



Girvan and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday the 02nd of May 2023, 7.00 pm, Carrick
Buildings, Girvan.

(The meeting started at 19:01 pm)



Present: Rhona Walker, Ann McGinnis, Stephen Galloway, Wilma Dunlop, Colin Davidson, John Young, Sconaid Clark, Ken Johnstone, John McCreath, Catherine Maguire, Jane Willis, David Girvan.

In Attendance Gail McMaster, Michelle Scobie (Girvan Youth Trust); Cllr Henderson and Cllr Clark (South Ayrshire Council); David Bone - secretariat.

Apologies: Karen McCartney, Jane Jardine, Cllr Scott.

Welcome from the Chair

Rhona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGM

Chairperson's report

As there was a by-election this year we welcomed 2 new full members to the Community Council last month.

Carrick Futures funds were distributed, along with funds from Assel Valley and Kilgallioch, with several local groups benefitting from this, as shown in the accounts.

There were many topics discussed during the year with a couple of issues recurring, including the state of the main street, the lack of allotments for the town and work on the promenade and play park. The play park is now completed and very much improved and work on the prom is now progressing well and hopefully this will leave visitors (and locals) with a much better impression this summer season than they were left with last summer. The issue of the Bandstand was also a major concern amongst the residents of the town but hopefully, this will now have a positive outcome and see this iconic building brought back to life. Another major concern was the plans from Create Streets to 'green' the harbour car park with points being raised that if there was no parking at the shorefront, a major attraction for people, this would have a detrimental effect on encouraging visitors to the town.

To finish, I would like to thank all of the community councillors for their work over the last year, including attendance at other group meetings, the local councillors for taking the time to attend and participate in our meetings, and, last but not least, to David for his excellent secretarial services. Thank you all.

Treasurer's report

£824.47 in the account. Income of £1566. Expenditure of £941.42p.

The account has been audited by Claire McNeil with no issues. Community Council agreed to purchase her a gift as she did not accept payment for her services.

(All office bearers stood down at 19:08)

Election of the Office bearers

Chairperson - Rhona Walker - Proposed by John McCreath and seconded by Ken Johnstone.

Vice-Chairperson - Jane Willis - Proposed by John McCreath and seconded by Rhona Walker.

Secretary - David Girvan - Proposed by Rhona Walker and seconded by Jane Willis.
Treasurer - Ken Johnstone - Proposed by Rhona Walker and seconded by David Girvan.
Planning Contact Ken Johnstone - Proposed by John Young and seconded by John McCreath.
Licensing Contact - Colin Davidson - Proposed by John McCreath and seconded by Ken Johnstone.

All nominees accepted their respective nominations.

Rhona said that Tralorg Benefits Ltd will need directorial representation from the community council. Ann said that there are very few meetings and the position is not very onerous. Ken concurred. David Girvan said he would do this.

Rhona said that the community council position on the Harbour Users Group would need to be filled. Wilma said that she could do this. John Young said that would do this as well.

AOCB

Ann noted that the minutes from last year's AGM needed to be approved. Councillors agreed to do this at the next meeting.

Monthly meeting

Declaration of interest not already declared

None

Minutes of the April 2023 Meeting:

Ann said that it was actually 1975 rather than 1974 that she joined the community council.

Cllr Henderson said that 'Lifeguard' station should be amended to 'Coastguard' station.

Catherine asked if her surname could be changed to Maguire.

David G said that he had sent in a via email regarding his comments regarding the Capital Grants. David B confirmed that these would be added to the final version of the minutes.

Proposed for accuracy by Colin and seconded by Stephen.

Matters Arising

Colin asked about the signage for the trucks. Cllr Clark said that this has been brought up with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance and lined parking bays for trucks would be painted onto the surface. Councillors agreed that the lorry park is more heavily used now, but some lorries are still persistently using the Harbour.

David G said that the water barriers have been moved but that he has emailed Kevin Braidwood about this.

Jane W asked if there was a date for the barrier on the right-hand side of TQZ to be installed. Cllr Clark said it will be dealt with. Stephen said that some lorries are still able to go underneath the height barrier.

Police report

Received by councillors.

Cllr Henderson said that Sgt Legge is no longer with Police Scotland and that a new Sgt is now in charge. He added that police were present at the Ballantrae and Barrhill community council meetings recently. He added that he has been informed that the Police are in Girvan, at the Community Hospital, during the day.

Colin said that the 101 non-emergency number is ineffective as he phoned it three times and it was a 25-minute wait each time. He said that he ended up abandoning the calls. Cllr Henderson said that it may be

worth contacting the police officially from the community council about this. Cllr Clark said that the lack of personal context for the Police reports has been brought up at the meetings he has had with the Police representatives.

David G added that it might be worth emailing the new Sgt to see if they are more amenable to attending the meetings. He added that the Police have also stated that they will be attending Locality Planning Partnership meetings in the future.

Ann said that there was a large Police presence at Turnberry, due to the visit of former US President Trump who was visiting one of his businesses.

Public Participation

Gail said that Girvan Youth Trust (GYT) is currently planning for its summer activities. She added that SAC has fully funded the boating pond this summer, with twenty-one youths employed on a living wage.

Jane W asked about the GYT walks around Girvan. Michelle said that they are ongoing and gatherings of youths drinking has been identified as a common issue in the town.

Cllr Henderson asked if there were any plans to expand after-school activities to the outlying villages. Gail replied that GYT does try to coordinate activities with bus times, but that there were no current plans to do this.

Matters arising from any group meeting at the moment:

Collaborative meeting

Rhona W said that she has been in contact with Zanne and Roddy. It was decided in the future, that all the groups will be listed in order and each group will be given a chance to talk if they have any issues to discuss as it was felt that the meeting got out of hand. General discussion over place-based planning. Jane W said that the agenda was a bit misleading. David G concurred and said that Mark Greaves should be taken off the agenda altogether. Ann concurred and said that the meeting was not really about Create Streets. Cllr Clark said that place-based planning is for all the community.

Cllr Henderson said that it might be just one elected member in attendance at these meetings in the future, due to the sheer number of meetings they attend. He added that it was odd that TQZ was not invited. Jane W said that this was due to a slight oversight on the GTT Coordinator's part.

General discussion over place planning, Create Streets, and the lateness of their report.

John Y said that the meeting was important to thrash out differences before they fester.

John Mc said that a directory of groups would be beneficial and that it was unfortunate that an elected councillor left the meeting early. David G said that [South Ayrshire Lifeline](#) has a directory, but Catherine said that she could not find this on their website. However, she added that the idea of a directory would be beneficial. Stephen said the Health and Social Care Partnership (HASCP) is currently compiling a list of community clubs, with two staff solely allocated to this task. Ken said that this has been a recurring plan for decades and that it never seems to come to fruition. Cllr Henderson said that VASA may also have a full list of organisations.

SW Scotland Community Rail Partnership (SWSCRCP)

Cllr Henderson said that as Scotrail is now nationalised, it is up to the Scottish Government to fund the SWSCRCP and no funds have been forthcoming yet. Related to train travel, he said that there will be a large British Transport Police and local constabulary presence at stations along the West Coast. Gail said that Police Scotland had approached them about using their youth workers on the trains from Girvan and Ayr, but lack of funding was an issue. Cllr Henderson said that youths causing disturbances on trains and stations in Ayrshire is a particular issue.

Cllr Henderson said that SWSCRIP may need community representation at some point.

Christmas Lights

David G said that AMEY is replacing the lampposts and they will be checking if the new posts will be compatible with the Christmas lights. He added that lamp posts may be installed along Dalrymple Street as well.

Tourism Group

The Tourist Information Point re-opened on April 1st. Opening hours are 10am-3pm, and they will be open every day except Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Plans to welcome cruise ship visitors on May 12th, with the help of Girvan & District Attractions

Guided Barr - Girvan walk on the 14th of May 2023 led by Adventure Carrick.

Tattie Fest returns on June 17th with live music, free food, art, culture, history and alpacas.

Treasurers' Report

Three uncashed cheques have now been cashed.

Ken said that another account signatory was now required as Ann was resigning. He proposed that the chair and Vice-chair should be account signatories, as well as one additional person. Rhona and Jane W said that they would do this. Stephen said that he would be happy to do it as well.

Planning Applications:

Girvan Distillery X 2.

Land north of Kilranny House X 3.

Approved

Kilcohnan Castle X 3.

17 Carrick Street.

Cllr Henderson added that the three for Kilranny were for the national police emergency services, EE and Vodafone.

Catherine asked if there is a process of pre-authorisation for changes to shop signage. Cllr Clark said that as long as it's not out with planning permission there are no restrictions. John Mc said he had to submit a plan for his business as it is located in a conservation area and that SAC has a swatch of suitable colours that shops can use.

Licensing applications

None

Matters arising from correspondence

Thank you letter from the Girvan and District Great War Project.

Resignation letter from Ann. Rhona and the community councillors thanked Ann for her service to the community over the years.

Update from local councillors

Cllr Clark

New Headteacher at Sacred Heart.

The dim lighting at Willow Drive will be examined tomorrow.

Cllr Henderson

Attended the [International Workers Memorial Day](#) at Rozelle House.

SAC has adopted an age-friendly policy.

The 48th annual Girvan Folk Festival was a great success.

Attended the Thriving Communities event recently.

A.O.C.B.

Catherine said that one of the lampposts along Knockcushan Street partly blocks the pavement. David G said that he has mentioned this at other meetings. Cllr Clark said that he would email SAC officers about this.

Discussion over recurrent youth crime in the area.

Rhona said that a few other community councils expressed their interest in having a joint meeting regarding the removal of ICU beds, including Tarbolton. Cllr Henderson said that he would recommend a joint meeting and was glad to see community councils from the other end of South Ayrshire getting involved in this.

Ken said that there are issues with temporary diversion signage along the Back Road.

David G asked if there is an update on the Access to Leisure Card. Cllr Clark said that this scheme has been disbanded, but he does not yet know if current cardholders will be honoured.

John Mc said that the caravans at the Flushes Car Park have left and have littered the area. He added that he was informed that the street sweepers are not allowed on the pavements. Cllr Clark said that this was not the case.

Jane W said that the bike racks are still not installed and asked if anyone had heard anything else about this. No one present had an update on this. She also asked if the camper vans were paying their £10 fee. Cllr Henderson said that they were.

Gail said that GYT will be litter-picking the Bank Burn with a number of young people this week.

Ann asked if the future owner of the BandStand would be announced soon. Cllr Clark said that it would be inappropriate for him to do this. Related to this, Stephen said that Henrietta Street offers limited parking for any owner.

Ann said that the Tulips planted by SAC staff at Stumpy are beautiful and really enliven the area.

David G said that there are lights being installed at Stumpy for the Coronation of King Charles the III, but they will obviously be used for other events as well.

David G asked if South Ayrshire had been awarded £4 million from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Present Cllrs could not confirm if this was the case.

Catherine said that towed caravans have nowhere to park and set up in the town. Cllr Henderson said that this has always been an issue as the caravan park at the Golf Course was now closed. He suggested that there were parks at Turnberry and surrounding areas.

Sconaid said that the potholes at Louisa Drive were becoming more problematic and still hoped that a one-way system would be implemented soon.

Rhona W asked if there would be any consultation with the community regarding the projects suitable for the capital grant funding, as the paper presented to Cabinet stated that the Community Council would be given a list "for their information". Cllr Clark said that the projects will be taken from the Place Plan so consultation

had already taken place and that any further consultation would delay the projects. Cllr Henderson said that capital projects cannot incur a revenue cost.

It was noted that a depot will be constructed near the Pinwherry viaduct as Network Rail is renovating it for £32 million.

(The meeting ended at 08:54 pm)

Next meeting - Tuesday the 06th of June 2023 at 7:00 pm