



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2016 in Girvan Room, County Buildings at 7.00pm.

Present Sandy Crawford, Dympna Gardiner, Michael Hitchon, Judith Hood, Phil Martin, Scott McIntosh, Olena Stewart, Forbes Watson (Chair).

In Attendance Chris Campbell, Cllr Allan Dorans, Sarah Hilley (Ayrshire Post), Reg Stewart.

Apologies Margaret Anderson, Cllr Kirsty Darwent, Pat Ferguson, Cllr Bill Grant, Herborg Hansen, Peter McCall, Norman McLean.

Minutes of Previous Meeting The amendment Belleisle Conservatory Ltd to replace Friends of Belleisle Conservatory. Minutes proposed by Phil Martin, seconded by Judith Hood.

Matters Arising On behalf of the CC, the Chairman had written to South Ayrshire Council requesting a moratorium over the Summer with regard to the ban on smoking in public places, until there had been some consultation with the Community Council, café owners and members of the public. Cllr Dorans explained the thinking behind the sudden council ban on smoking in public places, which was led by the NHS.

Belleisle Clubhouse was looking good from outside, on track to open in April.

Forbes reported that work had started on the FSWCC website.

Public Business There was none.

Community Council Elections Notifications had been sent out w/c Monday 25 January. Closing date for receipt of applications was indicated as 25 February 2016. If an election was necessary, the count would be held on 24 March, with new CCs appointed from 1 April.

Police Business There had been break-ins reported from Whinhill Road.

Ayr Town Centre Renaissance Cllr Dorans reported that Queen Margaret Academy was to be rebuilt on the same site.

Councillors' Business The Council Budget for 2016/17 is to be considered on 3 March. In spite of proportional representation, Cllr Dorans reported that his group had not yet seen the draft budget.

There was to be £250M made available in Scotland for Health & Social Care. Teacher numbers and Pupil:Teacher ratios were to be maintained. He reported that Council Officers are working on

efficiencies and the £251M/year budget had a shortfall of £9M savings to be found. John Swinney was proud that Council Tax had been fixed for years. CC Members said they were prepared to pay a modest increase to maintain services.

County Buildings would operate 8.00am to 6.00pm and not open in the evening, so the Community Council had to find an alternative meeting venue. Ayr Town Buildings has now been confirmed, as from 1 April.

Bollards on the Esplanade were to be highlighted with luminous paint.

Chris said that a Dog Fouling Poster Campaign was coming soon. It was suggested that: "You should carry a bag."

Olena complained about dangerous and illegal parking on double yellow lines in Chapelpark Road and provided photographs in support. The cars caused obstructions. Cllr Dorans said Ayrshire Roads Alliance should be notified. Members of the CC could provide numbers. For big football events, the organisers put out cones. Hazardous parking on the main road by Seafield House was also brought to attention.

Planning Control Conversion of the stable block at Seafield House was to be welcomed.

Reports Members of Ayr Town Twinning Association had attended a successful Burns Supper in St Germain en Laye.

Correspondence There was none.

Financial Report £440 available for administration. There was discussion on making three modest donations: The Ark, Salvation Army and Belleisle Conservatory Ltd were agreed.

Any Other Competent Business A Community Council Certificate of Commendation was suggested in recognition of local effort.

It was agreed to consider plans for the year 2016/17 at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 9 March 2016, Girvan Room, County Buildings, 7.00pm.

Dates of Subsequent Meetings Wednesday 13 April 2016, Wednesday 11 May 2016 with AGM, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.