



Minutes of Fort Seafield and Wallacetown  
Community Council (FSWCC)  
meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at  
7.00 pm in Grammar School Ayr.

1. Welcome and Introductions by Denise Sommerville – Chair  
Members present:  
Carol Fisher- Secretary, Jim McKay- Vice Chair and Minute Taker  
Michael Hitchon- Treasurer, Alan Roseweir, David Connolly and Rachel Borland-  
Planning.  
SAC Councillors- George Weir and Bob Shields.  
SAC Link Officer- David Porte.  
Police- P.C. Davidson and P.C. McPherson  
Members of Public- None.
2. Apologies: Forbes Watson- Licensing, Eric Armstrong and Robert Singer.  
Andy Seville has resigned from the CC due to time constraints and work  
commitments. The CC extends their thanks to Andy for his excellent contribution  
and our best wishes for the future.
3. Declarations of Interest: None, no one is employed by SAC.
4. Minutes of Previous Meetings: Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 held over for some  
revisions for the last few months.  
Proposed by David Connolly Seconded by Alan Roseweir.  
Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Proposed by Denise Sommerville and  
Seconded by Michael Hitchon.
6. Matters Arising: Place Planning: Carol Fisher stated that the large amount of data  
and the draft report was overwhelming and after discussing this it was agreed that  
David Porte would discuss with Audrey Gatt and come back to the next CC meeting  
with a summary of the results and as George Weir suggested then the CC would  
make a decision on arranging a Focus Group session with the CC to agree and  
Action Plan with perhaps 6 key points for work on.
7. Public Business: No members of public present.
8. South Ayrshire Council (SAC) Elected Members: Councillor Shields commented not  
much to report but had received complaints that bins were not being emptied on  
High St.  
Councillor Weir advised that the capital spend was moving along with progress  
reports being received. There was also an annual performance report from the SAC  
due.
9. Reports
  - a Police Report: P.C. Davidson and P.C. McPherson attended the meeting and

were welcomed by the Chair. We were updated on the crime figures in our area but these did not include the town centre. We were pleased to hear that an additional 2 extra P.Cs had been added to our area. Crime-stopper cards were being delivered through doors to enable members of the public to report in confidence any crime. It was also made very clear the rise in online and telephone scammers and for the public not to engage with any one contacting them.

The Police are also active in catching excessive speeding drivers in our area especially near schools.

Councillor Shields asked about a custody suite at Ayr Police Station and we were informed that anyone taken into custody in Ayr would be transported to Kilmarnock, Saltcoats or Stranraer, we were also advised that any lost or stolen property would be taken to Cumnock Police Station for safekeeping. We commented that the County town of Ayr seemed to be a branch office for the Police Service.

Both PCs were thanked for their attendance and the participation in a full and frank discussion and we look forward to making our community as safe as possible.

**b** Treasurer Report: Michael handed out the latest finance report. Nothing received for DW Shaw so agreed to remove their logo from the CC web site and look for other sponsor

**Nb please note since the meeting DWShaw have now agree to donate £200 to the CC**

**c.** Licensing Report: Forbes Watson report received and no outstanding issues.

**d.** Planning Report: Received and Rachel Borland commented that an updated application had been submitted for 14 flats at Elms Court site on Miller Road Ayr. Rachel would also try to get plans for proposed lighting columns and phone masts for Low Green as would both SAC Councillors.

10.CC Workshop Event: Forbes Watson to attend this event.

11.STLs Councillor Shields supported by Councillor Weir and Councillor Dowey will take the proposal previously discussed that planning would no longer be granted for STLs in single entry premises to the Council in February.

12.Blackburn Road Car Park: Jim McKay will take over from Andy Seville and liaise with David Porte in this matter.

Jim also highlighted an issue which will arise soon with the opening of the New Hospice and the parking problems involved with this.

13.Common Good: Meeting due in February 2025.

14.Community Energy Project : Alan Roseweir reported the following

- : Project manager now in position.
- : Tenders out 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- : Site visits due ASAP.
- : Funding required end February 2025.
- : Main Contractor to be appointed.
- : Scottish Power and Scottish Government Joint Venture.
- : Licensing Agreements Required.
- : 570 Solar Panels installed over 3 Schools.
- : Job completed end Summer School holidays 2025.

15. A.O.C.B.

- Denise and Robert had brief meeting with Martin Dowey nothing to report.
- Denise and Jim had meeting with MSP Siobhan Brown who was supportive of Wallacetown Housing Regeneration Project and advised re Capital Funding.
- Siobhon was also very concerned re the safety issues with the old Euro-copy building on Dalblair Road Ayr. Councillors Weir and Shields agreed take raise this issue of fire risk with Scottish Fire and Rescue
- **It was agreed that ALL meetings will now start at 6.30pm. To prevent any confusion**

**The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.45**