

STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the open to the public Meeting held in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre on Monday October 9th 2023.

ATTENDEES.

I Winton Chair SCC
D Campbell Secretary SCC
J Frew Member SCC
J Dick Member SCC
I Hamlin Advisor to SCC
D McTiernan Elected Member
C Inglis Elected Member
J Sweeney Elected Member
D Young NAC
G Ferguson NAC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all attending.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from J McClung, G Pollock and R Wilson.

PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting was Proposed by J Dick and Seconded by J Frew.

There were no Matters Arising.

SECRETARIES REPORT

D Campbell reported that only routine correspondence had been received and passed on as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D Campbell reported the following Account balances;

No1A/c £40.85

No2A/c £5572.80

No3A/c £1060.07

POLICE REPORT

At the time of writing, no Police Report had been received and no Police Officers were in attendance at this meeting.

A member of the public was disappointed by the non attendance in that she was hoping to hand over a "dossier" of ASB in the Golf Ave area of the town.

She also wanted to bring up the subject of the time it took for the 101 service to respond to a call, citing 20 to 30 minutes waiting time.

In one instance she told of finally getting through and asking to be put through to Saltcoats

Police Station only to be put through to Salford Police Station in Greater Manchester. She handed her "dossier" over to the 3 Elected Members present for action.

SIGNAGE IN STEVENSTON

The following points were noted;

SCC had met with the Roads, Heritage and Street Scene departments of NAC. A timetable to obtain costings for the signs required was agreed, i.e. costings required by mid November, presentation of costings and application for CIF funding to be made at the December meeting of the Three Towns Locality Partnership.

SCC has arranged to meet with Douglas Ogilvie Engineering, NAC Street Scene and Roads on Thursday October 12th to further progress in this matter.

BEACH ACCESS.

J Sweeney reported the following;

NAC will undertake a study to look at opportunities for new paths to the Beach. Once a brief has been awarded, the Consultant will then begin discussions with local people. NAC have decided to incorporate Coastal Change Adaption Measures into the study and this is about understanding how the dunes are likely to change in the future and what impact any new paths that we build are likely to have on the dunes.

This additional work has caused an increase in the time taken to issue a brief. The output from the ongoing Stevenston Climate Action Towns Workshops, facilitated by Architecture and Design Scotland, will be shared with the appointed Consultant. Public procurement is a heavily regulated environment and it is a struggle to speed things up. On a positive note, resources have been spent on completing the contract Scope and Drawings, sourcing previous coastal studies and other information, assembling a Technical Working Group and undertaking a Condition Inspection of the Ardrossan to Troon coastal sub-cell.

This study was not anticipated.

Other planned studies in the current Flood Risk Management Planning Cycle have been pushed back to give STEVENSTON THE PRIORITY THAT IT REQUIRES. It is worth noting that the Contract requires a Consultant to run an in person Public Consultation Event,

NB. SCC is delighted that Stevenston will get the priority it requires.

LONSDALE AND RANKIN SITES.

There has been no movement on this matter.

GLEBE ST/BOGLEMART ST GABLE END

There has been no movement on this matter.

The above four sites have been an Agenda item on SCC meetings for at least two years. Despite strenuous efforts from our Elected Members (which is much appreciated by SCC) to find a solution, it boils down to the fact that all the sites are privately owned. NAC does not have the power to Compel private landowners to improve their properties. SCC understands that NAC can intervene when private property is in such a state of disrepair that it is a danger to the public.

SCC understands that NAC can intervene when private land becomes a health hazard

(e.g.being used for fly tipping).

SCC is aware that grants are available to private property/landowners to carry out repairs etc.

SCC understands that our elected Members will meet with NAC Legal Dept next week.

GARDENING REPORT.

The following points were noted;

The final tidy up of the flower beds at the Cross, beside the Library and in New St will take place on Sunday November 5th. As usual, volunteers are needed. A reminder of this will be sent out nearer the time.

There was a consensus that the “boulders” at the seating at the Cross be removed and re-sited at the Beach.

It was agreed that the bushes on Townhead St, adjacent to the Rankins site, were to be trimmed back.

It was noted that the local B&Q depot is offering a QR code to enable Community Groups to make purchases at a discount.

It was noted that no date has been arranged for the removal of the trees at the cross.

SCIO

SCC estimates that a formal registration will be made to OSCAR in the next two weeks.

KERELAW ESTATE

At the time of writing, no further communication had been received from Glasgow CC on this matter.

BERRY AND CROSBIE WIND FARMS.

Elected Members McTiernan and Inglis excused themselves from this part of the meeting. It was agreed that SCC would contact the operators of the Crosbie Wind Farm to explore the possibility of SCC getting a share of the Community Pay Back funds on offer.

A.O.C.B.

Murals at the Beach Pavillion. Costings to carry out remedial works on the building had been obtained from a local builder. SCC are actively seeking Funding to cover these costs. The Arts Departments of Auchenharvie Academy and St Mathews Academy are now actively putting together ideas for possible Murals.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

This will take place in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.00pm.