

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council
Thursday 6th February 2025 @ 7.15pm Belmont Academy, Ayr

Members Present: Cara Bennington (C/S), Flora Fleming (VC), Ian Douglas (T), Colin Hall (P&L), Carol Campbell (M), Matthew Grant (LO).

Visitors: Dianne Markham

Apologies: Daniela Van Niekerk (M), Hezekiah Adesina (M), Dennis McLellan (M), Donald McLean (M), Fiona Mitchell (Co- opted M), Councillor Brian McGinley, Councillor Mary Kilpatrick, Councillor Chris Cullen

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Sederunt was passed around, and the meeting was quorate with 5 members in attendance out of a current membership of 10.	
2	<p>Community Police Report The report has changed slightly in that it now covers beats which our area falls into, namely Beats UD71 and UD72. Sergeant Slaven said,</p> <p>“You may see a change in content and slightly higher recorded crime figures this is due to the system I’m using giving more accuracy and information for the beats and areas and there is some cross over from other areas , however it remains that this is crime representative and not the number of incidents, as 1 incident can have a number of crimes that are relative to it.”</p> <p>Time period covered is 01/01/25 to 31/01/25 44 Crimes committed with 19 detected. Crimes of violence (Assaults and Stalking) 6, Sexual Crime (telecoms, internet offences and physical) 2 Crimes of dishonesty (Fraud, Theft and attempts) 14 Damage and Reckless Behaviour (Vandalism and Culpable and Reckless Conduct) 5 Crimes against Society (Breach of bail, Drugs offences, Weapons) 7 Anti-social Offences (Threatening or Abusive behaviour) 4 Miscellaneous Crimes (Dangerous Dogs, communication offences) 1 Road Traffic Offences (careless driving, speeding, fail to stop, MOT, Insurance) 5</p> <p>Theft by shoplifting remains an issue in the local community and is being addressed with the main retailers by locality policing, detections relating to this remain high due to good local knowledge and communication with partners.</p>	.
3	<p>Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in December - Proposer – Flora Fleming Seconder – Colin Hall</p>	Secretary to send the approved minutes to Thriving Communities.
4	<p>Any Matters Arising from previous minutes. Secretary reported that there was a meeting of the Place Plan Subgroup to go through some of the themes of the survey to try to put together an action plan, but it is a very time-consuming task. Secretary sent a list of gathered comments on community safety and general policing which appeared in the survey (300 respondents in Ayr East) to David Porte, our Community Safety Officer for South Ayrshire. David has helped us by writing up some ideas and suggestions for an action plan on these themes.</p>	Secretary to arrange a meeting of the sub-group to discuss the further action plan ideas. Meeting to be arranged with FHMCC.

6	<p>Treasurer's Report Ian Douglas reported that the bank balance is £2569.53 split between the Defibrillator Fund of £1687.28 and the Admin Fund of £882.25. The members discussed, and agreed to, the purchase of two larger noticeboards for Belmont South and Old Belmont. Extra funds in the admin account will cover this purchase. The noticeboards will be wall mounted like the previous ones and will go in the same place, but we will be able to have permanent notices and more info on show.</p>	Treasurer will visit the manufacturer of the noticeboards and hopefully collect them before next meeting.
7	<p>Planning and Licensing Colin Hall reminded us that the enforced ban on pavement parking in South Ayrshire will take effect on March 31, 2025. The Ayrshire Roads Alliance will enforce the ban. For the first 4 weeks parking attendants will issue warning notices. Fines of £100 will then be issued thereafter. If paid within 14 days, the fine is reduced to £50.</p>	
8	<p>Secretary Correspondence.</p> <p>We have had one interested person wishing to join our Community Council and the deadline for applications is Feb 14th.</p> <p>Secretary updated the members on the list of organisations and groups that the BKCC members regularly attend meetings with between meetings of the CC. Secretary and Brian McGinley were able to help a resident to get help with fire damage to her house caused by a neighbouring property. Scottish Government Improvement Service provide webinars on complicated things such as Local Place Plans and Community Place Plans and these are all available free to members of the CC and anyone else in the community who is interested. Click on the link below.</p> <p>https://www.communitycouncils.scot/events</p> <p>An application has been made to open a new pharmacy at 2 Alloway Place. Community Council Chairs from Ayr area are requested to choose one representative to put forward their views, if any, at the hearing.</p> <p>The Community Action Group on paths and accessibility has started up again with a new member of SWECO, Edinburgh. Next meeting is on Feb 13th in the Council Chambers from 6 till 8pm.</p>	Secretary to email nomination form to our interested nominee.
9	<p>Meeting was closed at 2035hrs. Next meeting is on March 13, 2025.</p>	