

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Director of Housing, Operations and Development
to Cabinet
of 12 March 2024**

Subject: MVF Watchful, South Harbour Street, Ayr – Common Good Consultation

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet with the results of the public consultation carried out under section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to the proposed disposal of MVF Watchful (The Watchful) and, having had regard to the results of the public consultation, to ask Cabinet to re-confirm the decision by Cabinet on 31 October 2023 to declare the property surplus to Council requirements and the approval for its removal and scrapping.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1.1 **notes the results of the public consultation carried out under section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015;**
- 2.1.2 **considers and agrees the responses to the representations received as outlined in [Appendix 1](#), approves publication of the responses on the Council website and notification of those who responded to the consultation;**
- 2.1.3 **having regard to the outcome of the consultation, agrees to proceed with the proposals to declare as surplus to Council requirements, and to remove and scrap, the MVF Watchful and its supporting structure at South Harbour Street, Ayr – shown outlined red on the attached Plan ([Appendix 2](#)); and**
- 2.1.4 **given agreement in 2.1.3 above, grants authority to the Service Lead – Professional Design Services to arrange for the removal and scrapping of the MVF Watchful and supporting structure.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet meeting of 31 October 2023 authorised the removal and scrapping of MVF Watchful and its supporting structure subject to a Common Good consultation, with the results of the consultation to be reported back to Cabinet.

- 3.2 Removal of MVF Watchful will enable implementation of the proposed Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy to include improved infrastructure for water sports, refurbishment of existing artworks, a new maritime heritage installation, improved wayfinding and interpretation.
- 3.3 In 2019 South Ayrshire Council commissioned City Gate Construction (CGC) to undertake a survey of MVF Watchful. CGC estimated repairs at £80,000 (2019) and noted that *'It is in [CGC's] opinion however the work and money required to carry out a suitable and long-term restoration on this boat will be substantial, an exact cost could not be determined at this point. Only when the strip out was underway would you fully know the extent required'*.
- 3.4 A small number of community bodies have expressed an interest in MVF Watchful as a heritage or restoration project over the years. However, none of these have come to fruition as a Community Asset Transfer under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, or any other purchase, lease, or management agreement.
- 3.5 There is no Council service use for MVF Watchful and no budget has been allocated for its upkeep and maintenance. Accordingly under the Council's Policy for the Disposal and Acquisition of Council Property, the building is surplus to Council requirements.
- 3.6 The property known as The Watchful, located in the dry dock at South Harbour Street, Ayr is attached to concrete plinths by metal bolts in the keel and the concrete plinths are set into the ground. As MVF Watchful, therefore is affixed to Common Good Land, it has acquired the status of the land and is Common Good. In terms of Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Council is required to consult with the local community when planning to dispose of Common Good property. The Council is required to have regard to any representations received.
- 3.7 The MVF Watchful Common Good Consultation was open between 09:00 on Tuesday 7 November 2023 and 17:00 on Monday 8 January 2024. A notice was affixed to fencing at the site, another was put on display in The Citadel Leisure Centre and it was hosted on the South Ayrshire Council website (<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/60681/Common-Good-Consultation-MVF-Watchful-South-Harbour-Street-Ayr>). Details of the consultation were circulated to Fort, Seafield & Wallacetown Community Council. It was also circulated to Fort, Seafield & Wallacetown Community Association and Ayrshire Housing as known community organisations with a possible interest in the property. Ayr West ward elected members were notified. A copy of the notice as posted at the site is included as [Appendix 3](#).
- 3.8 A total of 91 representations were received: 44 representations are For (supportive of) the proposal; 24 representations are Against the proposal and 23 representations have been classed as Neutral (neither For nor Against). The representations and proposed Council responses are detailed in [Appendix 1](#).

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Cabinet:

- 4.1.1 agrees the responses to the representations received as outlined in [Appendix 1](#), approves publication of the responses on the Council website and notification of those who responded to the consultation; and
- 4.1.2 having regard to the outcome of the consultation, agrees to proceed with the proposals that the MVF Watchful and supporting structure is declared surplus to Council requirements, removed and scrapped ; and
- 4.1.3 requests the Service Lead – Professional Design Services to arrange for the removal and scrapping of MVF Watchful and its supporting structure.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report are consistent with legal requirements.
- 5.2 Appropriate contractor(s) will require to be procured to undertake demolition and removal of the boat and supporting structure.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Ayr Common Good Fund will be relieved of future maintenance and repair costs for MVF Watchful and its plinths. A survey of the NVF Watchful carried out in 2019 on behalf of the Council estimated repair costs at £80,000 but stated that the full cost could not be identified until the works were underway.
- 6.2 There are cost implications associated with the removal and scrapping of the boat and supporting structure. A demolition contractor's quote from October 2023 provided a cost of £5,487.50 +VAT. Cost would be met from the Promenade and Shorefront Enhancement Scheme budget.

7. Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

- 8.1.1 There is a risk that removal and scrapping will be viewed negatively by some members of the community who are opposed to the proposal. Results from the Common Good Consultation indicate, however, the majority of respondents support the proposal to remove the boat to enable improvements to the area. Many of the representations that are against the proposal focus on the loss of The Watchful as a memorial to fisherman. This could be mitigated by proposals for a new maritime heritage installation contained in the Ayr Esplanade Strategy .

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

- 8.2.1 The Ayr Common Good Fund could remain liable for maintenance of a property which without significant investment is likely to deteriorate further, become increasingly unsafe and detract from the surrounding area.

9. Equalities

- 9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 4](#).

10. Sustainable Development Implications

- 10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

- 11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Priority 1 of the Council Plan: Spaces & Places (Outcome 2).

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 The public was consulted through the Common Good Consultation as outlined in section 3.7 and 3.8.
- 13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Martin Kilbride, Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Director of Housing, Operations and Development will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>Managed by</i>
Publication of Common Good Feedback report	31 March 2024	Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer
Removal and scrapping of MVF Watchful	31 May 2024	Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer

Background Papers **Report to Cabinet of 31 October 2023 – [Proposed Disposal of Council and Common Good Property: ‘MVF Watchful’, South Harbour Street, Ayr](#)**

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MVF Watchful, South Harbour Street, AyrCommon Good Consultation Feedback

Feedback and response on Statutory Consultation with the Local Community under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, for the proposed removal and scrapping of MVF Watchful and supporting infrastructure at South Harbour Street, Ayr to enable a programme of environmental enhancements including improvement of the South Harbour slipway to support access to water sports, and a proposed Inner Harbour Art and Heritage trail.

The Common Good Consultation for MVF Watchful, South Harbour Street, Ayr was open between 9am on Tuesday 7th November 2023 and 5:00pm on Monday 8th January 2024. A notice regarding the consultation was erected at the site, another was displayed in The Citadel and it was hosted on the South Ayrshire Council website at [Consultations – South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations). Details of the consultation were circulated to Fort, Seafield & Wallacetown Community Council and to other known community organisations with a possible interest in the property. Elected members for the Ayr West ward were also notified.

As detailed in the table below, 91 completed representations were received (90 from individuals and 1 on behalf of an organisation): 44 representations are For (supportive of) the proposal; 24 representations are Against the proposal and 23 representations have been classed as Neutral (neither For nor Against).

Respondent	Representation	Category: For, Against or Neutral.	Council's Response (where applicable)
Eric Armstrong	Whilst not mentioned in the Council proposal Watchful is actually a memorial to the brave Ayrshire fishermen who lost their lives at sea. What plans are there to continue a memorial to these lost lives?	Neutral	A new installation to mark the area's maritime and fishing history is part of the Council's proposals for the inner harbour. Further community engagement will be undertaken before proposals are finalised.
Norman McLean	As a former Chairman of Fort Seafield & Wallacetown Community Council I am aware of local concerns however at this stage I am aware of the perilous condition and safety aspects of the Watchful. It is well beyond a funded renovation in its rotting	For	na

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	state and is holding back restoration of the dry dock area for a more beneficial use to the community. I fully support the Council in their proposal to regenerate the area but am concerned at the time that it has taken to reach this stage.		
Rita Miller	I agree with the plan to remove the boat and the concrete fixings to release the site for leisure use	For	na
bruce harris	Happy with the proposals and improvements to this area.	For	na
Sandy Ruff	The boat should be restored. Maybe work with community groups or with college. As someone who lives in the direct vicinity of it, it would be missed. It's been a landmark for years and what it represents.	Against	The Council has engaged with a number of community bodies and individuals that have expressed interest in The Watchful as a restoration project. However, none of these plans have come to fruition.
Gavin Scott	Scrap it	For	na
Jenna Roberts	Happy for the vessel to be removed on the condition that the heritage trail goes ahead and the area is visually improved for tourists	For	na
Pamela Ireland	Whilst I think it was wrong to allow the Watchful to deteriorate to this state, I believe it should now be removed and improvements to the area made. This should include an appropriate tribute to those lost at sea.	For	na
Ann Cassidy	The Watchful has sadly become an eyesore and really needs to be removed. Those souls who have been lost at sea could be far better commemorated by the erection of a more fitting monument, eg a suitable sculpture or a plaque with the names of the victims.	For	na
Alan McIntyre	I am happy with the proposals and I am sure the council will act accordingly whilst scrapping the vessel and will keep any new site projects in line with current carbon emission restrictions and hopefully add another new interesting cultural artefact/ sports facility to the area.	For	na
Erin Somerville	My Grampa, <i>name removed</i> , worked on the Watchful. If the boat is indeed to be scrapped	Neutral	The Council is bound by Common Good rules and

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	could our family please have the name plate from the side of the boat?		procedures in relation to The Watchful. Your request is noted and the Council will contact you directly following completion of this statutory Common Good Consultation exercise.
MARY PINKARD	I think it would be a shame to lose this piece of the fishing history of Ayr and would like to see the Watchful saved even if it means re-siting it. It is an absolute disgrace that it has been so neglected for years.	Against	na
Alistair Hook	I am happy for it to be removed from its current location and either taken elsewhere for restoration by students or scrapped if it is too far gone. The dry dock area that it currently sits could be converted to a slip for public access.	For	na
L A Hackett	Agree – given lack of maintenance – MVF Watchful can be removed. Dry dock where it was located should remain as an asset for the common good. Suggest incorporate proposed use of dry dock with purchase of former coastguard lookout and consider as whole scheme with area around the 'coal' sculpture – possibly as outdoor gallery/summer cafe.	For	na
John Hayes	It's an eyesore and serves zero purpose. Best the scrap it.	For	na
Euan Gibb	The boat has been there for many years and is in a state of disrepair. It either needs repaired or replaced with something new. However if the boat is removed there should be a sign or place commemorating her for all the years she stood watch over the harbour.	Neutral	na
William Sutherland	This needs to be removed,before a accident happens,or it goes on fire. Area should be transformed into a watersports base The work taking place at the moment will take ages,5 workmen at the site,only one was doing any work, pathetic	For	na
Brian Young	I have a workboat and barge company and are desperate to find suitable waterside property to relocate my business to. It seems that little slipway in Ayr could be the only place left on the Clyde where a working boatyard could be created at minimal cost and create many jobs.	Neutral	Thank you for your enquiry – we will respond to you directly in due course.

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Stephen O'Reilly	I don't live near the watchful but am in the area regularly. I feel the plan for development for water sports would be an excellent idea as a kayaker and water boarder.	For	na
David Clark	Contact Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine and ask if they would be interested in taking it.	Neutral	na
Adam Boyle	Leave the boat where it is and restore it as best possible as it was put there as a memorial to the sailors lost at sea so should remain and be looked after better by the local council it has been there as long as I can remember and is apart of the towns history and shouldn't be messed with apart from renovation to it	Against	na
Brian Mackie	Sadly feel MVF Watchful should be removed and scrapped. Too far gone now and is an eye sore .	For	na
Graeme Davis	This rotting hulk is a total eyesore, it needs to be removed and the area developed to encourage a cafe and restaurant culture, possibly allied to a marina. We have two rivers and a seafront in Ayr, all underused. Other towns would love to have assets like these with such potential, especially around the harbour area in question.	For	na
Edward Millar	Due to the dreadful condition of the 'Watchful', I feel that it would be better to remove and dispose of the boat, however as a mark of respect and remembrance of the fishermen and the fishing industry in Ayr surely an appropriate memorial could be installed in a prominent position	For	na
Timothy Downie	The Watchful has looked sad and more than a little ridiculous since the wheelhouse \repair\" that was completely unconvincing as a fishing boat wheelhouse	Neutral	na
Fiona Scott	The boat has been an integral part of the Ayr Harbour landscape for over 20 years and is a memorial to lost sea men. This boat should be kept in situ. The boat should be repaired /preserved. The area should be upgraded around the boat. The Council should be ashamed of the lack of thought given to the history of our heritage, yet they can't take responsibility and deal with more expensive and dangerous things like The Station Hotel over the years.	Against	na
Derek Wilson	Slip to be used for launching and retrieving water crafts of various sizes through the utilisation of a automative barrier controlled by pre- paid tokens or scanning a QR code by phone.	Neutral	na
Angela. Cassells	Would leave the vessel alone – it has character. There would be many other priorities that would serve Ayr better than removal of this and plans	Against	na

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	stated would only benefit a small number of people. Focus would be better on reviving the town or an initiative that would benefit an abundance of people.		
Alan Finlayson	MV Faithful Are you going to methodically destroy all of the town peoples history to replace it with morons on jet skis and coffee shops?	Against	na
Malcolm Carleton	\Watchful\" is a memorial in remembrance to fishermen lost at sea. As such It should be refurbished and left in place and not removed in the hope that local inhabitants will with time	Against	na
Malcolm Smith	I am 100% against the scrapping of the MFV Watchful, it is cultural vandalism. This fine example of a herring ringer should be the central exhibit in a heritage trail connecting Ayr to the sea. Restored as part of a levelling up funding bid to Westminster could potentially see local youngsters gain meaningful employment and skills for life through apprenticeships based around a restoration. Old pictures show Ayr harbour with boats rafted six deep along South harbour wall	Against	na
Jake Craig	MVF Watchful Common should be restored and kept in place to make it a key feature of the waterfront improvement works. The only reason for its current state is a lack of maintenance. A bit of effort and colour would maintain it as a fitting tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea and complement the planned heritage works.	Against	na
Andrew Williamson	In principle I have no issue but how safe is this given the harbour entrance for water sports. Also parking in the area is residential.	Neutral	na
James Frew	I'm afraid its time to dismantle \Watchful\". Its dilapidated and a sorry sight... looks like no or min. maintenance has been done since she was installed. The majority of Ayr people never go near this area and many may not even know of the existence of \Watchful\".	For	na
sarah youd	I would prefer to retain MVF Watchful as it is an historical reminder of the past use of the harbour. I feel that too much of Ayr's history is currently being removed from Ayr (e.g. the Station Hotel) and I was saddened when the fishing harbour was removed to Troon a number of years ago. I believe that a town's history should be protected, not removed so that future generations have a sense of place.	Against	na
John Ferguson	MFV WATCHFUL Consultation. I wholeheartedly agree that the fishing vessel be destroyed and all supporting structures be	For	na

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	removed. I understand that the vessel is in situ as some kind of memorial to the fishermen from this area who lost their lives at sea. A more fitting memorial would be a commemorative Plaque in the vicinity of what used to be the Fish Harbour.		
Jo Bruce	It is a great idea to get rid of this boat as it is an eyesore. It is time the area was put to better use. The whole area needs an upgrade so will be excellent to see improvement works start.	For	na
Kate Dargie-Dailly	Its very important and sensitive in removing commemoration installations that the memorial is either placed elsewhere, or something else is put in place. The memorial is now part of Ayr's heritage and a new sculpture should be erected in its place or a suitable site.	Neutral	na
Adam Brown	Employ a few local people to help restore the ship a little and move to a more scenic location to be made into a display piece.	Against	na
Neil Russell	Get rid of this eyesore and do something positive with this area.	For	na
Vincent McWhirter	I support the proposal to scrap 'Watchful' and regenerate the area. This is a unique location for a facility to develop water sports such as Open Water Swimming, Coastal Rowing, sliding seat rowing, SUP paddling, dingy sailing & equipment hire. The site is also adjacent to the new proposed 'Ayrshire Link' cycling route. A base at the dry dock could facilitate showers, changing rooms.	For	na
ASHLEA MCDOWALL	Agreement to remove vessel. Please ensure space is used to promote water sports in the area, we have a beautiful beach it needs to be utilised to its full potential	For	na
Andrew Russell	Find a space for it in the open space of the Cutty Sark square. Erect a suitable roof covering over it giving it some space. Stabilise the wood with modern treatments and place a plaque with some history on it and label it a remembrance memorial. That should please everyone.	Neutral	na
George McFarlane	Scrap it , it's an eyesore	For	na
adrienne healy	MV Watchful - its in the name - its decommissioned and was to be a remembrance - instead of leaving it to rot work should have been done years ago - despite that though she should be restored and left to watch over the mouth of the harbour	Against	na
Craig Robertson	I believe MVF watchful should be restored and celebrated as a local landmark. Not enough priority	Against	na

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	is given to local history and this could be, part of a regeneration that includes local history.		
Muriel Downie	The Watchful has never been an attractive feature of Ayr. If it is of historical interest, there is no information provided. The boat, which has never been attractive, has deteriorated over the years, and, frankly, it's become an eyesore.	For	na
Wendy McGeachie	This is a historical piece of ayr harbour. Can it be moved to another site. If not it could be sited on my grounds rather than lose it. We have lost so much from the harbour area. A group could be set up to restore it by the anglers in Ayrshire. No cost to the council. Sell it for £1.00 to allow ownership by me/ a group We must protect our heritage so much gone through no fault of anyone. For example Ayr County hospital, seafield hospital, holmston house etc. let's try protect this vessel.	Against	The Council has engaged with a number of community bodies and individuals that have expressed interest in The Watchful as a restoration project. However, none of those plans have come to fruition.
Bob Lambie	This wreck needs to go! It has been an eyesore for too long and the area could be used for some sort of water sports.	For	na
Jacqueline Lucy	SAC have failed to upkeep the condition of the Watchful which was donated in memory of all who lost their lives at sea and to remember Ayrshire's fishing history. A memorial including the plaque should be put on display in its place.	For	na
Jonathan Dobbie	I feel the area could be better used as an access to the water. I am keen sea goer and find the small slip at the side of the adjacent flats very tight and not very pleasant for residents of the high rise. The Watchful could be cut down to half the size to be left as 1) a very unique sculpture in the harbour and 2) its initial value as a memory for those lost at sea.	Neutral	na
L McLean	This memorial should have been restored long ago. It is very disrespectful to remove and scrap this. Do local people actually want to spend thousands on what the council is proposing? I don't think so. Maybe contact the college and see if they could help restore the memorial.	Against	na
Wendy Gibson	I think this is a fabulous idea and would bring lots of visitors to the area, water sports including wild sea swimming and paddle boarding have increased so much in the last few years. Great use of a run down area as well	For	na

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Sandra Reid	It's time to remove The Watchful. She is beyond repair.	For	na
Forbes Watson	The boat should be scrapped. Too expensive to repair. The area will be opened up for boating, canoes etc. A plaque commemorating should be placed in area	For	na
Angela McAllister	I think the Watchful is beyond salvaging after years of neglect, and should be scrapped. I understand it is planned to incorporate a memorial in whatever development takes place there, and this should suffice.	For	na
Norman Sharp	Scrap the Watchful. I agree with this below. We are proposing that the vessel is removed to improve access for water sports; a harbour art and heritage trail has also been proposed for the site.	For	na
joanne jess	Please remove boat and make space for leisure facilities along this part of coast	For	na
Emily McKenzie	although I believe in the nostalgia of the boat, and it's history, I believe strongly it's an eye sore now and has to be removed.	For	na
David Macfarlane	The telling of 'The Price of a Fish Supper' by Catherine Czerkawska tells of the struggles of being an Ayrshire Fisherman, and to remove the MVF Watchful seems to be of very poor taste and misunderstanding. As one of the most poignant reminders of this industry, to destroy the MVF Watchful would be a devastating and outrageous symbol of profit over passion.	Against	na
Alexander Paterson	The MVF Watchful is a complete eyesore to those in and around this community and town. It has no place in Ayr given it is a Maidens boat and does not have a history of Ayr. It is beyond any restoration that does not include a full rebuild and myself nor my family taxes should be used for anything other than removing this eyesore. Use common sense and remove it.	For	na
Anne Smith	I am sorry that it has got to this stage for the Watchful but providing it is still recognised as what it was originally time has come for it to be removed. A memorial has to be erected AND MAINTAINED PROPERLY The existing markings on the wall could also be renovated. Sad end to a memorial for brave men.	For	na
David Jenkins	The Watchful is a memorial to fishermen who lost their lives at sea. It should be treated with the same respect as that for the war dead. Yet the council have let its condition deliberately deteriorate over the years. No annual maintenance	Against	na

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	has ever been undertaken, which is necessary for the upkeep of any vessel; as such, I accept none of their excuses for its current condition. The suggestion of replacing boat with plaque is insulting, and would serve as a reminder of council incompetence.		
Tom Lawrie	Please can you clarify what is meant by support access to water sports, and which ones you are referring to. As a resident overlooking the slipway I am concerned by the existing anti social behaviour during summer & weekends at this area by young people drinking & playing loud music. What plans are proposed to prioritise the residents needs, rights and wellbeing? Whilst I welcome redevelopment of the area, as council taxpayers, our views, aspects and noise concerns should be prioritised.	Neutral	Further community engagement work will take place to inform the Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy, giving all residents an opportunity to make suggestions or raise concerns before proposals are finalised.
Lynn Carleton	Watchful should be removed. Need to discourage groups of teenagers using the area for loud music, drinking and vandalising. Ideally remove all structures which attract this behaviour, especially the curved roof shelter. The newly-constructed ramp will need ridges on it or there will be an issue with skateboarders again. Applaud the idea of watersports but needs properly constructed building. A group of huts won't make the area look any better and will attract more anti-social behaviour.	For	na
Iain McKie	The Citadel Quay Owners Association supports this proposal, providing a suitable memorial is erected to fishermen lost at sea and the critical question of the failing infrastructure in the South Harbour is addressed. Details of this will be contained in an email to	For	The Council will respond directly to your e-mail.
Alan Mackay	Despite your erroneous statement that the Boat \is in really poor condition due to being exposed to adverse weather.\" I can attest that its neglected condition is completely due to over 20 years of neglect and incompetence by SAC and its Councillors. I have no confidence whatsoever that the Council's new proposals for the Citadel Quay area will ever come to full fruition and I congratulate you in destroying what was a very imposing and attractive landmark in our neighbourhood."	Neutral	na

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Kenneth Ireland (by e-mail)	Good morning May I suggest you retain "Watchful" and restore it giving employment to suitable skill base and use the vessel as part of your Heritage area. Alternatively, donate to Maritime Museum at Irvine. Surely there is an alternative to scrapping the vessel given that it has lay there for many years. Don't let it be another SAC failure please ? Rgds	Against	na
Raymond Anderson (by e-mail)	My view is that this visually identify able piece of Ayr's history should be maintained for future generations. Too many things are swept away and regretted later. You owe it to the people of Ayr.	Against	na
Helen Westwood (by e-mail)	Yes I agree it's a good idea to get rid of the old shipping vessel as it looks like an eyesore. I think the piece of art work which looks like an ugly black oblong block, situated nearby should go too as a complete waste of money and most people I've spoken to think it's not art but a joke. It adds nothing to the area. Any improvement on this harbour area would be good thank you.	For	na
Patricia Reilly (by e-mail)	As a person whose family was involved in fishing for generations I find it very sad that the Watchful has been allowed to get into this state. In their day these boats were gleaming and used to lie, sometimes 3 abreast, in Maidens harbour. The Watchful was one of the Maidens fleet. With the loss of these boats a way of life has disappeared. I think that it would be interesting for people visiting this area to see an example of what was a major industry here. I know when I go anywhere I like to find out how a place has developed and how people made and now make their living. A restored Watchful would remind us all of a different time.	Against	na
Trevor Clark (by e-mail)	Remove the vessel as it's an eye sore, leave the area open as a slipway and promote it as a lanch area for recreational boat users.	For	na
Clare Gibb (by e-mail)	Noting the proposed use of the dry dock as a Heritage site and access for water sports- Ayr Harbours fishing heritage needs to be recognised. My godfather fished out of Ayr as did three of his sons. MVF Watchful is sentinel to our loss of the fishing industry and should be preserved and retained in situ, livings as well as lives have been lost "at sea" Re development plans can incorporate the vessel, she is part of our heritage and should not be moved aside as an inconvenience to make way for "new" heritage development.	Against	na

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	I am somewhat shocked that the proposals are to remove and that re-siting does not appear to have even been considered.		
Marnie Lucy (by e-mail)	Hi there, I am the youngest daughter on <i>name removed</i> who donated Watchful to SAC in 1995. I would like to keep the remaining name plate off Watchful in the family - despite an <i>name removed</i> (no relation whatsoever) requesting the same - see SAC live Facebook page about MV Watchful. My oldest sister, <i>name removed</i> & I are meeting with <i>name removed</i> tomorrow at 2pm to discuss a way forward.	Neutral	The Council is bound by Common Good rules and procedures in relation to The Watchful. Your request is noted and the Council will contact you directly following completion of this statutory Common Good Consultation exercise.
Marion McPherson (by e-mail)	Dear Sir/Madam I am in agreement that the MVF Watchful is sadly no longer salvageable. It is a pity that this beautiful boat did not end its days in her home port of Maidens. I am one of many people who over the course of years advocated for The Watchful to be kept in good repair. There are also many who worked to keep some of the area in as good repair as possible. To me it would be disrespectful to the memory of all fishermen who died at sea if The Watchful cannot be repurposed. After all, it is an important icon of Ayr's once proud fishing fleet and therefore an important part of Ayr's history. Can I ask you to consider the idea of The Watchful being moved to the pier end of Ayr Beach, without the plinth, and be 'grounded' there as an art installation? Look at the old boat wrecks in Salen Bay as an example. A grounded Watchful would attract painters and photographers I'm sure. I further request that all of the maritime markings be left on the wall of the slipway.	Neutral	na
Scott (no surname given) (by e- mail)	Fishing fleets fished out of the Port of Ayr for centuries and the Watchful is the last of its generation for future generations to see a vessel that brought a lot of wealth to our town! The cost of restoring this hull would be money WELL spent and should be a monument to our fishing past situated next to the slip that was once	Against	na

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	Ayr Yacht Club and hopefully can again have boats moored for the teaching of the towns youth!		
Bruce Morrison (by e-mail)	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the consultation on the removal of MVF Watchful.</p> <p>I overall welcome the proposals to regenerate the harbour area set out in the consultation. However, I am conscious of the fact that the original intention of the MV Watchful was as a memorial to fishermen lost at sea, and this is a sensitive issue for some in the community. The consultation does not, as far as I can see, make direct reference to this fact, and I think people would be more amenable to the plans if it was clearer that the 'new maritime heritage' installation would serve a similar function, and presumably be easier to maintain than the Watchful. I would also welcome more information about how much of the Common Good funding has been spent on the Watchful in recent times, given its state of disrepair.</p> <p>Overall I welcome the proposals to remove the boat and improve the harbour area, as I feel that having facilities for water sports and use of the harbour would make the area I live in more vibrant. However, I would welcome the council approaching the issue more sensitively given the status of the Watchful as a memorial.</p>	For	Thank you for your enquiry. We will respond to your query regarding Common Good expenditure in due course.
George Watt (by e-mail)	<p>'The boat,, is in really poor condition due to being exposed to adverse weather'. Alas, it does not surprise me that a council employee has chosen to write thus, rather typical of the approach of councils and politicians everywhere, anything but the blunt truth.</p> <p>The 'Watchful' was last refurbished circa 2005 - 2010 under the auspices of the Community Payback Scheme and nothing has been to ensure its preservation since that time. Perhaps, '.....to being exposed to SAC neglect', would be more appropriate.</p> <p>I was brought up in Prestwick quite a few decades ago and knew Ayr and its harbour when it was a very active county town. Almost twenty years ago I returned to Ayrshire and since that time I have scarcely witnessed any inspirational activities, architectural or otherwise.</p> <p>I am aware the change is inevitable, indeed necessary, but we should attempt to retain as much of our history as is possible and the slipway is one such item. I do hope the Council's plans do</p>	Against	na

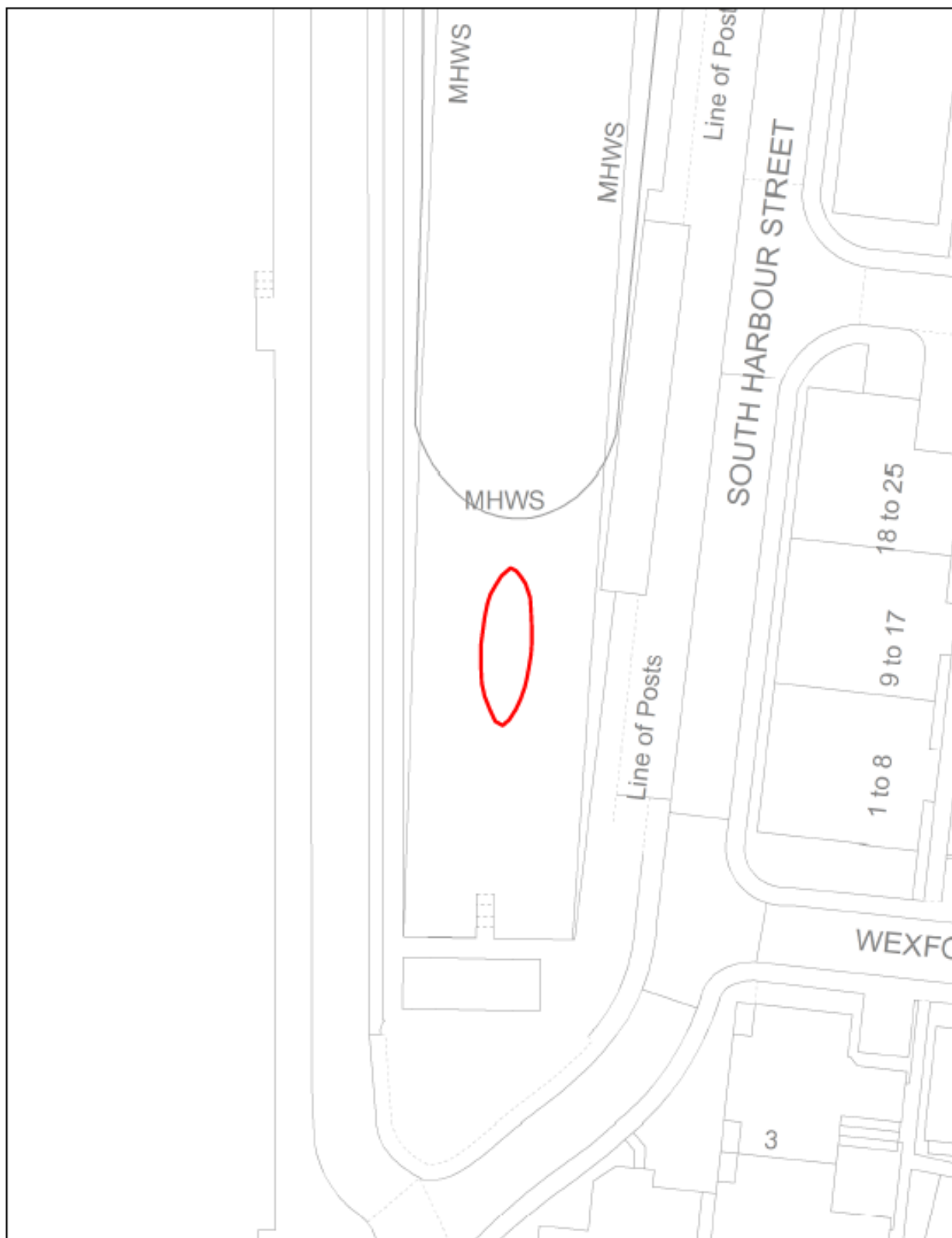
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	<p>not entail obliterating it or even entirely losing its industrial appearance.</p> <p>Someone had the inspiration of installing the 'Watchful', both to commemorate those fishermen lost at sea and to remind everyone of part of Ayr's history.</p> <p>May I suggest the Council acquires another vessel as a replacement and incorporate it in their new plans. It could even be under cover and made to be a significant part of the proposed Heritage Trail. If approached, I am sure the Maritime Museum would be happy to give further advice.</p>		
Geoff Turner (by e-mail)	<p>The SAC, have been waiting for a long time for the MVF Watchful to fall into this state of disrepair, so that they can remove it on the grounds of safety to the public.</p> <p>As stated in the consultation document the SAC have never allocated funds for the maintenance and up keep of the vessel. So as anything, not looked after is has dilapidated to its current state. If the SAC weren't going to fund it's up keep, they should never placed it there in the first place. This situation lands fair and square on the desk of SAC.</p> <p>There is no other option left now but remove the vessel and scrap it. Shame on SAC.</p> <p>So that brings us to the question what sort of water sport the old drydock slipway can be used for.</p> <p>Not very many as the slipway leads to the commercial harbour and the associated traffic. Thank about H&S.</p> <p>At present there is a 3 level wheelchair access ramp being built in the drydock slipway. I beg the question for what is the purpose of this ramp?</p> <p>Its not for access to view the MVF Watchful, as she is going.</p> <p>Any vessel small enough to be taken down the new ramp could be carried down the old steps. Any vessel that needs a slipway will be too big to use the new ramp.</p> <p>What a gross waist of funds.</p>	Neutral	<p>Safety will be a consideration if the Council is asked to evaluate any proposed uses for the inner harbour.</p> <p>The ramp is not a disabled ramp. It has been built on a gradient of 1:20.5 with generous width and landing areas to facilitate access for watersports or other interests.</p> <p>The Harbour Master and Ayrshire Roads Alliance are both aware of the plans and the design was approved by Building Standards.</p>
Robert Dunn (by e-mail)	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>With regards to the boat in south harbour street I feel that it should be left alone and restored, why can't there be a project to paint the boat and at least tidy the place up. The boat represents the once marina that was there and the history of it, it should be incorporated with the water sports project, you should ask for volunteers to clean</p>	Against	na

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	and restore the paint on it, I for one would volunteer to my services to help bring it bank to some life, and schools could be involved 6th years could be included Thanks again		
Dan Frazer (by e-mail)	Hi, I wish to express a desire for an accessible public slipway at Ayr Harbour, along with adequate parking for vehicles with trailers.	Neutral	na
Cat Anfield (by e-mail)	I don't usually want to sacrifice heritage sites but this has become a bit of eyesore and if there's no money to maintain the area then it would be better for this to change. So, I'd like to see the 'Watchful' scrapped and that end of the beach brought back to life and smartened up. Providing useable access to the water would be great and also some landscape planting, public toilets and benches. Thanks	For	na
Brian Young (by e-mail)	Good Day, Can I rent/buy/lease the slipway and create a working boatyard and potentially relocate my business there as well? There is only 1 boatyard on the Clyde (Girvan) and it is very busy and very far away. Having a boatyard that is more local would be great. We operate from Fairlie Quay currently but it is far from Ideal and I have been pestering NAC for some land with direct water access for the past 15years without any success and have watched them build houses on every piece of land I have suggested. Hopefully this slipway could be refurbished and put to use as a working boatyard and could create several jobs. Happy to meet with you and to discuss this great opportunity further. Regards,	Neutral	Thank you for your enquiry – we will respond to you directly in due course.
Erin Somerville (by e-mail)	My Grampa, <i>name removed</i> , worked on the Watchful. If the boat is indeed to be scrapped could our family please have the name plate from the side of the boat?	Neutral	The Council is bound by Common Good rules and procedures in relation to The Watchful. Your request is noted and the Council will contact you directly following completion of this statutory Common

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			Good Consultation exercise.
Steve Pinder-Banthorpe (by e-mail)	Re: 'MVF Watchful Common Good Consultation' I fully support South Ayrshire Council's proposals to remove and then scrap the MVF Watchful to improve access for water sports and possibly a harbour art and heritage trail. This area presently looks awful with a rusting old ship that no one pays much attention to.	For	na
William Walker (by e-mail)	I recently saw a post on FB about watchful. This was my wife's Grandads boat & was owned by <i>name removed</i> . I beg of you not to give anything away of the boat, as 4 of <i>name removed</i> daughters are still living (1 in Ayr) <i>name removed</i> . If this was being scrapped, I think the sisters should have a say in what's given away, <i>some text removed</i> . Please contact myself or <i>name removed</i> . Regards	Neutral	na
James Yeo (by email)	Was referred to you about ayr Harbour public slip by sac sports and leisure ie putting a hand rail along the wall at the steps Down the side of the slip and a floating pontoon to get access onto boats and pleasure craft canoes jetski fishing boats foe the safety of the public.mental health and wellbeing I use this area and it is badly needed updating I and others are trying to make it better for all ayr boating community?reply please	Neutral	Further community engagement work will take place to inform the Ayr Esplande Improvement Strategy, giving all interested parties an opportunity to make suggestions before proposals are finalised.
Iain McKie for Citadel Quay Owners Association (by e-mail)	Watchful Consultation I am writing on behalf of Citadel Quay Owners Association. I have completed the online response form as follows: 'The Citadel Quay Owners Association supports this proposal, providing a suitable memorial is erected to fishermen lost at sea and the critical question of the failing infrastructure in the South Harbour is addressed. Details of this will be contained in an email to estates@south-ayrshire.gov.uk ' As stated however there is little sense in creating new facilities unless the failing infrastructure is addressed. Retaining Walls:	Neutral	Further community engagement work will take place to inform the Ayr Esplande Improvement Strategy, giving all residents an opportunity to make suggestions or raise concerns before proposals are finalised.

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	<p>Because of years of maintenance failures the decaying infrastructure within the South Harbour has reached crisis point. The deterioration in the water retaining walls is now threatening to undermine some of the adjacent paths and structures. A mixture of vandalism and natural erosion has resulted in large holes appearing in the protective membrane in place to ensure that there is no leakage of seawater into the surrounding area and it is now severely compromised.</p> <p>The Bridge: Following safety fears reported by users and local residents in relation to the bridge linking the east and west sides of the South Harbour the council has carried out some very limited repairs but has failed to tackle the underlying deterioration which threatens to close the bridge. In addition to being a useful link to the harbour pier and beach, when built its lighting and general appearance provided a striking entrance to the Inner Harbour.</p> <p>Walls and Gardens: In 2021 the council parks department established gardens beside the South Harbour walkway revitalising what had become a barren and neglected area. Unfortunately failure to maintain them has led to weed infestation and a serious decline in what had been a substantial improvement. Walls along the various walkways and paths have crumbled and require pointing to prevent their further deterioration and possible collapse.</p> <p>General Deterioration: There is general deterioration across the whole South Harbour area. There has been a total failure to develop a maintenance programme to protect and advance the refurbishment works carried out since 2000. Broken lighting, particularly on the bridge and pathways, rusting railings and metal features, rotting seating and a general air of decay ruin what should be an attractive area for residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>I have attached an extract from a report prepared by Fort, Seafield and Wallacetown Community Association detailing these infrastructure failings. This Association fully supports council plans to upgrade the whole South Harbour area but the first steps must be the failing infrastructure and not cosmetic initiatives.</p>		

Respondent	Representation	Category: For, Against or Neutral.	Council's Response (where applicable)
	Confirmation of this response would be appreciated.		
Jon Sheward (via email)	<p>This boat has seen better days . It should be removed. Maybe the Irvine maritime museum might be interested in her. I think the Dock area would make an excellent ramp for launching small or larger boats. If the the top end was changed, access would be excellent. Obviously some regulation of small boats (maybe by a buoyed area and speed restrictions) needed to protect the harbour traffic. Also possibly diverting high speed craft North (jet skis) away from main beach . Expanding the pontoons further up the harbour would also attract boats. At the moment just an eyesore. The potential space to develop a small sailing dinghy facility, with a compound nearby is a possibility.</p>	For	Further community engagement work will take place to inform the Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy, giving all interested parties an opportunity to make suggestions or raise concerns before proposals are finalised.
John Campbell (via email)	<p>Good idea....no point in it being there....get rid of it....get rid of the concrete mess that surrounds it... it's only the start to TRY and put some life and culture back into the town to rebuild Ayr as it should be ...as it was in the 60s 70s and early 80s..stop knocking down historic buildings that have been part of the town for centuries. That's my input to the common good consultation and I speak for an awful lot of local people.</p>	For	na
John Stevens	If the boat is to be moved why not donate it to the Maritime Museum in Irvine ?	Neutral	na



The Watchful, South Harbour Street, Ayr.

Scale 1:500



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Common Good Consultation – MVF Watchful, South Harbour Street, Ayr

Notice of consultation under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Reason for Site Notice Being Displayed: South Ayrshire Council is proposing to remove and scrap the former fishing vessel known locally as 'The Watchful' and its supporting structure, currently located in the dry dock at South Harbour Street, Ayr - shown outlined in red on the plan below – to enable a programme of environmental enhancements including improvement of the South Harbour slipway to support access to water sports, and a proposed Inner Harbour Art and Heritage trail.

As The Watchful is affixed to Common Good Land, it has acquired the status of that land and is considered Common Good. However, the title to the land contains no special purpose or specific conditions dedicating the land to a Common Good public purpose. Likewise, there is little evidence that the Council or its statutory predecessors dedicated the land, or the vessel, to a public purpose and it is classified as alienable Common Good. Consent from the Court is therefore not required to dispose of the vessel or the associated concrete supports.

No Council service use has been identified for The Watchful and no budget allocated for its maintenance and upkeep. In accordance with the Council's Policy for the Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Buildings, therefore, The Watchful is surplus to Council requirements. The proposal will remove the Common Good Fund's liability for maintaining the property.

Notice is hereby given of a **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**.

In terms of Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, local authorities are required to consult with the local community when planning to dispose of common good property or change its use.

The proposal is for The Watchful and its supporting structure, which is in a damaged and deteriorating condition, to be removed and scrapped. This will enable implementation of a proposed Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy to include improved infrastructure for water sports, refurbishment of existing artworks, a new maritime heritage installation, improved wayfinding and interpretation.

Approval to proceed with the above proposal, subject to the outcome of this consultation exercise, was granted by the Cabinet of South Ayrshire Council at its meeting on 31st October 2023.

It is anticipated the proposed developments will yield the following benefits:

- Regeneration – by enabling new activity in a highly visible but under used part of Ayr. Contributing to Priority One: Spaces & Places of the South Ayrshire Council Plan 2023-28.
- Environmental Improvement – the South Harbour/Inner Harbour area will be made more attractive and safer for residents and visitors to enjoy. Contributing to Priority Three: Civic & Community Pride of the South Ayrshire Council Plan 2023-28.
- Economic Development - the proposal is expected to benefit the visitor economy, attracting additional visitors and associated spend to the local area, contributing to South Ayrshire Council Tourism & Events Strategy.
- Public Health and Social Wellbeing - the improvements are likely to increase capacity and accessibility of facilities for outdoor and water-based activities for the general public, thus improving participants' health and wellbeing and offering social opportunities. Will also create an enhanced space for people to gather and socialise, strengthening community cohesion and tackling social isolation.
- Ayr Common Good fund will benefit through the removal of liability for costs associated with maintaining the current structure.

Location of the structure that would be removed is shown outlined in the plan below.

Description of the Consultation Process

Anyone may make representations about this proposal to South Ayrshire Council. Representations must be in writing, by email, or by online response as detailed below and include the name and address of the person making it. All representations must be received by **17:00hrs on Monday 8th January 2024**. All representations received will be published with the exception of those considered to be potentially offensive or libellous. The names of individuals and organisations making representations and their postcode will be published alongside the representation made. The Council will remove any telephone numbers, mobile numbers, personal email addresses, residential addresses and signatures from published information.

You can submit a response using the online comment response sheet via the Have Your Say section of the Council's website (<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/have-your-say>), by email to estates@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or, in writing to:

Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer
South Ayrshire Council
County Buildings
Wellington Square
Ayr
KA7 1DR

By no later than **17:00hrs on Monday 8th January 2024**. Any correspondence should be clearly marked 'MVF Watchful Common Good Consultation'

South Ayrshire Council's Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer Privacy Notice can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/Asset-Management-and-Community-Asset-Transfer-privacy-notice

South Ayrshire Council
Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty

Section One: Policy Details*

Name of Policy	Proposed Removal and Scrapping of MVF Watchful
Lead Officer (Name/Position)	Tom Burns, Service Lead Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer
Support Team (Names/Positions) including Critical Friend	Robin Jamieson – Co-ordinator Asset Management Colin Love – Team Leader Community Asset Transfer

*The term Policy is used throughout the assessment to embrace the full range of policies, procedures, strategies, projects, applications for funding or financial decisions.

What are the main aims of the policy?	To remove and scrap the MVF Watchful (The Watchful), and supporting concrete plinths, from its site in the dry dock at South Harbour Street, Ayr. The Watchful is in a dilapidated condition with estimated repair costs in excess of £80,000.
What are the intended outcomes of the policy?	Removal will enable implementation of the proposed Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy to include improved infrastructure for water sports, refurbishment of existing artworks, a new maritime heritage installation, improved wayfinding and interpretation.

Section Two: What are the Likely Impacts of the Policy?

Will the policy impact upon the whole population of South Ayrshire and/or particular groups within the population? (please specify)	The policy will primarily impact residents of the South Harbour area of Ayr and individuals with a connection or interest in Ayr's fishing history.
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Considering the following Protected Characteristics and themes, what likely impacts or issues does the policy have for the group or community?

List any likely positive and/or negative impacts.

Protected Characteristics	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Age: Issues relating to different age groups e.g. older people or children and young people	none

Disability: Issues relating to disabled people	none
Gender Reassignment – Trans/Transgender: Issues relating to people who have proposed, started or completed a process to change his or her sex	none
Marriage and Civil Partnership: Issues relating to people who are married or are in a civil partnership	none
Pregnancy and Maternity: Issues relating to woman who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave	none
Race: Issues relating to people from different racial groups,(BME) ethnic minorities, including Gypsy/Travellers	none
Religion or Belief: Issues relating to a person's religion or belief (including non-belief)	none
Sex: Issues specific to women and men/or girls and boys	none
Sexual Orientation: Issues relating to a person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, heterosexual/straight	none

Equality and Diversity Themes Relevant to South Ayrshire Council	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Health Issues and impacts affecting people's health	It is expected that an improved environment and better access to watersports opportunities would have a positive impact on people's health.
Human Rights: Issues and impacts affecting people's human rights such as being treated with dignity and respect, the right to education, the right to respect for private and family life, and the right to free elections.	none

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Low Income/Income Poverty: Issues: cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food and clothing.	none

Low and/or no wealth: Issues: enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future	none
Material Deprivation: Issues: being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	none
Area Deprivation: Issues: where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	none

Section Three: Evidence Used in Developing the Policy

Involvement and Consultation In assessing the impact(s) set out above what evidence has been collected from involvement, engagement or consultation? Who did you involve, when and how ?	The property is classed as Common Good therefore a public consultation exercise has been undertaken in terms of Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The consultation provided interested parties with an opportunity to make representations on the policy. In total, 91 representations were received: 44 were For (supportive of) the policy; 24 were Against; and 23 were Neutral.
Data and Research In assessing the impact set out above what evidence has been collected from research or other data. Please specify what research was carried out or data collected, when and how this was done.	na
Partners data and research In assessing the impact(s) set out in Section 2 what evidence has been provided by partners? Please specify partners	na
Gaps and Uncertainties Have you identified any gaps or uncertainties in your understanding of the issues or impacts that need to be explored further?	na

Section Four: Detailed Action Plan to address identified gaps in: **a) evidence and** **b) to mitigate negative impacts**

No.	Action	Responsible Officer(s)	Timescale
1	NA		

2			
3			
4			

Note: Please add more rows as required.

Section Five - Performance monitoring and reporting

Considering the policy as a whole, including its equality and diversity implications:

When is the policy intended to come into effect?	Spring/Summer 2024
When will the policy be reviewed?	Summer 2024 (further community engagement to inform the Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy is planned)
Which Panel will have oversight of the policy?	na

Section 6

South Ayrshire Council

Appendix

Summary Equality Impact Assessment Implications & Mitigating Actions

Name of Policy: ...Proposed Removal and Scrapping of MVF Watchful..

This policy will assist or inhibit the Council's ability to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations as follows:

Eliminate discrimination
Advance equality of opportunity By offering improved access to opportunities to participate in watersports.
Foster good relations The majority of respondents to the consultation are supportive of the policy. Further community engagement will be undertaken to identify local priorities in development of the Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy.
Consider Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Fairer Scotland Duty)

<u>Summary of Key Action to Mitigate Negative Impacts</u>	
<u>Actions</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
NA	

<p>Signed: Service Lead</p> <p>Date:</p>
