



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday the 04th of October 2022, 7.00 pm, Carrick
Buildings, Girvan
(The meeting started at 19:00 pm)



Present: Rhona Walker, Ann McGinnis, John Young, Wilma Dunlop, Sconaid Clark, Ken Johnstone, Jane Jardine, Stephen Galloway, Jane Willis, David Girvan, Karen McCartney.

In Attendance: Cllr Clark, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Scott, Chris Campbell, David Bone - Minutes

Declaration of interest not already declared

None.

Apologies

John McCreath and Colin Davidson.

Minutes of September 2022 Meeting:

Proposed for accuracy by David Girvan and seconded by Wilma Dunlop.

Matters Arising

No issues

Cllr Henderson said that he met with a representative from Buses UK regarding the recent cuts to services. Cllr Henderson said that the Scottish Government is currently running a consultation that all interest parties should complete. He added that the 9th of October will see the end of Covid-19 grants to SPT. Cllr Henderson said that many bus drivers have left to drive HGVs and there are endemic supply issues and rising fuel costs which have further exacerbated these issues.

Police report

Emailed to all councillors.

Community councillors again reiterated that the police should be at the meeting in person.

Rhona said that the police are happy to respond to inquiries via email. She added that Police are aware of the anti-social behaviour taking place in the town and are taking steps to mitigate this.

Karen said that the police were present near Ballantrae and this may account for the increase in road traffic offences reported in the crime report.

Public Participation

None.

Matters arising from any group meeting at the moment:

Girvan & South Carrick Locality Planning Partnership Meeting

Update

14th September 2022

Micro Enterprises – Ayrshire BEATS

Norah and Margaret provided a comprehensive presentation of their micro enterprise initiative for Girvan and South Carrick

It was noted that the initiatives should be promoted in rural villages to be as inclusive as possible.

(CAYR Local Pilot Project – Leaflet already printed)

Mentally Healthy Communities

Laura Thomson provided a presentation on the Mentally Healthy Communities project being piloted by Public Health to help local people look after their mental health and provide the tools for them to do this. Details of the project are included in Lauras presentation which is attached.

Laura advised that she will be taking up a new post in East Ayrshire Council and that Eileen McCutcheon would be taking over the role as the representative for this group.

Defibrillator Initiative

Five new units will be purchased and housed on easily accessible buildings within Girvan with three units based within Council buildings being rehoused on the exterior façade of the buildings.

Update & Relaunch

DG updated that there had been no recent meeting and that it was scheduled for the day after this meeting and that any relevant information would be circulated to the group and reviewed at the next meeting.

Three new Locality Managers will be appointed following approval to oversee the work of locality staff with a wider understanding of their roles and expectations.

VASA

MO Advised that due to the forthcoming 'Cost of living' crisis, they had been working hard to identify 'Cosy Spaces' where people could access services outside their homes in a safe, warm and welcoming atmosphere.

POA DAY

NG reminded the group that POA day is approaching and need to make considerations to forward information. Further discussions needed.

Ken said that the Town Team is not meeting at the moment.

Harbour Users Group (HUG)

The HUG committee will be meeting on the 08th of November 2022. Ann said that these meetings should be held more regularly as they are organised by Keven Braidwood. Cllr Henderson said that a member can call meetings should they wish. Jane W said that another member may be beneficial to attend the meetings alongside Ann. Ann agreed with this and said that it would be good to have more female representation at the meeting as well. Wilma Dunlop said that she will attend. The community council agreed with this.

Related to this, Ann said that she has been complaining about the wooden pier/walkway near Noble's shipyard and that it was unsafe for use, but it is still being used to moor fishing vessels before they go to Nobles. Cllr Clark said Nobles have been informed about this. Cllr Henderson said that the Harbour is for the use of all.

SW Scotland Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Henderson said that Scotrail and Network Rail may no longer be funding this organisation and as a result, it is in danger of disbanding. The next meeting will decide if the organisation is to continue or not and provide clarity on funding.

Treasurers' Report

Ken said that he has issued cheques for all the Kilgallioch money by the end of September 2022 as requested. He added that the majority of the cheques are not yet cashed.

£6983.15 in the bank.

£5000 received from Carrick Futures. The community council agreed that applications can be picked up and submitted to the CAN office and sent via email as well. The deadline of the 10th of November 2022 for applications was agreed.

Meeting for Assell valley funding on the 15th of November 2022.

Planning Applications:

Applied:

- 22 Rodney Drive
- Liquid ethanol storage, Girvan distillery
- Craigbank

Approved:

- 19 Hamilton Street, Girvan.

Related to this, Cllr Henderson said that councillors have received prior notification for the constriction of communication mast compounds for mobile phone towers. He added that this would greatly improve mobile reception, particularly south of Girvan.

Matters arising from correspondence

Correspondence was forwarded to members prior to the October 2022 meeting:

Information from AMEY regarding roadworks between ASDA and Bridgemill roundabout

Email from Girvan Community Led Tourism asking if the Community Council would be in support of a feasibility study for an Ailsa Craig Visitor Centre

CAYR Local Pilot Project

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An exciting new project is being launched in South Ayrshire this autumn. Starting in Girvan and the villages of South Carrick.

CAYR Local will address some of the challenges of local care and wellbeing for the most vulnerable in our communities

This project will help local people who have a few hours to spare, set up as self-employed care and wellbeing practitioners. They will receive one-to-one support and mentoring to set up as a self-employed practitioner or as a small enterprise. Training will be provided where necessary along with a small fund to cover set up costs.

The type of care and wellbeing that could be provided are diverse. Things like shopping, light housework, accompanying to appointments, going out for a coffee or to a group, befriending, holistic activities. By offering a choice of compassionate and personalised care and wellbeing services the aim is to help people stay in their own homes, reducing isolation and improve wellbeing.

To enhance the care and wellbeing support that the communities already provide, this project aims to engage more local people to get involved. For example, those retired, parents whose children are at school, a young person looking to get into employment or those just wanting to supplement their income. The amount of time allocated is entirely flexible to fit around existing commitments.

Making a huge impact on the community, individuals will be helping the most vulnerable to remain in their homes and enjoy fulfilled and meaningful lives in their own local area, at the same time earning additional income.

This model of care already operates successfully in rural communities across the country. It works based on service providers being self-employed, this may be as a sole trader or a small enterprise.

Interested and want to find out more - Email: enquiries@ayrshirebeats.co.uk



An email from a local resident stating that Dalrymple street has issues with vegetation growing out of homes and businesses, litter and bird droppings and that it all needs to be addressed.

Signs in Flushes state that no lorries can use this park, but this is just incorrect signage and will be changed.

Email from the SAC legal department stating confirmation that the GCC will not oppose the lease of the pavilion to the football club.

(David and Steven left the meeting at 19:30)

Cllr Henderson said that this was just a continuation of the lease and that Common Good Land cannot be sold. Rhona concurred with this as she had been in contact with SAC legal department.

A vote was taken on this: - 9 in favour, 2 declared an interest and didn't vote.

(David and Steven re-entered the meeting at 19:33)

Community Council self-assessment 2022 - 23

Constitution - Yes

Minutes on file for the last two years - Yes

AGM held - Yes

Accounts Submitted - Yes

Regular financial report - Yes

Chairs report available - Yes

Self-assessment - No (first time requested)

Locality planning groups on agenda - Yes

Elected members groups on agenda - Yes

Police report - Yes

Planning - Yes

Licensing - - No, but to be an agenda item in the future

Generic email - Yes

Website - No

Social media - No (but a Facebook Page is being looked into)

Twitter - No

Training offered and taken - Yes

Liaise with other groups - Yes

A local vision of mission statement - No (Looking into this)

Feedback from meeting with the council leader

Rhona said she and Jane met with Cllr Clark and Martin Dowe for an informal meeting, She added that he acknowledged that Carrick has been neglected and Dalrymple street and the prom were issues. He assured Rhona that funds will be allocated fairly and not just to Ayr, Prestwick and Troon. Community Council agreed that this will need to be demonstrated by action.

Jane W said that grievances were raised in a friendly manner and that the council leader deserves a chance to respond.

Chris said that it might be good to send him some bullet points to ask if it was a fair reflection of the meeting.

Cllr Clark said that there will be a design of the promenade that will be brought to the community council and the ward councillors that will address the fountain and the car park. He added that rural communities will 'get a fair crack of the whip' with regard to funding.

David Girvan congratulated SAC on the removal of the playpark equipment from the promenade.

Update from local councillors

Cllr Henderson

Prior notification for communication mast compounds for mobile phone signals.

Can't deal with a private house unless there is a danger to the public. Reiterated that high streets across the UK are dealing with the same issues at the moment.

Traffic lights installed at Coalpots Road.

Preliminary plans for Go Girvan to take forward an Ailsa Craig interpretation Centre. Rhona again said that the community council is supportive of this.

VASA has created a booklet with emergency contacts which will be delivered to every house in South Ayrshire next week.

Cllr Clark

The old Royal Bank building and former Kings Arms Hotel will have vegetation removed from their structures.

Has raised issues with pavements with the area manager of AMEY who will be doing a walkthrough of Dalrymple Street next week

The aviary is to be upgraded shortly to keep the birds safe and healthy.

Height restrictors are now being installed at the harbour car park and a traffic regulation order is in place at Louisa Drive.

100th anniversary of the Girvan War Memorial. Trying to get the British Legion to do a service of dedication on 22/10/22 at 12 pm.

Groundwork investigation for the 3G pitch has been carried out.

New Girvan Primary School is in the design stage and it will start a two-year construction stage in 2023 at the site of the current school car park.

Cllr Scott

Girvan Methodist Church is looking to either offload some of its assets or make better use of its buildings in the community. Cllr Henderson said that the building is listed and that it may be difficult to heat and that SAC is not in the position to buy the Hall. David Girvan said that it could be used for the Christmas Street Party. He added that many Churches are trying to do similar things.

A.O.C.B.

David said that the Customer Service Centre is not open yet. Cllr Clark said that this is being looked at. Jane Willis said that the outside of the building also needs to be cleaned.

Steven said that there is no water supply at the Harbour Car Park. He added that the external water supply is turned off and the toilets are vandalised. Cllr Clark said that he would bring this up.

It was noted that the caravan at the flushes belongs to a local resident, not one of the travellers.

Discussion over the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) and that this mentioned the Girvan Community Garden without their knowledge. Cllr Henderson said to put a letter to the Chairperson and to the leader of the councils. The community council said that there were unsure what this was regarding.

Jane J said that some Tennis Club funds were left from 30 years ago and that they have now been distributed to various community groups.

License application from John Stewart from the Victory bar for a change to their core hours to the following:

Mon - 11 - 1:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 10 - 12:30am

Remaining days - 11 - 1:30am

Cllr Clark said that the CGG can lodge an objection to this if they think it appropriate. Karen said that this may lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour in a residential area. She added that other establishments that he has managed have caused issues previously. Wilma concurred with this.

Chris said that he will be moving to Alloway Community Council as their Link Officer. He added that the new Link Officer, Charlene O'Donnell, will be introduced at the next meeting.

Ken said that he was at a meeting of the South Ayrshire Social Enterprise Network (SASEN) and a representative would like to talk to the Community Council. Agreed to invite them to the next meeting.

Jane W said that she has received an email from a resident at Miller Avenue about the small playpark at the end of the road. Councillors replied that the park will be maintained as is.

Cllr Clark said that new legislation has stated that lights can not be placed at a certain height so they can't go across the road. He added that the Christmas feature at Hamilton Street will be taken to Stumpy this year. He added that side streets are to be PAT tested. David Girvan said that he had been dealing with some of these issues since last Christmas. Cllr Clark said that catenary lighting will be strung up on the sides of various buildings. Jane W asked if they will be installed in time for the Street Party. David Girvan said that he was unsure.

(The meeting ended at 20:50 pm)

Next meeting - Tuesday the 01st of November 2022 at 7:00 pm