



MINUTES OF MEETING 05/02/25

7PM @ Redburn Community Hub

Present: *Chris Pless (Chair), Toni Doyle (Secretary), Jean Walker (Treasurer), Davie Phillips, Bill Anderson, Rodger Walker, Richard Leat, David Dunlop, Elaine Walker (Community Development), Danielle McLaughlan (Events Chair), Liz Gibson (Events Funding Officer), Maz (Events), Linda & Freya (NODA representatives), Fiona (Rivergate Centre), Gordon Nisbet (Street Soccer Scotland Representative) – Online Attendees : Sgt Will Thompson (Police Scotland), Stewart McConnell (Press Representative).*

Apologies: *None submitted.*

Item	Topic and Discussion	Action	By Whom
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Minutes approved by JW, seconded by DP.</p>		
2	<p>Community Development Worker</p> <p>EW gave a brief community update, local groups are seeing attendance increase, new opportunity to become available for adult learning now that funding for Multiply project has ceased.</p> <p>Dreghorn CC has been established and will hold their first public meeting in March.</p>		

<p>3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Thompson joined via online link to deliver report.</p> <p>977 incidents reported between 5th Jan – 5th Feb 25. 308 of reported incidents were identified as crimes and 172 of these had been detected.</p> <p>Local officers have been increasing their work patrolling on the new quad bikes – he has asked that any issues regarding quad/dirt bikes be reported directly to him (anonymous form available on CC website for this).</p> <p>Sgt Thompson is aware of ongoing issues with local stores selling counterfeit cigarettes/vapes. He encourages anyone to again report this to himself/police office.</p>		
<p>4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Involvement/Events Update</p> <p>New group established within the last couple of weeks. Office bearers have been appointed, and the group are making great progress with building community relationships and developing ideas for the future improvement of Irvine.</p> <p>CP advised that he would arrange for a basic version of the CC Code of Conduct to be issued to all new members of sub-committee. There will also be Volunteer forms completed for each member as well as a PVG check through Volunteer Scotland.</p>		

<p>5</p>	<p>Other Group Representatives</p> <p>Fiona from Rivergate Centre attended – has linked up with new Events Committee to strengthen a relationship with local community. Willing to help where needed in regard to events and work alongside current events within Irvine Mall to better the area.</p> <p>Great potential to link in with Christmas Lights/Events for the town as well as some local markets and fun days.</p> <p>Fiona has also received delivery of the new town notice board; she is happy to store until we are able to secure into permanent location.</p> <p>A lot of progress was made from Fiona’s attendance as she is very keen to be involved in the community in any way she can. CP will arrange for rep from NAC to attend next Events meeting to discuss future possibilities and restrictions.</p> <p>GN also attended this evening to sign post a new initiative starting in North Ayrshire/Irvine. The project is centred around football but aims to help disadvantaged adults and young people who may struggle with things such as Homelessness and Mental Health. CC happy to sign post and support where they can.</p>	<p>Notice board to be planted in permanent spot.</p> <p>Invitation to be sent to rep from NAC who can advise on possibilities/restrictions on future events.</p> <p>Signpost details of new programme to our social media/online platforms.</p>	<p>BA/CP/RL</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Main Account Balance: £708.00 Project Account Balance: £5889.85</p> <p>No expenditure from the main account since November 24.</p>		

	<p>Invoice from NAC is still expected from NAC for the expenditure of the Christmas Lights, therefore this has not yet been deducted from the total balance.</p> <p>There was also a purchase made for Charity Collection Tubs on behalf of the new events committee in the hopes it will increase fundraising.</p>		
7	<p style="text-align: center;">Matters Arising</p> <p>CP explained no Saturday dates available within Volunteer Rooms for Volunteer Event – new venue will have to be acquired – Harbour Arts Centre was suggested – CP aims to have event arranged for April.</p> <p>CP provided an update from Kasia (Harbour Regeneration), she is looking for a representative to attend a ‘groundbreaking’ ceremony for the start of the Harbour Regeneration Project.</p> <p>CP advised Town Noticeboard has been delivered and just needs installed (see section 5).</p> <p>CP informed members that he has raised the issue of a public toilet provision being installed as part of the Harbour Regeneration. Kasia advised they were yet to provide any confirmation on this but that it was under consideration.</p> <p>CP received report from Democracy Matters following the conference they held last year. Nothing to declare but noted that most Community Councils are of the same mind that they do not receive the</p>	<p>Contact HAC to enquire about space.</p> <p>Attend Ceremony 28th April ‘25</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>JW/CP/TD</p>

	required support from the Local Authority.		
8	<p style="text-align: center;">Correspondences</p> <p>The Committee are aware of a local petition to save Eglington Park Rangers Service. The committee feel that although the park is technically out with our boundaries, many of the local residents use the services at the park and it is a valued local attraction for both residents and visitors alike. CP proposed that we write a letter of support to this petition and send to all local councillors, this was seconded by BA.</p> <p>CP gave an update on all planning application submitted since the last meeting – nothing to oppose.</p>	Letter to be written to local councillors to keep park rangers.	CP
9	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Councillors</p> <p>DP advised group that Irvine Seniors Forum are holding an open day – Monday 10th Feb, 11am-3pm @ Irvine Volunteer Rooms – all welcome to attend.</p> <p>There will also be an older people’s conference held within Saltcoats Town Hall on February 14th.</p> <p>Lastly, he has also spoken with Kasia who has requested volunteers to take part in walking the ‘Harbour Mile’, this is intended to be for research purposes to enable the assurance that people of all abilities will be able to access the beach once the regeneration is completed.</p> <p>JW raised a question to the committee – How can local residents dispose of household paint</p>	Letter to be drafted and sent to NAC	CP

	<p>responsibly? The local refuse facilities do not accept it. After discussion it was agreed that a letter would be written to NAC to ask the above question and ask for guidance on the matter.</p> <p>RL informed the committee that a group of volunteers have banded together to help with the upkeep of the existing harbourside. He feels it has been left to ruin since they are going to be regenerating it anyway. After discussion it was agreed that the CC would request the paint materials needed for the project through the procurement Wishlist.</p> <p>RL also raised concerns that some of the gym equipment seems to be incomplete at the harbourside. EW will find out who to contact regarding this.</p>	<p>Request to be made on Procurement Wishlist.</p> <p>Enquiry regarding gym equipment management needs to be made to NAC</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>EW</p>
10	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>None in attendance.</p>		
11	<p>Co-opted Members</p> <p>None in attendance.</p>		
12	<p>Local Residents Questions</p> <p>None.</p>		
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>DP proposed Liz Gibson as a Community Councillor, seconded by RL.</p>		

	DP proposed Gordon Nisbet as a Community Councillor, seconded by DD.		
14	Next meeting: Date: 5th March 2025 Time: 7pm Venue: Redburn Community Hub		