



## FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes** of Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 in RBS3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

**Present** Eric Armstrong (EC), Sandy Crawford (SC), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Alison Logan (AL), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Trina McNicol (CM), David Petrie (DP), Denise Somerville (DS), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

**In Attendance** Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer, Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), PC Mark Wason (PCMW).

**Public** T Davies Brock, Anthea Clarke, John Reid.

**1 Apologies** Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), PC John Cook (PCJC), Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Ian Henderson (IH), Phil Martin (PM), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM).

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** Agreed. Proposed AL, seconded DS. Eric Armstrong was welcomed as co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Fort Sub Ward.

### **3 Police Business**

PC John Cook reported.

### **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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**Locality Policing Team:** Inspector Frank Braddick

Sergeant Marie Nichol

Constables Elizabeth Hunter, Buchanan Grant, Steven Gilmour, Roslin Watson

**Town Centre:** Geraldine Cannell, Jamie Cree, John Cook, Marion Dunlop

**Follow Your Community Officer:** Follow@AyrshireSPolice

Local Priority	No. of recorded crimes, Previous meeting to date					
1	Vandalism	Assaults	Culpable & Reckless	Section 38 CJLSA 1010		
	F	5	7	2	15	
	S	-	3	-	-	
	W	6	5	-	3	
2	Misuse of Drugs Act					
	F	10				
	S	0				
	W	7				
3	Breach of Bail					
	F	1				
	S	0				
	W	3				
4	Road Safety/Traffic					
	F	5				
	S	2				
	W	3				
5	Theft from MV	Other Thefts	House Breaking	Fraud	Robbery	
	F	1	5	2	2	1
	S	1	1	-	2	-
	W	1	4	3 (+ 1 Attempt)	-	3

TOTALS Fort 56; Seafield 9; Wallacetown 39

The Police were aware that some charity shops were being targeted.

**4 Matters Arising** The Seasonal Social held at The 3 Idiots Indian Restaurant, Wallacetown, was reported a success.

#### **5 Address by John Reid, The Tandem North Ayr & Wallacetoun**

The Chairman welcomed John Reid who outlined some of the range of projects taking place in the area. There are two Community Builders: Kirsty Bell and Kirsty Caddell. Social Isolation has a major knock-on effect. Public Health Project. Craigie Community Association Sewing Group. Building Links. Community Capacity Building @ Lochside Community Centre. Colin Love (SAC) involvement with not-for-profit Enterprises, e.g. SA Community Transport. and Unity Grill. Tesco help. Training Opportunities. 'I Can' Sessions. Social Wellbeing. One Pot Cookery. Social Enterprises. I Can Relax. Community Interest. Community Gardens. Allotments at Craigie. Community Learning. Public Funding Greenspace. Community Sport. Charity Arm. Mental Health Action. Lochside Local Heritage Group. Answers to such questions as: What Services does the Local Community Want and How Frequently? Craft Fair 12. Youth Group. Housing Association. Offers of assistance were sought – people with skills to aid the Community: Cooking, Gardening, PR offers suggested. Trina and Phil were working with Newton Primary School. Community Hub suggested by Jim McQuiston. Place Plan meeting for Wallacetown was planned for 12 March. Possible to arrange a Visit re. Funding to be addressed by a successful Place Plan group. Andrew Paterson.

The open meeting arranged by Fort Residents Association and held in Ayr Baptist Church on Monday 9 March had been attended by c.100 folk who heard Council Leader Douglas Campbell answer questions. A bus link for the Sea Front was thought to require a subsidy of £100,000. A Section 75 Agreement for public transport by a residential development was not likely to be supported by a commercial provider such as Stagecoach.

The Riverside Site was still under consideration with a third Public Consultation planned for Thursday 19 March in the Grain Exchange. Because of the importance of the Mediaeval Site in the zoned Cultural Quarter and its proposed redevelopment, it needs to comply with Place Plan

legislation. It was agreed that the Community Council should ask the Local Authority to set in motion a Place Plan for the area.

### **6 Ayr Town Centre, Wallacetown and Riverside High Flats**

The High Flats Decision is being challenged by the Chairman with his submission to SAC officials and Councillors.

### **7 Councillors' Business and Matters Arising**

LL said that the main topic at County Buildings was the budget. The proposal for a new swimming pool was still in the plan. A 20-year Strategy Committee has been established. The Air Show was off and the Portrush Air Show was off. The proposed Golf Academy was uncertain. A Belleisle buy-back was still being pursued.

The Ayr Development Trust plan was discussed and it was agreed that further development of the proposal was awaited before further action by the CC.. It was suggested that perhaps it would provide a route for a CPO at 21 Eglinton Terrace.

Allan Dorans MP was to be invited to attend a future FSWCC meeting.

**8 Planning** There was nothing to report.

**9 Reports** Nothing to report.

**10 Public Business** Nothing raised.

### **11 Correspondence**

Our Future – Let's Talk Survey.

Local Place Plans email from Helen Hunter.

SAC External Finding Newsletter February 2020.

Zurich Insurance Policy Renewal paid.

Ahead – Social Awareness Session 20 March, 10am – 1pm, Lochside Community Centre.

Scottish Forestry Community Fund.

Ayr Development Trust Public Meeting, Thursday 5 March, Council Chamber, Ayr Town Buildings.

Get off our Common Good Land – Old Racecourse.

Support Letter for Funding – Strategic Timber Transport Scheme - Agreed.

Fort Residents Association Meeting and AGM.

Seafield Hospital – photo after trees removed.

Shore Bus proposal.

Earth Hour Communication.

Allan Dorans MP – CC April Meeting 15 minutes.

**12 Financial Report and update on Concert Activities** The Organist Entertains 12<sup>th</sup> series of 35 Monday lunchtime concerts has been arranged to start on Monday 6 April with Dr John Kitchen MBE, Edinburgh City, Edinburgh University and Old St Paul,s Episcopal Church organist, 12 noon, admission £4.00

£147 available for administration. It was agreed to contribute to three deserving groups that work in our area: Newton Primary School, Moving Arts Scotland CIC, and HOPE Counsellors & Wellbeing SCIO.

**13 AOCB** R S McCall closing. Airbnb. Upgrade Leisure Facilities estimated £75,000. Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry held an event that raised £7,000 in aid of Belleisle Conservatory Ltd.

**14 Date of Next Meeting** Scheduled for Wednesday 8 April 2020 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm, but Council venues are currently closed.

**FOOTNOTE: DATED 30 March 2020**

**DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION ALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE SUSPENDED PENDING FURTHER DIRECTIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT.**

**ALL PROPOSED DATES CONTAINED WITHIN THE MINUTES ARE THEREFORE SUSPENDED.**

**IT IS HOPED THAT URGENT COMMUNICATION CAN BE KEPT BY EMAIL ETC.**