



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings at 7.00pm.

Present Olena Stewart (OS) Secretary, Joan Hopper (JH) Minute Secretary, Michael Hitchon (MH) Treasurer, Norman McLean (NM) Chairman, David Petrie (DP), Forbes Watson (FW) Vice Chairman, Alison Logan (AL), Ian Henderson (IH), Allan Dorans (AD), Denise Sommerville (DS), Elizabeth Morrison (EM), Dympna Gardiner (DG), Sandy Crawford (SC)

In Attendance Cllr Martin Dowey (MD), Cllr Lee Lyons (LL), Pat Lorimer (PL) - Ayr Deserves Better, Gary Fanning (GF) Ayrshire Post, John Dunlop (JD).

1 Apologies Philip Martin (PM), Denise Sommerville (DS), Cllr. Derek McCabe (DM), Catriona McNichol (CM), Cllr Siobhian Brown

Welcome: Norman McLean welcomed everyone to the meeting and AGM.

The Chairman noted that he had issued his Annual Report which had been subsequently been adjusted to delete reference to the Air Show and inclusion of reference to the new bollards at Seafield and Blackburn.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of 10th April, 2019 previously proposed by FW, seconded by MH.

3 Police Business The Police missed the meeting last month due to an incident and consequently did not have last months report. They did have the report for April/May.

Recorded Crimes 07/04/2019 – 07/05/2019

Violent 8

ACH and Drugs 3

Road Safety 2

An increase in House Breaking was mentioned and it was explained that it was all being done by the one person who has been arrested. It was also explained that when people are released from prison the crime rate goes up and it takes along time for a crime to be finalised by DNA etc. There was no trouble over the holidays at the beach and BTP and the Police are putting things in place for the summer.

4 Public Business – Patrick Lorimer of Ayr Deserves Better, which developed from the Station Hotel crisis and the demise of Ayr Renaissance, was in attendance. His ideas for the centre of Ayr were fully discussed. There will be a meeting of ADB at the Unity Grill on Monday at 5.00pm

5 Riverside Flats – David Petrie and Norman McLean are having a meeting with Design and Build. Support has been sought and 60 names are in favour of the Community Council representing them. A meeting is being held by officials to determine the validity of our application under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

6 Ayr Town Centre and Belleisle

Belleisle Hotel buy back by the Council appears to be going to litigation. It is hoped that the cafe and visitors hub will be open for the summer season.

Service in Club House is reported to be very poor.

Facilities now first class at The Stables however the vacancies have yet to be advertised.

Royal Hotel in Kyle Street continues to cause concern and a Report is awaited on its stability by Building Control.

The former Clydesdale Bank building is now scheduled for opening at the end of June.

Ayr Town Centre Strategy Plan.

1. Culture Heritage at lower end of the High Street with Arts Facilities
2. Leisure and recreation in the middle area.
3. Retail at the upper end of the High Street
4. Rail Station to be improved and demolition of Burns House

7 Councillor Business & Matters Arising – No further issues

8 Planning Control – Nothing to report.

9 Annual General Meeting – Election of Office bearers

Chairman - Norman McLean, Proposed by Forbes Watson and seconded by Libby Morrison.

Vice Chairman - Forbes Watson, Proposed by Allan Dorans and seconded by Norman McLean.

Treasurer – Michael Hitchon, Proposed by Norman McLean and seconded by Allan Dorans

Secretary – Olena Stewart Proposed by Michael Hitchon and seconded by Dympna Gardiner

Planning Contact – Phil Proposed, proposed by Olena Stewart and seconded by Michael Hitchon.

Licensing Contact - Libby Morrison, proposed by Forbes Watson and seconded by Dympna Gardiner.

10 Reports - Public Procession for Apprentice Boys and Derry -1st June

Bread ARCA. Launch of Town Centre Conference (Station Hotel working group.) Football tournament at Old Racecourse attracted about 5000 each weekend.

11 Correspondence – Letter from Salvation Army seeking donations

12 Financial Report - Adoption of Treasurer's Report Proposed by Norman McLean and seconded by Forbes Watson

13 AOC None

12 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 12 June 2019 in Royal Burgh Suite 3, Ayr Town Buildings, at 7.00pm