

## **LOANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Loans Village Hall**

#### **Meeting Minutes 12 Feb 2025**

**PRESENT:** David Chalmers, Sheila Paton, Fred McCrory, Keith Mason, Veronica Hickman, Cllr Stephen Ferry, Katy Busby, Kenny Dalrymple

**APOLOGIES:** Audrey Gatt

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

#### ***1. Welcome by Chairman***

DC welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced Kenny Dalrymple who is the Deputy Director of Housing and Operations at South Ayrshire Council. He has joined the session to clarify the requirements for the funded 'Walkers Rest' project in the Hall garden.

#### ***2. Police Report***

John Connor and Fraser Chisolm from the police were in attendance tonight.

The Police Report from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to present provided these updates:

- No violence or drug supply
- No house breaking or fraud
- No drink or drug driving
- One incident of Domestic Violence
- More calls about sheep on the road

The police confirmed they were hosting a walk-in session this week in relation to bogus workman at the Banking Hub. There has been a spike in this type of scam in the wake of Storm Eowyn. This session will be for information and awareness and is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30 at the Banking Hub on Ayr Street. SP will add a note to the Loans FB page to advertise this in the village.

Regarding the traffic calming, there is a concern that the installed chicanes are not working and possibly making the situation with speeding worse. A physical way to improve the situation might be the installation of speed reducing platforms in conjunction with controlled pedestrian crossings. This would also provide safer accessibility to the Loans/Troon cycle/pedestrian way as well as a safer crossing of Main Street generally and particularly for the elderly on the

east side of the village providing safer access to the village shop and the bus stops.

The police confirmed that they would like to dedicate some proper time to a review of the traffic during peak times. In a similar exercise some months ago, the police stopped and charged six drivers in one hour. The volume of traffic in the village continues to increase as more new houses (700 and counting) are built in Barassie with Loans on a key route to schools and the bypass.

KD confirmed he will write to ARA and copy in Cllr Ferry, however, the Community Council will also write to ARA separately.

### ***3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 13 November 2024***

The minutes from the previous meeting have been circulated and commented on. These minutes were proposed by Fred McCrory and seconded by Keith Mason.

### ***4. Matters Arising***

#### ***4.1 Place Planning Update***

Apologies were received from Audrey ahead of the session. KC has requested an editable version of the Canva template that AG circulated so the Community Council can try and pull together a draft version.

#### ***4.2 Village Hall Garden Project 'The Walkers Rest'***

There was some discussion about the requirements for the 'Walker's Rest' project. DC confirmed that the garden would contain several information boards. The content for these could be re-used from the existing work including that collated by Nan McFarlane. The target is for the boards to be approximately a three-minute read with potentially one about the route/how it got its name/village history etc. Another could potentially be about the lost lifting stones and their history as one is believed to still exist on the footpath within the village.

KC asked about the 'Hit Squad' and whether they could help out with the Village Hall garden in relation to ongoing maintenance. Cllr Ferry said they were usually engaged to work on Public Spaces but Community Service workers might also be an option.

It was noted that the resurfacing work previously discussed is also important for the Hall as water currently pours down the hill towards the road and effects the under building at the Hall.

#### **4.3 Main Street Road and Footpath Upgrades**

DC referenced the list of funded projects that has been circulated to the Community Council and noted that road and footpath upgrades have not yet been undertaken for Loans.

Cllr Ferry said there had been a recent visit of Council and ARA members to the reservoir to look at the work involved and the potential cost of improving the paths of the Smugglers trail route. Initial thoughts were that this might be quite costly and further discussion would be required to determine if this money could be spent for wider benefit elsewhere.

DC said due to the number of walkers, there is a demand for a safe crossing up to the reservoir across the busy main road.

The other main area where the village would like to see a controlled crossing would be across from the Hall and through to the Park. Cllr Ferry confirmed again he will speak to ARA about our requests and concerns.

KC also noted that feedback on traffic was the top response from the Thriving Community survey.

KD said he will try and come round for a walk round the Village and also bring someone from ARA – he also confirmed the current ARA lead is Jane Corrie.

### **5. Report by Treasurer**

**5.1** Our account presently stands at £2579.16 which includes £1665.00 of a donation for a new notice board and the £500 defibrillator maintenance fund. The total does not include a month of Hall rental now due.

DC has also had a note from the bank saying they will start to charge for the two signature cheque account we use at a rate of £4.50 a month.

**5.2** No other questions on the accounts.

### **6. Any other Business/ Forum**

**6.1 Tree overflowing onto pavements**

VH asked if the owner of the property bounding the Hall Gardens had been consulted about the overhanging trees. There may be need to address any roots growing in from neighbours as this may impact any landscaping work that's being funded on the Walkers Rest.

KD said he would speak to a colleague to get some advice re the trees.

SP read back the minutes on this topic from the last meeting.

### ***6.2 Volunteer support***

SP asked if VH has replied to the person who had responded to the VASA request about the Hub. VH confirmed that she had and was waiting to hear back from this potential volunteer having outlined the opportunity currently available. SP will request that the Hub advert is removed by VASA.

### ***7. Next Meeting***

**7.1** The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 19:00.

**END**