

Dalry Community Council

Monday 3rd September 2018  
DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting held in Dalry Community Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7pm

Welcome

Heather Grossart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:**

Cllr J Brahmin Todd Ferguson Helen and Diane

**Community Councillors present:**

Heather Grossart, James McCosh, Julie Wales, Sheena Woodside, Jordan Robertson

**In Attendance :**

John Higgins, Myra Simm, Arthur Friels, Hamish Harkness and Jeremy Hamilton

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Proposed by JW

Seconded by JMcC

**Police Report**

Sgt J Murdoch was not available and a report should be emailed to us.

**Guest speaker** – Ros Fallon from North Ayrshire Council

Ros explained her role as the marketing officer/community liaison officer for the roads department.

**Roads**

Ros discussed the challenges in road during winter spell with road surface and potholes repairs caused by the continuous freeze and thawing. With the resurfacing in north Ayrshire and remediation work done in some area that's not due, things are getting better.

General discussion took place regarding the condition of roads and as a result of ongoing works with Farrans.

Ros advised the best way of reporting issues is through the North Ayrshire Report It App. Alternatively you can also report it online via [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/roads](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/roads) or via the contact center on 01294 3142000

Road safety – The engineering have been widening roads and renewing cats eyes throughout North Ayrshire and they also offer education to school groups across North Ayrshire.

## **Lights**

There is approx. 24,000 lights (doesn't include traffic lights or traffic cameras) in North Ayrshire and we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through of upgrading the lighting from the old sodium lights on the network to LED.

The sodium lighting mostly identifiable as an orange light would directly light to the sides and wasn't energy efficient. The new led lighting will provide acute lighting to the pathway and road your on and not a massive area as it may have done in the past.

## **Questions Opened to floor**

New request for new light to be placed in Putyan Avenue as there's alot of trees making it dark and has previously been reported and to the housing committee.

Ros - New lighting takes new forum, usually it will take community safety and liaison with Police Scotland & council inspectors. New lighting faults, report first time you see it and would prefer multiple reports than it not being fixed. - Ros to review status and wither trimming the trees could help.

Process on Reporting and auditing – fix my street, do not respond to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.

Ros - We use a back office system that's being phased out and being replaced with brand new back office computer that will allow tracking of incoming calls, emails will be converted along with report from the apps.

Currently they are more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through and will phase out the old system but not its ready for implantation yet. The new system will allow calls to be script driving for the telephonist. Our volume of secondary calls are high and we recongise that we can improve this by improving the system and being an information sharer.

Dalry CCTV – Does the cctv cameras work - HG advised that the cameras do work and that NAC Camera system is changing slightly and transitioning to Cunningham house from Saltcoats. Ros confirmed that it is at the premerger stage currently and is very similar to NAC will soon be moving to decriminalisation parking enforcement and will allow the police within the next 2 years to release their powers to criminalise anyone who is illegally parking and it. This will be devolved down to North Ayrshire to accept the role with the introduction of parking zones and attendants.

Pot Holes at the Den and Arkio is all worn out since the increased road usage with lorries and cars since the A737 closed. Soft/low verges and roads that would be cycled or walked on can't be due to condition of the road. We contacted Cllr Brahim at the weekend.

Ros – will ask for this to be inspected and any soft/low verges to be filled in.

Concerns were raised around the condition roads used by Farrans and the A737 drainage and that NAC will be left with the repair should it not be fixed by Farrans and Transerv.

Ros - There is legacy planning for 18 months after it been repaired and handed over. Until the construction roads are completed and detrunking of the A737. It won't be fully resurfaced until the completion of the bypass and the draining issue will be fixed at the same time. NAC will not adopt the road until they are satisfied all the relevant work have been completed and brought upto the required standard.

Farrans – Have they contributed to road repairs in the Garnock Valley and how much. Ros - They have directly paid for the resurfacing costs for the diversion routes and would have to submit a freedom of information request for the cost.

Dalry Public Park – Issue reported for a number of years the hand rail was previously vandalized and requested for it to be reinstated and roads were to reinstate it. Ros - Roads are responsible for bridges and will get it in the diary for fixed this week.

Time in October Ros would love to come along to discuss gritting. First weekend in October and last in April was thaw.

### **Winter Gritting**

The key is in for preparation by NAC and the public

Realistic expectation of what we deliver.

Priority 1 routes are main arterial infrastructure to school, main road links  
Priority B, scheme streets

Amenity Grit Location - Car Park at Kirk close

470 grit bins in north Ayrshire

New grit bins can be requested through Ros. It has been identified that bins freeze as they are sealed. It was put forward to the management of grit bins to put in drainage holes and was declined – Ros will find out the reason for this.

This time of year winter preparation is key and Ros is happy to come back and discuss further.

### **Chair Report**

Heather advised all would be covered in the course of the meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

Julie advised there is no change and that online banking forms have been sent into bank

Balance in accounts:

Main Accounts £622

Project Account £1,800

### **Matters Arising**

Streetscene

War memorial The council were asked if it could be cleaned, they would apply for a grant and 3 quotes were to be requested. Only 2 companies could do it. The council have now found the money themselves and will be completed before the sartinery in Nov by The flower beds will be planted and one will be with poppies

Dalry Public Park – Sewage problem has been sorted by Scottish Water. The drainage

from NAC has had 3 surveys and have a solution. Nothing can be done in the park until the drainage is fixed.

The flooding department have sourced a type of drainage that work well. It would cost around £160,000 to be repaired. No group have been able to apply for funding as it belongs to NAC.

SIF Funding – Garnock Valley have £390k for community projects – There is currently 1 application in for £28k for the Kilbirnie Mens Shed and £140K has been applied for by Dalry community Sports Club and the remaining £20k would be sourced by other means.

Meeting with NAC and legal department – NAC offered asset transfer, they could asset it on paper but would continue to maintain it for the community.

£90k Scottish Government to be used for derelict and unused land. NAC looked at ground behind Regal Court, small carpark requested to turned into a larger car park. They are happy to spend the £90k upgrade and should be completed by the end of the financial year.

Old Gas works is owned by National Grid and were wanting an extortionate amount of money. NAC are exploring ways it could be used by capping it and making it a walkway or cycle path through. If they can get a topup from Scottish Government.

As there is only 1 consolation about the drainage and wither or not this is the best value for it and wither it will fully fix the issues.

Park Lifes     4 weeks to go has been a high success, community has all come together.

Community Choices Fund – Money Scottish government released to local groups to hold participatory budgeting event. £350k allocated for Scotland and was grossly oversubscribed. 3 Community Councils in Garnock Valley submitted a joint application and were unsuccessful and placed onto a reserved list. Should money arise then there would run separate PB events.

Old police station – SGT Murdoch to provide an update to HG.

Leaflets – We now has leaflets to hand out at events and will be giving out at the next park lifes.

## **Planning**

Application for extension to side and formation of a decking of 18 West Park Wynd Dalry

Erection of Conservatory - 8 Park Hill Drive

Replacement of conservatory roof – 13 Trinity Drive

Single story extension - 44 Stoopshill Crescent

All Passed

## **Licensing**

Nothing this month

### **Correspondence**

Clr Joy Brahim - Parking on Main Street and North Street. Clr Brahim wants to do something with the high accident rate at the car park. The intention would be safer and better looking with better signage and markings. More details to follow.

### **A.O.C.B.**

CCTV camera fixed and not moving. Is it locked when there are issues happening – Heather to review if there is structured plan on it operation.

Launderette – Contractors have now repriced and intend to turn into flats. Planning permission has previously been granted. Heather to see if it can be boarded as concerns about the windows falling out.

Scout Hall – No progress in the last 6 weeks. Kenneth Gibson requested to find out who was paying for it and community windpower have not responded to MSP.

CC to request an update from Community Windpower.

### **Close**

**Date of next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm.**