



## FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11 May in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

**Present** Sandy Crawford, Michael Hitchon, Norman McLean (Chair), Eileen Munro, Olena Stewart, Forbes Watson.

**In Attendance** PC Neil Emmerson, Chris Campbell, Cllr Kirsty Darwent, Cllr Allan Dorans, Cllr Bill Grant, Sarah Hilley.

**1 Apologies** Dympna Gardiner, Herborg Hansen, Judith Hood, Phil Martin, Peter McCall, Scott McIntosh.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** Minutes proposed by Forbes Watson, seconded by Eileen Munro.

**3 Matters Arising** There had been an article about John Campbell and the Belleisle House Hotel in the Ayrshire Post and a meeting had been held the previous Monday.

Three or four Members had met with Doug Maclean to suggest fund-raising ideas, e.g. RAF Jazz Band with Ally McCoist and Fred MacAulay. Some sponsors had been identified and there was to be merchandising tent.

**5 Police Business** A new 5-shift system was being introduced. There had been 10 thefts with enquiries ongoing; 5 house break-ins with enquiries ongoing; 8 breach-of-the-peace with 5 detected; 2 misuse of drugs with both detected; 4 vandalisms with 2 detected; and 2 road traffic offences. PC Emmerson said crime was down on the previous period. He said that Inspector James Hendrie from Dumfries & Galloway had been appointed. The Town Centre Street Pastors were proving helpful. North Ayrshire has had a new county policing system for 6 months. Fridays were not as busy as they used to be as some nightclubs were closed by 1.00am. Prestwick was busy on Friday and Saturday nights. He answered several questions.

**4 Public Business** There was none.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norman presented his Chairman's Annual Report.

Michael presented the Independently Examined Annual Accounts.

Chris Campbell took the chair for the AGM officer elections:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Chairman	Norman McLean	Forbes Watson	Michael Hitchon
Vice Chairman	Forbes Watson	Olena Stewart	Norman McLean
Secretary	Olena Stewart	Norman McLean	Forbes Watson
Treasurer	Michael Hitchon	Norman McLean	Olena Stewart
Licensing Representative	Olena Stewart	Norman McLean	Michael Hitchon
Planning Representative	Phil Martin or John Russell to be approached		

**6 Ayr Town Centre Renaissance** There had been a presentation to SAC elected members showing an ambitious Master Plan with input from the architect Niall McLaughlin with Charles Jencks. Three buildings at right angles to the river, with grass squares and colonnades. There would be accommodation on top, offices in the middle and shops at ground level. It attracted a round of applause and would later be shown to the public.

Work was to start soon on the former Clydesdale Bank building.

There was no further information about either BHS or the. Kyle Centre.

**7 Councillors' Business** The Bin Men would be on strike for the week 12 – 18 May, so priority was for green bins only. Maybole and Girvan depots were operating normally. The shift workers had been offered +5%, i.e. £900 on top of £18,000. It was an operational matter. Some agency workers could be employed and some outside contractors.

Belleisle Golf Club House had been opened and congratulations were due – lovely views, seating, open 8.30am – 4pm cafe last orders, currently closing at 5pm. Eileen enquired about licensing, staffing and future opening times. Forbes asked about clothing shop.

The Ayr Grammar School proposed move to Ayr Academy building is currently out for consultation.

Ayrshire Roads Alliance plans resurfacing in Sandgate.

Council Grants Scheme for local groups and Locality Planning, £1,000 sums available, trans-Ayrshire £3,000 available.

Police consultation – [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

New student flats cost per week at Cree Lodge. Students find quality clubbing in Glasgow and Prestwick more than Ayr, pattern changing.

It would have helped to have consulted tide times re. Duck Race!

Active Travel cycle racks at Abellio and cycle renting coming July/August.

Blackburn Toilets now re-opened but Arthur Street 'hit snags'.

Jean Ingram been awarded some funding from Renaissance for Newmarket Street.

Saturday 28 May Beer Fest 12 noon – 8pm.

**8 Planning Control** There was none.

**9 Reports** Ayr Town Twinning Association party from St Germain en Laye coming w/e 3/5 June.

**10 Correspondence** The Clyde Marine Planning Partnership Constitution had been agreed to replace the Firth of Clyde Forum and we were invited to appoint a contact, Olena to fill in e-mail.

**11 Financial Report** £320 available for administration.

**12 Any Other Competent Business** There was none.

**13 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 8 June 2016, Wednesday 14 September 2016, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.