arising

Pelican Crossing

Although the Pelican crossing has been repainted the poles have not been replaced, and the community council is seeking an update on when this will happen.

Action: chase installation of new poles at pelican crossing

Crossing Patrol Cuts

There has been no update on proposed cuts, and the community council are seeking to speak with the school to see if they are aware.

Action: Community council will speak to school.

Grass Cutting

Issues with grass cutting and blocked drains are ongoing in the local area, as noted by several attendees at recent meetings.

Action: Community councillors will flag this with elected representatives present.

War Memorial

Attendees revisited the issue of potentially moving the War Memorial from it's current location to outside the library. Some attendees noted that they felt the current location was best, but noted issues with vandalism and plants being destroyed. There is still no clarity on the potential costs and no information on logistics involved in a potential move. The community council intends to hold an open meeting for local residents in the new year.

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

Item - Correspondences

Considered as part of relevant matters arising

Item - Community Councillors

Community Councillors noted the upcoming ElectHer event for women interested in becoming local councillors organised by North Ayrshire Council.

Item: Elected Members Input

Cllr Matthew McLean shared updates on his current work and several local issues:

- Information on costings for moving the war memorial could run into next year
- The UK Government budget has been delayed, which will in turn delay Scottish Government and Local Authority budgets. In early information shared about NAC budget, there is nothing about proposed cuts similar to those from last year.
- Cuts to school crossing patrollers are now under revision so are on hold for the moment.
- Cllr McLean also had October dates for the works at the pelican crossing so will look into this.
- Cllr McLean is meeting with Arran Breweries regarding the Old School Building, to inquire about plans for the building and if anything can be done to tidy up and approve the appearance of the site. The building is on a buildings at risk register.
- In relation to grass cutting, particularly around the courts, Cllr McLean confirmed NAC's 'relaxed grass cutting' policy, and will flag blocked drains and gulleys.

Item: Community Involvement/Events

Nothing was noted.

Item: AOB

The issue of local road surfaces was raised, and Cllr McLean will look into this.

Action: Cllr McLean will look into road surfaces.

Date of next meeting: 26th November, 7pm.