



## FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes** of Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

**Present** Sandy Crawford (SC), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Ian Henderson (IH), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Elizabeth Morrison (EM), David Petrie (DP), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary.

**In Attendance** Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), Gary Fanning (GF), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), PC Geraldine Cannell (PCGC), PC Jamie Cree (PCJC).

**Public** Anthea Clarke (AC), Peter McCall (PM).

**1 Apologies** Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer, Allan Dorans (AD), Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Alison Logan (AL), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM), Catriona McNichol (CM), Denise Somerville (DS), Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** Agreed after noting that Murray Buchanan and Catriona McNichol have been co-opted for the Fort Sub Ward. Minutes proposed by OS and seconded by MH.

**3 Minute Secretary** The Chairman reported that Minute Secretary Joan Hopper was not continuing.

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

Crime Type	May 2019	May 2018
Housebreaking	5	4
Theft MV	2	2
Drugs Offences	9	16
Assaults	15	11
Breach of the Peace	10	17
Drunk/Disqualified Driving	1	0

Housebreakings increased by 1 compared with the same period last year. Car crime remained static during this period. Residents are reminded to 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 the Police immediately. Drink driving detection increased by 1 compared with the same period last year.

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

### Ward Priorities

1. Violent Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
2. Road Safety

3. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse
4. Housebreaking and Dishonesty

In an emergency, dial 999.

For non-urgent crime, dial 101.

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

**5 Public Business** There was none.

**6 Ayr Town Centre** See Ayr pamphlet had been subject of a feature in the Ayrshire Post and many had found it refreshing. Clydesdale Bank Building was due to reopen on Friday 5 July, though there was work to be done. There was a positive attitude of groups active in town. A lack of maintenance was a continuing concern and high hopes of Robert Robertson expressed. Whilst Riverside House had been done up, the John Pollock Centre and the Consumer Advice Centre premises were considered tatty. The Stables Visitor Centre at Belleisle though completed, was not in use! Apparently there was an administrative problem. Members regarded this as a lost opportunity, and considered it should have been resolved at Director level. There is a formal channel for complaints to Council. Clydesdale delay was an embarrassment. Ayr has a lot going for it: rent-free holidays suggested, small changes, systemic problems in local government. New stadium no news. Belleisle House Hotel case going to Court. Other developers may be lined up. Robert Singer had arranged an exhibition. AGM of Belleisle Conservatory was planned.

**7 Councillors' Business** May water quality was poor because of agricultural runoff. SEPA was on the case. Ayr Beach for the third year was not good. Beach litter is monitored. Historic walking tours were arranged by Brian Williamson, Ken Nairn, Rob Close and Richard Devine. There were websites from South Ayrshire Life, the Ayr Arts Guild What's On Calendar, etc for publicity. Multi Storey Flats – NMcL and DP were waiting sight of the structural report. A redacted form was appealed as a lot of questions were yet to be answered. DP said that councillors should talk to the flat occupiers to ascertain what they want. 'We don't want to move' was the sentence that he had heard most. Mobility scooters were accommodated, power doors, ramps and concrete laid on concrete had been provided. A fire had been contained within a flat. Tuesday meeting for councillors. A FoI request had been lodged.

**8 Planning Control** Seafield House; Repainting at Queen's Terrace; Golf Academy on hold; Burns House to be emptied by December; Tourist Reception area to be provided! Offices above Clydesdale Bank are to be occupied by SAC staff. Ayr Academy work ongoing with contractors on site, ready August 2020? Could be called: Ayr Academy Primary or Ayr Academy Junior School. GA building Beresford Terrace an eyesore and panels falling from it; Royal Hotel, Kyle Street a continuing concern as a dangerous building; South Harbour 2 blocks of flats; Town Centre Development Plan; Appeal for grass to be cut at Ayr Station Hotel and weeds removed from Royal Hotel pavement. ARA thanked for new drain at Racecourse View / Chapelpark Road.

**9 Reports** There was none.

**10 Correspondence** There was none.

**11 Financial Report** £635 available for administration, as the annual allocated had been received.

**12 AOCB** Organ concerts well supported so far: over 600 listeners.

**12 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 11 September 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.