



## FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes** of Meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

**Present** Sandy Crawford (SC), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Phil Martin (PM), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Catriona McNicol (CM), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), David Petrie (DP), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary, Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

**In Attendance** Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer.

**Public** None.

**1 Apologies** Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), Murray Buchanan (MB), Geraldine Cannell (PCGC), Allan Dorans (AD), Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), PC Marion Dunlop (PCMD), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Ian Henderson (IH), Alison Logan (AL), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM), Denise Somerville (DS),

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** Agreed, after noting that MB and CM had been present, proposed by OS and seconded by SC.

**3 Matters Arising** It was agreed that the Seasonal Social would be arranged at The 3 Idiots Indian Restaurant, Wallacetown, opposite T K Maxx on Wednesday 15 January.

**4 Police Business** Crime in Ayr West Oct 2019 and Oct 2018 Offences Data:

Crime Type	Sept 2019	Sept 2018	Oct 2019	Oct 2018 (reported 2018)
Housebreaking	9		8	5
Theft MV	2		0	2
Drugs Offences	29		13	12 (8)
Assaults	22		18	17 (15)
Breach of the Peace	-		14	17 (15)
Drunk/Disqualified Driving	0		2	0

The report provides Ayr South October 2019 and 2018 crime figures for comparison purposes. Housebreakings in the Ayr South Ward have increased by 3 compared with the same period last year. Car crime has decreased by 2 in Ayr South during this period. Residents should be highly vigilant regarding home security and leaving items visible in their cars and ensuring central locking

systems are engaged correctly. Anyone seen acting suspiciously should be reported to police immediately.

Chief Inspector Brian Anderson is continuing to visit the community councils.

It was reportedly quieter along the Esplanade lately. There was a repeat request for monitoring the 20mph limit in Dalblair Road.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour with youths damaging property were brought to attention. In Possil Park, door bells were rung for a lark, with accomplice lying in the road to lure householders outside.

### **Ward Priorities**

1. Reduce incidents of Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
2. Reduce the harm to our communities by tackling Alcohol and Drug Misuse
3. Protect people at risk of harm
4. Improve Road Safety
5. Reduce Acquisitive Crime

In an emergency, dial 999.

For non-urgent crime, dial 101.

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Twitter - @AyrshireSPolice

Email: [AyrWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AyrWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

**5 Planning Control** CM was collating questions for the January visit of a speaker from Planning Advice Scotland. Further suggestions included Care Home Questions; protection given to trees within the curtilage of a listed building; the 2019 Planning Act; the importance of the Environmental Assessment; the importance of Community Engagement; Flooding considerations.

Concern was expressed at the state of 21 Eglinton Terrace and of the Elms Court hotel, though it had now been boarded up. The new Head of Planning is Gillian Gates and it was agreed that it would be good to invite her to a future meeting of FSWCC.

**6 Public Business** There was none.

**7 Ayr Town Centre Update** There is to be a further meeting re ideas for the development of the Riverside Block on Wednesday 29 January.

**8 Councillors' Business & Matters Arising** No councillors present.

**9 Reports** Filmhub Cinema 'Access a Venue' based at the former Darlington Church, asked for suggested locations at which to show films in the area.

High Flats still a major concern for many elderly people.

The BBC SSO concert in November was attended by a party of young listeners from St John's Primary School.

'The Organist Entertains' series of 34 Monday lunchtime organ concerts had attracted almost 2,000 listeners, an average of c.58 each week.

Newton Primary School was inviting members to attend the Christmas Show either on Tuesday 17 at 1pm, or Thursday 19 December at 10am in the Newton-Wallacetoun Church Hall.

Lorna Jarvie had written to explain how old discarded Christmas trees would be used to reduce sand blow and contribute to dune stabilisation.

**10 Correspondence** There had been emails forwarded by OS on: Meeting 27 November with Lorna Jarvie at Blackburn Road Car Park re. Neighbourhood Services Intervention Plan; BCL Festive Season events (Ayr Choral; Ukulele Group); Whithorn Way App – local businesses can be registered (St John’s Tower is on the Way); Community Councils Review Consultation ends 7 February; PAS Talk – CM, see above; Consultation on Hunting Trophies closes 20 January; SAC Live December Edition. Town concerts: Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra Saturday 14 December; Ayr Choral concert Sunday 15 December.

**11 Financial Report** £375 available for administration.

**12 AOCB** Apology from Gary Fanning, Editor *Ayrshire Post*. Next orchestral concert is by the BBC SSO on Thursday 19 December (Full House), then Scottish Chamber Orchestra ‘New Year Gala Concert’. There is sponsorship to pay for tickets for children and adults from disadvantaged areas to attend classical music concerts on 4 & 24 January, 7 February and 27 March. Contact [olenastewart@btinternet.com](mailto:olenastewart@btinternet.com) for further details.

The Christmas Window Display competition was to be judged this week.

The FSWCC Seasonal Meal for members and associated supporters would be held on Wednesday 15 January, at The 3 Idiots.

PM explained how he was supporting 10 kids with an Art School at Newton Primary, a project linking the CC and UWS. He paid tribute to the dedication of the teachers there, where “You can feel the care, professionalism and great atmosphere, and teachers are still there in the evening”. He said that two talented youngsters deserve to go to art college. Social Work department were also heavily involved there.

**13 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 8 January 2020 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.