



## FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 in Girvan Room, County Buildings at 7.00pm.

**Present** Sandy Crawford, Pat Ferguson, Michael Hitchon, Judith Hood, Phil Martin, Peter McCall, Scott McIntosh, Norman McLean (Chair), Olena Stewart.

**In Attendance** Chris Campbell, Cllr Kirsty Darwent, Cllr Bill Grant, Sarah Hilley (Ayrshire Post).

**Apologies** Margaret Anderson, Cllr Allan Dorans, Dympna Gardiner, Herborg Hansen, Forbes Watson.

**Welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the historic last meeting of the Community Council to be held in County Buildings. Future meetings are to take place in Ayr Town Buildings. Eileen Munro had been appointed following the recent election.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** Minutes proposed by Olena Stewart, seconded by Scott McIntosh.

**Matters Arising** The meeting noted the disappointing response to the letter pointing out the anomalies in introducing a smoking ban on public pavements where food is served. (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.)

**Public Business** There was none.

**Community Council Elections** Eileen Munro appointed from 1 April. There were no nominations from Wallacetoun sub ward and consideration was given to co-option. Neither Margaret Anderson nor Pat Ferguson had put their name forward.

**Police Business** There had been a firearm alert in Sandgate and protection of the public was the priority. There is a new town centre Inspector. It was noted that Head Teachers welcomed the provision of campus cops.

**Ayr Town Centre Renaissance** Cllr Darwent reported that three papers had been presented to Council on Thursday.

Kyle Centre progressing.

Former Clydesdale Bank building to be given a new lease of life.

Business Plan prepared £60,000 less than previous year.

CPO successful for the acquisition of 2/3 properties and third on the way.

Prince's Trust.

New developer has come forward.  
Tam o' Shanter demolitions proceeding.  
Winton Buildings?  
Afflecks CP?  
Burns Statue Square – Burns House to come down.  
Cinema operator in Kyle – would it be Odeon?  
CPO may be needed for the Transport Hub.  
What is future for existing scruffy Bus Station?  
Office Accommodation was the subject of a peach paper at the back of Harveys in Arran Mall.  
Ayr Academy re-use by Ayr Grammar broadly welcomed.  
Ayrshire Archives to be re-located.  
Maintenance of lights in Newmarket Street concern. They may go.  
Anti-legal highs campaign shop in Kyle Centre!

**Councillors' Business** Belleisle Children's Play Area a great success. Conservatory on target. Phase 2 soon to start. CC regarded as a founder member. Donation agreed to be sent. Clubhouse 'looking wonderful'. In-house catering by SAC. Discussions ongoing with Heritage Lottery Fund over the future of the Stables Block. Parking is still an issue. The meeting called for an update on the hotel.

Bollards on the Esplanade now highlighted with luminous paint.

Dog Fouling campaign led by wardens. "Carry a bag."

Reserve – Group established to consider how Capital can best be spent to reduce Revenue.

**Planning Control** Concern expressed at the state of the rear of the Station Hotel.

**Reports** Website needs entries. Norman and Michael to provide some material.

**Correspondence** Insurance Renewal letter received.

Brian McQuillan invited representatives to meet re. Locality Planning. Olena, Norman Phil and Michael to meet with Brian.

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday medallion offer.

Saturday 2 April Beach Clean campaign led by Rotary Clubs.

**Financial Report** £210 available for administration. Three modest donations confirmed: The Ayr Ark, Salvation Army and Belleisle Conservatory Ltd.

**Any Other Competent Business** Vandalism at Tower of St John's noted. It had been dealt with rapidly and the culprits appeared in court.

Graffiti trail traced from Castlehill round town and back to Castlehill.

**Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 13 April 2016, Wednesday 11 May 2016 with AGM, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.