



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 in RBS3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

Present Sandy Crawford (SC), Ian Henderson (IH), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Alison Logan (AL), Phil Martin (PM), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Trina McNicol (CM), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), Denise Somerville (DS), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary.

In Attendance Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer, Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Gary Fanning Editor Ayrshire Post.

Public T Davies Brock, Esther Clark, John Geattes.

1 Apologies Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), Geraldine Cannell (PCGC), PC Jamie Cree (PCJC), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM), David Petrie (DP), Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Agreed, after noting that Murray Buchanan and Allan Dorans MP had now both resigned. They were thanked for their contributions in the past. The Minutes were approved by IH and seconded by EM.

There was now a vacancy in the Fort Sub Ward and Eric Armstrong was proposed for co-option by Norman McLean, seconded Trina McNicol.

3 Police Business Comment was made that there had been thefts from cars of owners attending the Burns Beach Event held on Friday 24 January.

Inspector Frank Braddick now leads the Community Policing Team in our area.

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

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For non-urgent crime, dial 101.

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

4 Matters Arising The Seasonal Social held at The 3 Idiots Indian Restaurant, Wallacetown, was reported as being a very successful evening.

5 Address by Esther Clark, Ayr Development Trust T Davies Brock was present and reminded all of his article on Common Good Fund property and land.

Esther Clark and John Geattes explained their thoughts on establishing a Community Development Trust for Ayr, a not-for-profit organisation. It could qualify for possible CPO transfers. She had started with campaigning for Ayr Station Hotel, though it was hoped that the Scottish Historic Buildings Trust would become the lead for this. A conference on the new legislation had been held and it was understood that community consultation of those who reside in KA7 – 1 area would need to be approached for support. The constitution would need to include what is needed by the community.

Esther was aware of a Task Force involving Transport Scotland and SAC and others held on 4 December advocating a Feasibility Study on a new station and the future of Ayr Station Hotel.

AL reminded the meeting of the importance of involving the community through the Local Place Plans being developed. Community Asset Transfers were possible leading to improved local facilities.

The Chair ruled that these matters should be considered at the March meeting, after carefully studying the handout provided.

6 Councillors' Business and Matters Arising MD said that the main topic at County Buildings was the budget planning.

He recalled that the Community Asset Transfer at Troon had not engaged with the community though officers had recommended Muirhead be sold. There had also been a difficulty with closing the Kyle Day Centre. There was to be re-engagement with 19 users. The tenants of the High Flats want to know about their future.

Wallacetown needs improvements to be prioritised, involving councillors, officers, and community. The aluminium strips on stairs were loose and hazardous. SAC needs dragged into Place Plans with the community. Ian Davies has called for money to make a start. With demarcation and no clear division, where was a start to be made? ARA was repairing potholes and resurfacing. SAC was disputing ownership near the Cage Walk. The high flats were to be revisited.

CM suggested that local restaurants deserved priority in consideration for operation of a proposed restaurant as local residents support local operators.

SB wrote that Stagecoach was to hold a meeting on 4 March to consider local bus transport. The consultation on Ward 15 at Ayr Hospital had achieved 15,000 names for the online petition already. Bins dispute in Blackfriars area had been resolved.

7 Planning There was nothing to report.

Belleisle Park, Scottish Water Scheme was going ahead to assist in gaining a clean beach at Ayr. The storm overflow into the Curtecan Burn at the golf course was in need of attention.

No Bond appears to have been sought for the Tarbolton Landfill Site now in Liquidation and the various public bodies involved seem unable to progress the matter.

Hugh Mulgrew and Rachel Hamilton would be starting within four weeks. Planning was moving to County Buildings.

8 Reports Nothing to report.

9 Correspondence Place Plans invitation from Monkton CC 22 January.

Focus Group CC Review 13 January, meeting cancelled.

Vacancies in Seafield Sub Ward and for Minute Secretary advertised.

Dune Restoration Project update and photos.

Zurich Insurance Policy Renewal sent.

SAC External Funding Newsletter January received.

VE Day Friday 8 May note to register by 30 April to be included in listings. Children at school will be allowed to attend events.

Next Public Consultation on Riverside Site 29 January in Corn Exchange, and online portal review.

Ayrshire Food Growing Strategy Workshops 20 February at Belleisle Stables Hub, 5.30-7.30pm.

Riverside Place Flats Reappraisal.

BCL looking for donations towards blinds for the Conservatory.

BCL Burns Supper 6 March, Crafternoons on Wednesdays.

John Reid Ahead Tandem Project Speaker February, Tandem Officer.

ADCC + FHMCC – Petition Link Letter to Leslie Bowie, NHS, re. moving Cancer Care from Ayr to Crosshouse.

Fort Residents AGM in Baptist Church Hall at 7.00pm on 9 March.

10 Financial Report and update on Concert Activities The BBC SSO concert on 24 January was attended by young listeners from St John's Primary and others from school orchestras together with parents. The Orchestra of Scottish Opera concert on 7 February was attended by more young musicians from school orchestras + a party from Newton Primary.

£202 available for administration. Consider deserving charities for a modest donation.

12 AOCB There was unanimous regret at the loss of the three murals at Lorne Arcade which had brightened up the end of Arthur Street.

Next concert will be by The Chamber Philharmonic Europe from Cologne, 7.30pm on Friday 27 March. There is sponsorship to pay for tickets for children and adults from disadvantaged areas to attend. Contact olenastewart@btinternet.com for further details.

13 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 11 March 2020 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.