



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

Present Sandy Crawford (SC), Allan Dorans (AD), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Ian Henderson (IH), Alison Logan (AL), Norman McLean (NM) Chair, Phil Martin (PM), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), David Petrie (DP), Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary, Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chair.

In Attendance Chris Campbell (CC) Link Officer, Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), PC Jamie Cree (PCJC).

Public Anthea Clarke, John Dunlop, Andrew Russell (AR), Reg Stewart, Charles Thomson.

1 Apologies Cllr Siobhian Brown (SB), Murray Buchanan (MB), PC Geraldine Cannell (PCGC), Cllr Derek McCabe (DM), Catriona McNichol (CM), Denise Somerville (DS).

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Agreed, proposed by PM and seconded by AD.

3 Matters Arising There was none.

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

Crime Type	Sept 2019	Sept 2018	Aug 2019	Aug 2018
Housebreaking	9		4	10
Theft MV	2		3	4
Drugs Offences	29		8	10
Assaults	22		8	14
Breach of the Peace	-		10	9
Drunk/Disqualified Driving	0		1	2

The figures reflect the Action Plan to target Drug Offences. Two high profile drug dealers had been detained. Anyone seen acting suspiciously should be reported to the Police immediately.

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

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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A walkabout in the Wallacetoun Area was planned for 5 November with Ian Davis, MD, LL, and DM. Concern was expressed about too many cars parking on John Street when there is off street parking available at Macadam Place, Multi-storey Flats and TK Maxx, all near John Street.

5 Public Business There was none.

6 Ayr Town Centre: High Flats and Riverside Site There may be three years of delay before re-housing some tenants from the High Flats. Letters were going out from the Housing Office and some folk had received five! If a resident has nil points, they are not going anywhere soon. People really don't know where they're going. Prestwick Police Station demolished for sheltered housing, Carrick Street 6-storey flats but would seniors want to be so near to a nightclub?; a council house had been bought back by Council when there was a willing buyer. Some had been given assurances that houses would be available. A report detailing house type and location had been requested. Why were the high flats not offered to the private sector, rather than going for the Council's preferred demolition route? (AR). Chair said the Council gets £57,000 towards new build but nil towards renovation. This was considered wrong as conservation of materials is increasingly relevant and there was the Council slogan: **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Councils are allowed to buy back former council houses.

7 Councillors' Business SB had submitted a report. A plea was made for the High Street hoardings to be painted to reduce the glare of white.

A call was made for a speed limit for cyclists, and safety training. In Prestwick a line is on the Esplanade to separate pedestrians and cyclists. Sustrans was the organisation to consult.

Proposed Ayr Golf Academy: The business plan was considered to not stand up. No plan is in place for a bond when/if reinstatement required. Planning permission is needed and application to the Sheriff as the land is part of Ayr Common Good. Do we need to apply to be alerted when Council lodges a request with the Sheriff, as we did with Low Green? Is that request still active and in place? Cost of establishment estimated at £240,000 with £21,000 annual running cost. Roodlea may close. A CC member suggested that Ayr Golf Academy should be located at Dalmilling to give a boost to the area and help young aspiring golfers. The Old Racecourse is used by 14 year groups from Valspar FC and Boswell FC with international tournaments bringing thousands of youngsters twice a year. The pitches need all the space allocated in order that rotating and resting of areas can be planned by the grounds staff. There was much discussion and comment from a former SFA person present. Alloway & Doonfoot CC was unanimously against the proposed Ayr Golf Academy at this location. Two petitions are on the go at present.

Speeding on Doonholm Road: a report had been requested from Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

No news about the specific designation of the seafront care home on Plot 9.

8 Planning Control Elms Court Hotel and Royal Hotel were still giving cause for concern. Application for a drinks licence for 10 George Street Indian Restaurant was welcomed and should be encouraged.

9 Reports Community Fun Day at the Citadel had gone well with hundreds present. DS suggested a CC stand next year and appealed for helpers on the second Saturday of September.

10 Correspondence There had been emails forwarded by OS on: Public Processions; Rotary Club of Ayr Charity Quiz to be held on Friday 15 November, six in a team; pertinent unsolicited letters; ARA – Winter Resilience; William Kennedy 30th Birthday Open Day and Raffle in aid of Ayrshire Hospice 30th Birthday; The Old Racecourse; Supplementary Guidance – Housing; Belleisle Conservatory events; Corra Foundation grants; SCO in Ayr Town Hall 2 October; Wallacetoun CCs' ideas.

11 Financial Report £485 available for administration. A pull-up is to be designed for advertising purposes.

12 AOCB Organ concerts well supported so far: over 1,500 listeners.

The 33rd Joint Ayr Concert Series – SCO concert with Pekka Kuusisto on 2 October had been outstanding as he is just phenomenal – a good number of school pupils attended including some from St John's Primary who gave great positive feedback.

Next concert is by the BBC SSO on Friday 22 November. There is sponsorship to pay for tickets for children and adults from disadvantaged areas. Contact [**olenastewart@btinternet.com**](mailto:olenastewart@btinternet.com) for further details.

PM responded to the appeal last month from Newton Primary and has been assisting with their After School Club.

The FSWCC Christmas Meal for members and associated supporters would be scheduled for a date in January.

12 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 13 November 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, 7.00pm.