

Minutes from Irvine Community Council Meeting

03/08/2024

Present : David Dunlop, David Phillips, Toni Doyle, Tristan Lindsay, John Cameron, Chris Pless, Sgt Thompson, PC Burns, Morgan Blackie

Apologies: Jean Walker, William Anderson

Item	Topic and discussion	Action	Who
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>DP approved minutes of last meeting, CP seconded Apologies received Jean Walker and William Anderson</p>		
2	<p>Police Report</p> <p>We were introduced to Sgt Will Thompson, who has replaced Sgt Fisher at Irvine Police Station.</p> <p>He gave us some insight into his career and experience thus far and how he hopes to conduct his duties in the local area. He has previously worked in Irvine, therefore he is vaguely familiar with the area.</p> <p>He reported that there have been 1227 incidents this month. 277 of which were crimes.</p> <p>He also stated that there will be an increase in locality officers for the area. One new posting for Irvine and one for Kilwinning.</p> <p>He advised that the Irvine LPT email will now be monitored more regularly and encouraged to use this method of contact in future.</p> <p>Sgt Thompson was asked about the recent car cruise event at Irvine Harbour – he didn't have figures on this but did say there wasn't much reported back. He was happy to look into this further and send a report via email – TD provided details. He did state that there was more cooperation from NAC this time which meant roads had been closed to prevent damage to the grass etc.</p> <p>He was also asked about response times to reports from the public. He could not give specific times regarding this as it all depends on what is</p>		

	<p>being reported and what staff/vehicles they have available at the time.</p> <p>Sgt Thompson was made aware that there had been an issue with the bollards in town and an ambulance not being able to gain access to Bridgegate.</p> <p>It was explained that NAC changed the codes and that the new codes had been a little late in getting circulated.</p> <p>Sgt Thompson advised that this is something he will ensure will not happen again.</p> <p>David Phillips also raised concerns regarding the upcoming Marymass festivities and the issues around traffic. Sgt Thompson agreed that they could look into cones being situated at bus stops to make it easier for pedestrians gaining access to public transport.</p> <p>*Sgt Thompson left the meeting*</p>		
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting as some members were unable to view minutes previous to meeting.</p> <p>Also we were unable to issue a paper copy as we are currently experiencing issues with the printer.</p>	Fix Issues	TD
4	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Jean Walker was not present to give report.</p> <p>Chair confirmed balances of accounts for the group.</p> <p>He also advised that we have applied for three separate funding bids.</p> <p>Awards for All Persimmon Grant Irvine Common Good</p> <p>These are intended to cover this year's Yuletide Event.</p> <p>Toni Doyle informed the group that Jean Walker had messaged the group chat to ask to let the committee know that we had been refunded for the fraudulent Amazon charges.</p>	Update	DD

<p>5</p>	<p>Correspondences</p> <p>Chair advised that we have had an email from Licensing. USave in Dickson Way have applied for an alcohol license. He explained that this was open for the CC to accept or object.</p> <p>David Phillips expressed that he would object as he is a local resident and feels that the shop in question already causes issues in regards to selling/providing vapes to underage children.</p> <p>Chair also explained that there is also an overprovision in the area for alcohol and that the owners had previously been refused the license in 2021 for this reason. He also stated that this application was refused when the nearby pub was closed, it has now since reopened.</p> <p>Chair suggested this be put to a vote. Tristan Lindsay did not see why we would need to vote on this as it does not affect us. Toni Doyle explained it may not affect us personally but we have a responsibility to the area and this must be taken into account. She also stated that he may have this opinion as he does not live in the area but some members do and therefore can see first hand the effect it may have. John Cameron also expressed that people in this community obviously don't want it and that it is our job to represent them as we are not here to represent ourselves.</p> <p>The vote was carried and it was decided that we would raise an objection (four in favour, one abstention). This will be on the basis of overprovision.</p> <p>Toni Doyle advised of an upcoming road closure in the town from the Fullarton roundabout to the Marress roundabout due to the last high flat being demolished. This will start on 21st August and will be in place for three weeks.</p> <p>Toni Doyle also advised that an email had also been received from Ian Wallace inviting the CC along to support Irvine Against Incinerators. They are holding a meeting on Thursday 3rd August at 7pm within the woodlands centre.</p> <p>Chair address the question as to why we were not holding a public meeting regarding the incinerator.</p>	<p>Objection letter to be sent.</p>	<p>DD</p>
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<p>He explained that it had been voted down at a further meeting because we didn't want to clash with the work that Ian Wallace was already doing.</p> <p>Chair advised that he had verbal correspondence that B&M were opening a new unit across from Aldi on East Road.</p> <p>Tristan Lindsay had passed questions to the Chair before the meeting and the Chair asked if he would now like them to be addressed. TL wanted to defer to next meeting but TD expressed we still had an hour therefore plenty of time to address.</p> <p>His first question was to confirm that the AGM will go ahead in September? Chair advised this has previously been discussed and that this would in fact take place in October.</p> <p>TL would like confirmation that CC is in support of Ian Wallace's group 'Irvine Without Incinerators'? Chair advised that the CC could not make a consensus on agreement so it was therefore decided that if individuals wished to attend these meetings then of course they could and share their views, however it would not be in the capacity of a community councillor and that the CC would not be sending representation.</p> <p>For clarification, it is now minuted that the CC are in tacit support of Ian Wallace's movement.</p> <p>TL would like a review of the 'bogus alleged chairman no confidence vote'? He expressed he was worried about the vote that was taken at the last meeting and didn't agree that the Chair had left the room while the vote took place. Chair explained that this was the process for the vote to take place and that he was more than happy to do so as it ensured that he did not interfere.</p> <p>Chair also explained that the vote was proposed and seconded. It was carried in favour and that he will remain chair for the next 6 months minimum. TL expressed that he thought it was 'a sham, it was a scam, it was bogus'. He would like it noted that he doesn't recognise what happened. He believes this as the people who put the vote forward did not vote in the way they should have. TD explained that the person who put the vote forward did so because of the conflict in the group, not because they didn't have confidence in the chair. It was o put to rest the conflict within the group as it has been ongoing for months now.</p>		
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	<p>TD also stated that we shouldn't in fact be discussing the vote now as it has passed.</p> <p>DP agreed on the reasoning for the vote being proposed.</p> <p>TL then began to call members immoral, and stated that it had been planned beforehand and was a scam. He will be writing to the chief executive, the council and they can look at the matter.</p> <p>Chair explained that guidance was sought before the vote took place and that there was a member of NAC present at the time of the vote as well as a local councillor.</p> <p>The chair advised that the vote was over and that would be the end of the matter.</p> <p>TL said 'I don't think it's over chief, I think it's only just starting'.</p> <p>Chair asked what the issue was as he wasn't quite understanding? TL expressed that he thought it was preposterous.</p> <p>TD asked TL why he consistently brings up issues with the chair yet he abstained from voting? And why that gives him better morals than other members?</p> <p>TL said that TD was twisting things. He then went on to state that his questions never get answered. TD argued this as she has previous questions in front of her that TL had handed to her as his own. TL then exclaimed that he didn't hand her these questions and that they were in fact Ian Wallace's.</p> <p>The discussion became heated at this point as TD felt TL was lying now. TD asked to be excused and it was agreed that a ten minute interval would be taken.</p> <p>*TL left the meeting at 8.25pm*</p> <p>It was decided that the rest of TL questions would be addressed at the next meeting.</p>		
6	<p>Legacy Hub</p> <p>Morgan Blackie gave a report on the numbers for the Legacy Hub. The centre is going from strength to strength and they served over 60 young people during the holidays for the council's meal provision.</p>		

	<p>They have also been on various trips throughout the summer including Youthbeats and Arran. The young people thoroughly enjoyed this as did the staff.</p> <p>They have been working closely with youth in the community trying to improve antisocial behaviour and plan to work in partnership with McDonalds to tackle this in the future.</p> <p>The groups within the centre are growing from strength to strength and they have opened communication by creating WhatsApp groups.</p> <p>Morgan was very keen to get the young people involved in the Yuletide Event and was happy to commit her attendance at the next planning meeting and speak with the young people about getting involved and volunteering.</p>		
7	<p>Community Councillors</p> <p>John Cameron would like it noted that he is happy to see the young people of the town rising to the challenge and making so much progress.</p> <p>Chris Pless expressed that he say some issues with the communications side of CC and would like to try and makes changes to this. DP proposed that CP became the social media and communications rep for the CC. This was seconded by JC. CP is happy to take this on.</p>	Fix issues with Facebook/Create website	CP/DD
8	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>No members present.</p>		
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>None – meeting closed</p> <p>Next meeting – Date: Wednesday 6th September Time: 7pm Venue: Redburn Centre</p>		