

Meeting	Stevenston Community Council	
Date/Venue	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Virtual Meeting	
Attendance	I. Winton – Chair. D. Campbell. - Treasurer M. Law – Secretary. D. McGrory- C.C. Member Media Team H. Agnew. - C.C. Member Media Team D. McTiernan – Councillor. J. Sweeney – Councillor. I. Hamlin – Community Council Advisor.  (C.C. - Community Council) (N.A.C. - North Ayrshire Council)	
Apologies	L. Thomasson. - C.C. Member Media Team S. Sinclair. - C.C. Member. J. Miller. - Councillor. D. Rodger – C.C. Member.	
Actions		
No	Action	Responsible
1.	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION.</b>  The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There is our second virtual meeting due to the Corona Virus preventing gatherings.	
2.	<b>MARCH MINUTES &amp; ITEMS ARISING.</b>  March Minutes – D. Campbell Proposed and D. McGrory seconded them. September Minutes D. Campbell Proposed and M. Law seconded them.	
3.	<b>SECRETARIES REPORT.</b>  Reported only routine correspondence had been received.	
4.	<b>TREASURERS REPORT.</b>  D. Campbell reported that the The Community Councils financial report have been returned by North Ayrshire Council. Bank Balance No.1 Account £552.54 No.2 Account Nil	

5.	<p><b>MEDIA TEAM REPORT.</b></p> <p>There is nothing to report at the moment, but the media team have received local pictures and will put them up on Facebook for people to comment and reminisce about. I. Winton has asked the media team to find out if Africa House has been demolished recently as it is a listed building. M Anderson will send background information about Africa House from the Heritage centre to the media team.</p> <p>The zoom community council meeting can be recorded and put onto Facebook but it was agreed that the minutes will be enough to keep the public up to date if they don't attend the zoom meeting.</p> <p>Teams is another platform for meeting and may be more secure than Zoom. A licence may be required for the Community Councils if they want to continue using Zoom for meetings.</p>	
6.	<p><b>FUNDING REPORT</b></p> <p>There's no funding applications been completed at the moment. A feasibility study has been suggested to decide what should be done with the flower beds at Stevenston Cross. Archways, murals and rockeries have all been suggested. The three beds could also tell a story of Stevenston. J. Sweeney has suggested a separate virtual meeting including all who would like to be involved with the gardening project, this was agreed. Details to be put onto Facebook. The Robertson Fund is a good fund to apply to for this type of project. It was agreed that a plan needs to be in place before schools are involved, via a competition for a design. J. Sweeney and D. McTiernan have asked to be included in the garden project. The next gardening will be on 14<sup>th</sup> October, weather permitting.</p>	
7.	<p><b>ARDEER PENINSULA</b></p> <p><b>Peninsula Objection</b></p> <p>Thank you for getting in touch about the Great Harbour project.</p> <p>The Council's position on Ardeer is set out in the Adopted LDP (November 2019). The Ardeer Peninsula is identified as a potential growth location. Proposals for development within the area will be assessed in terms of environmental and infrastructure capacity in a future development plan.</p> <p>We are committed to working with NPL Estates in partnership and in this, NAC can play a guiding role on the future of the Peninsula. Please be assured that I very much acknowledge the range of views and sensitivities around the Peninsula. Any development proposals will be subject to full consultation with communities and stakeholders</p>	

	<p>and as required a Strategic Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>I have recently appointed the early stage masterplan work and would welcome views as matters develop.</p> <p>George Hunter Senior Manager, Growth and Investment</p> <p>Above is the response received from George Hunter after a letter was sent from Stevenston Community Council.</p> <p>Its felt by some that Mr Hunter may be disregarding Stevenston Community Council questions. The question is 'Is it an Irvine Harbour Master Plan or an Ardeer Master Plan' and should Ardeer be part of the Irvine Harbour Master Plan and the Community Council feel that it should not.</p> <p>Its been noted that the current plans are for the Irvine side only and the Stevenston side has still to be decided. It has been decided that it is not financially viable to restore the original bridge at the big idea.</p>	
8.	<p><b>TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION.</b></p> <p><b>Stevenston Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme</b></p> <p>The agreed expenditure on Stevenston Shopfront Improvements is £150,000 inclusive of shopfront improvements, consultant fees, statutory approval fees and VAT where an applicant is unable to reclaim the VAT.</p> <p>To date we received 22 expressions of interest (10 of which are VAT registered) following which ZM Architecture has contacted each applicant and prepared a scope of works.</p> <p>Until the technical information has been issued to a contractor for pricing, the total cost of the works per property remains unknown. This is due to the difficulty in forecasting the potential cost of the shopfront improvements due to town location, type of works, amount of trades required, amount of properties, efficiency of multiple properties needing the same work, availability of contractors etc.</p> <p>Only once the tender returns have been received, can the cost be known.</p> <p>The preferred scenario is that works to all properties can be delivered within the available budget.</p> <p>Referencing similar shopfront improvement schemes, the tender price per property varied between £3k-£20k. Using this example, the Stevenston shopfront improvement scheme could result in a total</p>	

	<p>project cost well in excess of the available budget.</p> <p>As outlined in the guidance, if the tender returns are in excess of the available budget a prioritisation exercise, led by ZM Architecture, will be undertaken to maximise the improvements that can be undertaken.</p> <p>Options include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree maximum spend per property or size of shopfront</li> <li>2. Reduce the amount of work per shopfront</li> <li>3. Reduce the amount of shopfronts</li> <li>4. And/or ask owners to contribute funds to the works.</li> </ol> <p>Once it has been agreed what can be delivered within the available budget, the works will be 100% grant funded for successful applicants. An applicant can contribute funds for additional works if they choose to do so.</p> <p>The architect is in the process of preparing the tender information for issue to contractors, which will be agreed with applicants, prior to issuing to tender.</p> <p>New Street, street lights have been reported and repairs were due to start today 5<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	
9.	<p><b>ASN SCHOOL</b></p> <p>The ASN school should be completed early May 2021 instead of November 2020, as there were delays due to and incendiary device and Covid.</p>	
10.	<p><b>SORBIE HILL WIND FARM</b></p> <p>A hearing has to been arranged.</p>	
11.	<p><b>PERSIMMONS DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Consultation has ended and planning has been approved. There were only a few formal objections. The build of 348 houses and 24 flats will be done in stages. To view planning information look under the code 19-00523-PPM.</p>	
12.	<p><b>DONATION REQUEST FROM POPPY SCOTLAND</b></p> <p>A £30 donation will be sent to Poppy Scotland.</p>	
13.	<p><b>BEACH TOILETS</b></p> <p>The plans for have been received by the community council for us to</p>	

	look at. There will be two unisex toilets at the moment as that is what the funding will cover. Opening times have still to be decided, it has been suggested that during the summer they could be open from sunrise to sunset but this will be dependant on the volunteers availability.	
14.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>Stevenston Library is now open on Thursday for click and collect, the media team will put this on the Facebook page.</p> <p>Ardchoille Lane has been reported via the N.A.C. app but they can do nothing about the fly tipping as it is private land. There used to be a camera there and its being looked into to see if it is still there and working.</p> <p>Stevenston Library is doing a display for Baby Loss awareness week.</p> <p>Poverty Allowance has been highlighted to raise the profile for people living on limited incomes.</p>	

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held as a Virtual Meeting in Zoom Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting details to follow on Facebook.