

**Coylton Community Council AGM Meeting 24th April 2025 730pm**

Attendees		Apologies
Laura McEwan - Chair		Iain Campbell - Councillor
Angela Rowe - member		Fraser Stone - Dep Chair
Betty Hodge - Licensing member		Ian Stewart - member
Allyson - member		Jenn - member
Stewart Harrison- Thriving Communities		Stan Mault - Treasurer
Issac- member		
Sarah Wylie - resident		
Rachel Wilson - Secretary/Planning member		
Colin Williamson - Resident		
Andy Morris - Resident		
Alison Ward - Resident		
James Thompson - Resident		

Notes
Agreement of previous AGM minutes - proposed by Laura second by Angela
Chair welcomed everyone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura read through the apologies.</li> </ul>

	Action
<b>Chairperson's report 2025</b>	

1. **Planning** We will continue to monitor Woodhead Road Caravan Park application, as we expect further changes/applications may still be submitted. Additionally, we have submitted an objection to the planning application for additional caravans at Gartan. We remain concerned about the safety of the access road, which we consider to be dangerous. However, Ayrshire Roads Alliance has stated that they do not view the road as an issue. There have been 2 planning developments successfully passed this year, 5 houses at Joppa behind the pub, next to the park and 4 houses along A70 just past the traffic lights at the junction of the B742. We did object to this development because of the road but obviously were unsuccessful. We understand that there is also potentially more development at hole road and down alongside the beeches (maybe 272 houses between them), but as always we will keep an eye out for planning and the communities general feeling regarding these developments.
2. **Locogen** who are the company behind the loch fergus solar farm have begun site inspections. Braston, Coylton solar farms are well on their way to be developed.
3. **Muga**...We are currently finalising the location for the MUGA, taking careful consideration to ensure it does not impact the efforts of the new football teams. We're excited to support Isaac's initiative to bring a senior team back to Coylton and extend our best wishes to the 2014 team as they continue to grow and build their new squad.
4. **ARA.** We believe this will remain a long-standing issue, as there continues to be significant disagreement over what measures will effectively slow traffic. Following our meeting with Jane Corrie, we received a very comprehensive response that addressed many of our questions. However, there are still some concerns that require further attention. As we look ahead to the next Community Council session, our focus will be on identifying and implementing the right tools to make the A70 safer for our community.
5. **Police** We have only recently begun receiving regular reports from the police regarding incidents within the village. Thankfully, crime remains relatively low in our area. We are finally beginning to receive regular updates from the Police and will be able to report matters regularly at committee meetings.
6. **Tennis Club** Once again, we're very pleased to support Coylton Tennis Club as they begin their asset transfer project. We wish them every success in this exciting new chapter and all the very best for the future.

Laura

Future Projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Community Garden</b> - It feels like a long time since we first decided to create a community garden, and it continues to be a challenging project. Coordinating with all the relevant agencies has been difficult, and progress has felt quite sporadic. On a positive note, we've finally found a great digger operator who is enthusiastic about supporting the project. The next hurdle is finding the time and volunteers to move things forward. By the time of this meeting, we will have held our AGM in an effort to engage the wider community—and with that support, we hope to start seeing a clearer future for the garden.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SCIO</b> - The process of forming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) is already underway, with various community groups coming together to create a shared constitution. Establishing a SCIO will be essential to ensure that any external funding can be fairly and transparently distributed across the village groups. This model has worked very successfully in Dunure, and we hope it will bring similar benefits to our own village and its community organisations. However, managing the administrative side of setting up the SCIO has been challenging. Additional support in this area would be extremely valuable to help move the process along more quickly.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SCIO - The SCIO group has just started the creation of their constitution. With the creation of the SCIO, smaller groups throughout the village may be able to access funding easier.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local Place Planning - Coylton has not had a place plan designed by residents for a few years. The Community Council are hoping that a plan can be driven by them with input of all locals. Laura will liaise with thriving communities to determine the best way for this.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Laura outlined the roles and positions currently available within the community council. She noted that one office bearer had resigned, leaving their positions vacant. Laura thanked Fraser for his work over the past few years, and Jen and Ian (members) also tendered their resignation as members. Laura expressed her thanks to them both.</li> </ul> <p>Office bearers -</p> <p>Chairperson - Laura</p> <p>Deputy Chair - Issac (prop Laura sec Angela)</p> <p>Treasurer - Stan</p> <p>Secretary - Rachel</p> <p>Members - Sarah Wylie, Daniel McMillan, Allyson Ward (prop Rachel sec Betty)</p> <p>Laura thanked everyone for their efforts throughout the year and said she looked forward to growing the Community Council and increasing resident engagement in the year ahead.</p>
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