



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8 January 2020 in the Council Chamber, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

Present Murray Buchanan (MB), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Ian Henderson (IH), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Alison Logan (AL), Phil Martin (PM), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Trina McNicol (CM), David Petrie (DP), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary, Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

In Attendance Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer, PC Jamie Cree (PCJC), Gary Fanning Editor Ayrshire Post, Scott Vallance (Planning Advice Scotland).

Welcome The Chairman welcomed Scott Vallance from Planning Advice Scotland.

Public None.

1 Apologies Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), Geraldine Cannell (PCGC), Sandy Crawford (SC), Allan Dorans (AD), Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), Denise Somerville (DS),

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Agreed, after noting that Social Work Department was not involved with PM's Art School Project, proposed by FW and seconded by CM.

3 Police Business Crime in Ayr West November and December 2019 & 2018 Offences Data:

Crime Type	Dec 2019	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Dec 2017
Housebreaking	4 (0 d)	1	3	3
Theft MV	2 (0 d)	0	0	2
Drugs Offences	14 (13 d)	6	10	8
Assaults	14 (8 d)	8	15	16
Breach of the Peace	12 (10 d)	17	18	14
Drunk/Disqualified Driving	0	0	2	1

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

In an emergency, dial 999.

For non-urgent crime, dial 101.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ayrshirepolice

Email: AyrWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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

It was reported that boy racers were active again with suspicious cars at Blackburn car park. There had been a period of relatively low activity in general.

PDA tablets enabled paperwork to be completed on the street.

4 Matters Arising The Chairman congratulated Allan Dorans MP on his election to represent his constituents in the House of Commons.

The Seasonal Social was arranged for The 3 Idiots Indian Restaurant, Wallacetown, on Wednesday 15 January. Ten were anticipated.

The Christmas Window Displays were judged by the representatives of Ayr Guildry, the Rotary Club of Ayr, Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club, and Fort Seafield & Wallacetown Community Council. The judges remarked on the considerable efforts made by the Hairdressers of Ayr who had clearly gone to a lot of trouble. The Winner was Rotherwoods, Beresford Terrace, and the Runner Up was L&T Décor, Dalblair Road.

5 Planning Control Scott Vallance, a qualified officer from Planning Advice Scotland (Part of Planning Aid Scotland) said that he was able to offer free advice on planning matters, training sessions and help with community applications. The Management and Development of Land in the Public Interest under the National Planning Framework had been the subject of four Consultations last summer resulting in the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

He went on to explain the evolution of the relevant Planning Acts and continued by referring to the Plan-led System, Development, and Development Planning. Some relevant portions are out for consultation, for example Local Development Plans are being revised and are out for Consultation. There was a call for sight of Proposed Development Plans.

He gave examples of topics such as Detailed or Full Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and such things as Pre-Planning Consultation and Permitted Development. Material Considerations and Discretionary Decision Making were examples where there is helpful Information provided on a Sheet on the PAS Website.

From July 2019, the National Planning Framework is examining Local Development Plans in a 10-year Review. Mediation and Statutory Guidance on Engagement were two aspects where the Chief Planning Officer could be called in.

Scott Vallance then answered a selection of Questions that had been sent to him in advance. A further meeting and discussion could well be justified.

6 Councillors' Business and Matters Arising There were no councillors present.

7 Ayr Town Centre, Proposed Golf Academy and High Flats There is to be a follow up meeting re ideas for the development of the Riverside Block on Wednesday 29 January 1.00-7.30pm in the Grain Exchange (former Clydesdale Bank building).

Proposed Golf Academy – nothing to report. The Business Plan had been severely criticised. Secretary to write Dr Claire Monaghan requesting a timetable.

High Flats – nothing to report to date.

Esther Clark is keen to see a Town Development Trust taking over vacant properties near the Fish Cross for redevelopment. Legislation may be needed to effect a Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

8 Reports including visit to Nativity Concert by Newton Primary School pupil Norman, Olena, Michael and Phil had attend the Nativity Concert arranged by the Primary School in the Newton and Wallacetown Church Hall, where we were made welcome. All were impressed with the show involving all sections and commencing with the School Brass Band rendering Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer played by youngsters who had been playing only since October. Phil again emphasised the level of community care of which he was aware.

9 Correspondence A multi agency taskforce had been called out 10 – 12 noon on a Sunday to find the back gate not secure the Royal Hotel, Kyle Street. The Fire & Rescue Team had gone in to secure. The wall at the Chinese restaurant in South Harbour Street had also been inspected,

Ideas for external funding sources were listed

10 Financial Report and update on Concert Activities The BBC SSO Christmas concert venue displayed a HOUSE FULL sign. The New Year concert held on Saturday 4 January attracted a very healthy attendance. Both concerts were attended by a party of young listeners from Newton Primary School.

There had been emails forwarded by OS on: Blackburn Road Car park Shorefront Intervention Plan; letter about 21 Eglinton Terrace referred to Link Officer; PAS talk; Whithorn Way App; SAC External Funding Newsletter; Second Strategic Transport Review Survey; CC Review Consultation Focus Groups – John Pollock Centre, 13 January 2020 – get in touch by 9 January if planning to attend.

11 Financial Report £320 available for administration.

12 AOCB Next two concerts will be by the BBC SSO on Friday 24 January and the Orchestra of Scottish Opera on Friday 7 February. There is sponsorship to pay for children and adults from disadvantaged areas to attend classical music concerts on 24 January, 7 February and 27 March. Contact olenastewart@btinternet.com for further details.

13 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 12 February 2020 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.