



Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)

Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 04 Mar 2025

7.00pm, at Doonfoot Primary School

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** (25 Present)

ADSLCC Member's Present: Andrew Russell Chair (A), Sandy Paton (D), Sheila Scott Secretary (D), Rod Winhall Planning - Licensing (SL), Norman Sharp (A), Madge Claybion (A), Paul Brooks Treasurer (A), Zoe Montgomerie (A), Maggi Kirkby (D)

Apologies: Alan Graham (A), Patrice Graham (A), Laurence Marcantonio (SL), Ian Duncanson (A), Pamela McKay (D), Alex Drain (SL), Owen North (D) no apologies

Members of the Public Present: Jackie Bradley, Davies Brock, Anne Cairns, Isobelle Cramond, Helen Gabell, Anne Hume, Corrie Lawrence, Bob Leitch, Alison Leitch, Mike McArthur, Rory Mohan, Chloe Dobson

Ayr West Councillors Present: George Weir

Apologies: Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons, Bob Shields

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald, Jodie McFarlane

Speaker: Station Cdr Fire Officer Simon Cameron

3. **Any Declarations of Interest:** None

4. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 04th Feb 2025

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Sandy Paton

Seconded: Rod Winhall

5. **Speaker:** Station Cdr Fire Officer Simon Cameron was welcomed by the Chair.

6. He gave a brief overview of the fire service in Ayr and its engagement with the public. They have a 5-watch system with about 50 employees. They have several female employees, and 2 female watch commanders. 50% of their calls are false alarms. Abusive behaviour in parts of Ayr and Troon is a problem. The High Reach Appliance is now based at Kilmarnock not Ayr.

Some appliance repairs can be done locally but some parts are required to be sourced from abroad. They are kept busy checking equipment and continuous inhouse training and also at 3 training centres in Scotland. He described new battery equipment to replace hydraulic cutting gear. They are responsible for inland water rescue but not at sea.

Much of their time is spent in educating homeowners as to fire risks and placement of alarms. Home fire safety visits are now assessed in terms of vulnerability, age, risk and need as to the level of visit or alternately it may now only be an email letter of advice. The Chair thanked Station Commander Cameron for his very informative talk and answering many of our questions.

7. **Co-optee Nomination:** Co-optee's stood down. There were 2 vacancies and only 2 applications to join ADSLCC by the closing date. Therefore, there is no need to hold a ballot and the 2 new elected members are Owen North and Maggi Kirkby to serve until the end of the 4-year term.
8. **Police Report:** The following crimes were recorded in Ayr West up to the 28th of February 2025.

Police Report	Sergeant Stewart Slaven
Calls to Police	
Crimes total	24 with 9 detected

Of which comprise;

Breach of Peace, Disorder, Assault	4-assaults
Road Traffic Careless Driving, speeding,	
Fail to stop	4
Vandalism, Damage, Reckless Conduct	8
Fraud and Theft	4
Sexual Crime	--
Crimes against Society Drugs, Offensive	
Weapons, Breach of Bail	1
Anti-Social Offenses Threatening or Abusive	
Behaviour	3
Other Crimes Dangerous Dogs	0

Many crimes can be associated within one incident. Increase in vandalism triggers an ongoing review to establish crime partners.

Other Crimes will relate to incidents of Domestic incidents or reports that don't directly affect the local community.

9. **Special Meeting for Members Only:** Stage 1 of the members only private Special Meeting held at the end of January has been completed and a private report has been sent to SAC. The Special meeting minutes were proposed and seconded at the February regular meeting. The 12 eligible members present voted unanimously that there was no case to answer. Stage 2 has been triggered by the complainant. SAC initiated.

10. **SAC Councillors/Link Officer Reports – Reports:**

- (i) Ms J Corrie Head of ARA has been in touch stating that she is arranging for site visits to (a) and (b) below with someone from her staff. A date in March has been arranged.
 - (a) Although ARA have given an all-clear report on the Chicanes on Longhill Avenue the entire CC is of the view that discussion should take place with ARA on some priority signage and the removal of one chicane closest to B7024.
 - (b) Ingress and egress onto Burnbank Rd from the Tesco car park. Rounding the entry and exit would alleviate vehicles crossing into the path of oncoming vehicles and lorries mounting the pavement onto a narrowed Burnbank Road.
- (ii) Ongoing Suggestion for road sign, Greenfield Ave travelling west; Priority to oncoming traffic at the bend before the roundabout. We request Ward councillors approach ARA for a solution.
- (iii) To enquire of the Police if any further steps were recommended to prevent or provide a speedy call for help as a follow up to the incident at the Coop in terms of protecting staff particularly at night in a relatively isolated area?

- (iv) Request Ward Councillors to enquire if the lamp posts and the bins outside the Village Hall can be painted before the summer, preferably in black with gold.
- (v) Ongoing Sense-Ayr-Ee Garden and drainage ditch. A group of residents wish to form a Friends of the Garden and request SAC to supply Brown Bins.
- (vi) It has been noted by two separate people experiencing the same unavailability and non-workable procedure when trying to make appointments to meet officers in County buildings ending in frustration. This seems to be due to people still working from home and an online system requesting unknown passwords. Ward Councillors please take this up with the Executive and Leader of the Council as being an unsatisfactory service worthy of complaint.
- (vii) Pedestrian lights on St Leonards Road are still in place despite ARA saying they will remove them and when they are in use they change as people are half way across.

11. ADSLCC Sub Committee local SAC funding projects brief updates:

- (i) Notice Boards are now being investigated by Audrey Gatt Place Planning. The St Leonards - Ewenfield Rd in the small triangle of ground. A suggestion for the Alloway school Notice Board, that it be moved to a suitable place outside Alloway Village Hall. This could be used by the Hall and ADSLCC.
- (ii) Chapelpark Road/Monument Road broken and neglected wall in need of repair, mentioned at the Nov 24 meeting but continuously through the subcommittee since April 24.
- (iii) SAC making ongoing progress to the paths in Rozelle. Stay clear of storm tree felling. Signage may be required when the horse trail is out of use to prevent horse riding on the walker's trail.
- (iv) Greenan Castle Car Park, the long ago reported neglected bent signposts still remain unfixed and reported again.
- (v) Mention has been made that the putting holes at the rear of Rozelle House are full of water and dangerous particularly for small children and dogs to step into. Could this be deemed a H & S issue in the dark. They have been reported as having been filled in.

12. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) The Ayr Rugby Football Club opening of the new Road and 3g pitch was very well attended. The Doddie Weir Charity cyclists arrived from the Irish leg and left to continue their grand tour, eventually to arrive at Murrayfield for the Scotland V Ireland game.
- (ii) Traffic concerns expressed by residents of the Dutch Mill Flats. Ayr Rugby Football Club's new traffic system will now enter and exit via Murdoch's Lone. Install new bollards at the Auld Brig.
- (iii) Alan Macdonald has improved the walking paths from the Auld Brig and under the small bridge onto the B7024 and along Longhill Ave 230m down at the Railway Bridge and onto the Sustrans path. This creates a circular route for our community and tourists alike via the art in the tunnel.

ART says some drainage work has still to be completed. The new surface on the tunnel has made a terrific improvement and it is now a quality asset to our area.

13. Planning & Licensing Update info:

- (i) Land East of the A77 from Holmston to Bankfield roundabouts. Opposite Dobbies 22/00302/PPPM 350 houses and small retail with underpass. Regulatory Panel Hearing on the 5th March. Result was to decide on a site visit.

14. Secretary's Business:

- (i) A new Hospital telephone answering system is in place. Clients now call Ayr Hospital but are put through to Crosshouse from where they try to communicate with someone at Ayr. This is causing a lot of difficulty.
- (ii) A new pharmacy has been proposed at No 2 Alloway Place. Responses are requested by SAC. If as a rule there are limited pharmacies in a town, we feel there is provision already in the immediate area. Parking difficulties would be exacerbated by proposed cycle lanes and this is a matter best judged by FSWCC. We wouldn't want to judge over competing businesses.

15. Treasurers Report:

- (i) Current balance to date 04th March 2025 is £1129.99.

16. Any Other Competent Business:

- (i) No CC vacancies exist in ADSLCC (16 members) and advertising is suspended.
- (ii) VE Day 8th May 80th celebration. 12 lamp post signs have been bought and will be displayed around the area from a few days before along with previously bought bunting at the Village Hall. Removed Sunday 11th May.
- (iii) Ongoing Sustrans path and sections intermittently closed for maintenance. Email from Cllr Shields tells of Ash dieback trees being removed. We are requesting that trees be replaced.
- (iv) A decision was taken last month to promote the CC by sponsoring a rugby ball and to provide volunteers to man the venue in various positions on the 22nd March 25. **We still need 3 or 4 volunteers please** to make a team of around 10 to promote ADSLCC.
- (v) Some discussion took place regarding the new traffic lights on the A77 Doonholm Road Work expected to finish around the end of March.
- (vi) Village Hall event; Saturday 17th May Cream Tea at £15/Table. They are requesting volunteers.
- (vii) ADSLCC result, trees have now been replaced on Longhill Ave.

17. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 1st April 2025 at Alloway Primary School includes a Member Only **AGM** which starts at **1830** and on completion doors open to the public at **1900**.

18. **Close.** 20.59.

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