

Meeting	Stevenston Community Council	
Date/Venue	1st February 2021 – Virtual Meeting	
Attendance	I. Winton – Chair. D. Campbell. - Treasurer D. McTiernan – Councillor. J. Sweeney – Councillor. I. Hamlin – Community Council Advisor. J. Frew – Community Council Advisor. L. Thomasson. - C.C. Member Media Team D. McGrory- C.C. Member Media Team H. Agnew. - C.C. Member Media Team (C.C. - Community Council) (N.A.C. - North Ayrshire Council)	
Actions		
No	Action	Responsible
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION. The chair welcomed all attending.	
2.	APOLOGIES S. Sinclair. - C.C. Member. J. Miller M. Law – Secretary	
3.	DECEMBER MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING. It was noted that D. McTiernan and J. Sweeney had not attended the December meeting, due to technical difficulties, and they asked that their apologies be noted for that meeting Acceptance of the December minutes was proposed by D. McGrory and seconded by D. Campbell..	

4.	<p>SECRETARIES REPORT.</p> <p>There was no report available.</p>	
5.	<p>TREASURERS REPORT.</p> <p>D. Campbell reported that the bank balance was exactly the same as reported in the December minutes.</p>	
6.	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Since the New Year, the stricter conditions imposed on our communities by the Scottish Government has resulted in reduction in calls to the police as people follow the guidelines and advice by staying at home. Despite this, we are still working hard to police the current restrictions and provide appropriate advice and encouragement where possible. As we look forward to the New Year, I hope that the current situation improves and we can return to normality. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and each other.</p> <p>ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE</p> <p>There has been one reported common assault this month. A 31 year old male was arrested after a domestic incident and he was also reported for vandalism and assaulting police.</p> <p>SERIOUS ASSAULT</p> <p>There have been no reported serious assaults this month.</p> <p>ROBBERY</p> <p>There have been no reported robberies this month.</p> <p>DRUGS</p> <p>There have been no drug offences reported this month in the Stevenston area.</p>	

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There have been four vandalisms recorded in the area this month. They are not connected. One vandalism was reported as part of a domestic incident.

There has been very little incidence of youth disorder this month. The current restrictions and harsh weather has obviously made a significant impact on any of this type of antisocial behaviour.

THEFT AND HOUSEBREAKING

There have been a number of thefts reported this month.

There have been four instances of theft by shoplifting and a theft of fuel. Enquiries are ongoing.

There were two reported incidents of 'ringing the changes' where the culprits have requested cashiers to change money and distracted them, in an attempt to gain a financial advantage. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

There was also a vehicle stolen and recovered in Glasgow. There were no witnesses and no one has been reported. Forensic enquiries are ongoing.

ACTION PLANS

Locality Officers are continuing to pay attention to areas of concern despite the low instances of disorder since the new year. Particularly the Stevenston Beach Park (see below)

OTHER MATTERS OF NOTE

DRUNK/DRUGS DRIVER

Two drivers have been reported for driving whilst over the prescribed limit.

DISQUALIFIED DRIVER

N/A

Breach of Bail

Three males have been arrested and reported for various bail offences this month. They are not connected. Two

	<p>of the offences related to domestic incidents whereby they communicated with the victims in contravention of court instructions.</p> <p>Offensive Weapons No offences relating to weapons this month.</p> <p>Wilful Fireraising No reports</p> <p>Hate Crime There have been no reported hate crimes this month.</p> <p>Miscellaneous A number of people were found in the Stevenston Point area this month having travelled from the Glasgow area in order to use quad bikes etc on the beach. Police attended in response to calls from the public and eight fixed penalties were issued regarding contravention of Coronavirus Legislation. In addition, a further three people were reported to the PF for Road Traffic offences.</p> <p>Upcoming Events: N/A</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING N/A</p>	
7.	<p>MEDIA TEAM REPORT.</p> <p>The Media team reported that activity on our Facebook page was slightly down over the festive period.</p>	
8.	<p>FUNDING REPORT</p> <p>It was noted that our application to Green Health for funding to re-plant the beds in New Street had been refused. J. Frew and G. Ferguson reported that there had not been</p>	

	<p> enough detail on the application form and thus did not meet the criteria required. They also reported that applications for the amount that we had applied for (£10K) had been oversubscribed and that Mr. David Meechan from Green Health would contact the Chair. N.B. Mr Meechan contacted the Chair on Tuesday February 2nd and has offered to attend our next C.C. meeting to explore further avenues to funding opportunities. R. Fotheringham reported that she had forwarded an application form for the Community Benefit Fund to J. Frew. On completion of this application and its return to her, she would complete the Officers report. Ms. Fotheringham also said that there could be opportunities to apply to the Baillie Gifford Fund and Awards For All. Ms. Fotheringham will send a list of funding available to the C.C.. The Chair raised the question of the £2700 application to the Common Good Fund. It was explained by Ms. S. Morgan that this award had been deferred, and the C. C. would have to re-apply. J. Sweeney gave a detailed account as to how the Common Good Fund worked. D. McTiernan reported that she had been in contact with Morrison Construction Community Benefit Team. She will pass the details to the Chair. She asked that should the C.C. contact them, we must include all names on their list. J. Frew reported that there will be no flowers available from N.A.C. this year. MS. M. Sweeney of the Raise Your Voice Ardeer group had secured Stage 2 funding of £280K for the toilets/cafe project. Ms. S. Morgan reported that 2 young men of the town are willing to dig over the New Street beds, put membranes down, woodchip and then plant. They are also keen to fund raise. Ms Morgan will arrange for these 2 young to meet with the Chair and Ms J. Frew to plan a way forward. Ms. H. Agnew raised the possibility of a crowd-funder using Facebook. </p>	
9.	<p>ARDEER PENINSULA</p> <p> Iain Hamlin reported that he had a meeting with George Hunter, John Sweeney and Joe Cullinane. It is understood that N.A.C. have not developed any plans yet for the Peninsula. It was noted that there are 2 Participation Requests in place for any talks on this subject. The Participation Requests are from the Community Council </p>	

	<p>and the Friends group. The Chair reported that he had been in contact with Arran Cameron who is a director of NPL, the company that owns the peninsula.</p> <p>A summary of their conversation had been circulated to members of the C.C, but for some reason the Local Councillors had not received a copy. The Chair apologised for this and ensured that the circulation records of the C.C. would be updated. It was noted that the C.C. was advised not to have any communication with NPL. It was the feeling of the voting members of the C.C. present at this meeting that all 9 of the voting members be consulted on this matter and a decision be made in time for the next meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>TOWN CENTRE SURVEY.</p> <p>Councillor John Sweeney stated that the first he knew about a survey was when he saw it on social media. It was pointed out that this was discussed informally over a number of meetings and a decision to conduct a survey was recorded in the minutes of the December meeting. Councillor Sweeney stated that this was Feb 1st and the C.C. was very late in publishing the December minutes. He also stated that there must be better collaboration and communication between the C.C. and the Local Councillors. I. Hamlin will update the C.C. on the need to conduct more surveys. The Chair reported that despite numerous emails to Alex McKenzie of N.A.C. for updates on the progress of the town centre project, no answer had yet been received. The Chair was informed by John Sweeney and Shirley Morgan that Alex's remit had changed within N.A.C. and that Shirley Morgan would report back on this project's status.</p>	
11.	<p>A.S.N. SCHOOL.</p> <p>John Sweeney informed the meeting that the next I.G.B. meeting was in February and he would update the C.C. immediately after the meeting.</p>	
12.	<p>SORBIE WIND FARM .</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that a Memorandum of</p>	

	<p>Understanding had been signed with Energie Kontor. This would mean a community payback of £60K per annum for the 3 towns. It was not known at this time if Saltcoats C.C. or Ardrossan Development Trust had signed. It was pointed out that this was the minimum that this company could offer and the question was asked if the C.C. could negotiate an increase? Shirley Morgan Stated that she would report back on the exact legal minimum that could be offered and on the possibility of a 3 towns approach to negotiating an increase.</p>	
13.	<p>DIGITAL TRAINING.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that N.A.C. would be moving to the Teams platform instead of Zoom. Digital training on the use of Teams would be offered by N.A.C. to all groups who requested it.</p>	
14.	<p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL STATIONERY.</p> <p>The C.C. felt that there is a need for its own headed notepaper. This was proposed by D. Campbell and seconded by H. Agnew. H. Agnew offered to design a logo and suitable print for this. G Ferguson offered to help H. Agnew in this project.</p>	
15.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>None</p>	

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held as a Virtual Meeting in Zoom Monday 1st March 2021 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting details to follow on Facebook