

## STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the open to the public meeting held in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre on October 14th 2024.

### ATTENDEES.

I Winton	Chair SCC
D Campbell	Secretary SCC
J Frew	Member SCC
R Wilson	Member SCC
D McTiernan	Elected Member
C Inglis	Elected Member
K O'neil	N.A.C.
D Young	N.A.C.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION.

The Chair welcomed all attending.

The Chair informed the meeting that a local man, Ian Cassiday, under the sponsorship of Ruth McGuire MSP as a "Local Champion" had received his reward from the King at a recent ceremony at the Scottish Government in Holyrood.

Well done to Ian Cassiday.

### APOLOGIES.

Apologies had been received from J Sweeney, J Dick and I Hamlin.

### MINUTES AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING.

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by J Frew and seconded by R Wilson.

There were no matters outstanding.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that only routine correspondence had been received and had been distributed as required.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The following balances were reported;

No1A/c	£442.11
No2A/c	£13718.06
No3A/c	£1073.43

### POLICE REPORT

The report was compiled by PS Mark Semple and covers the period 1/9/24 to 30/9/24.

The report was delivered by PC Colin Johnson.

NB there have been changes in Stevenston LPT, which now comprises of PC Chris Pride, PC Stuart Latta and PC Colin McLelland.

There has also been a change of leadership with Inspector Dougan moving on temporarily and Inspector Cameron returning to the three towns area.

We would ask that the community contact the Police and report any crime and ongoing issues.

The Community can contact the Police as follows:

In an emergency, always dial 999

For non urgent crime, contact your local police office on 101

Reports can be made anonymously via Crimestoppers.

Please, do not use our Twitter or Facebook pages to report crimes as these pages are not monitored 24/7.

317 incidents were reported in Stevenston during September 2024.

This compares with 352 in September 2023.

Of these incidents, 58 were identified as crimes.

This compares with 83 the previous year.

At present, 35% have been detected and 42% are still being actively investigated.

There has been a number of vandalisms to a few commercial premises, including Africa House and Police are actively trying to contact the owners. With the darker nights drawing in, we will be stepping up patrols in and around the Ardeer Peninsula area, attempting to stop any further damage and fire raising

Noteworthy crime/offences 1/9/24 to 30/9/24

Assault - 7 reported. 4 detected

Drug use/dealing/driving- 2 reported 2 detected

Breach of the Peace/S38 - 8 reported 4 detected

Vandalism - 10 reported

Comms Act - 2 reported 1 detected

Shoplifting - 22 reported 6 detected 14 live enquires ongoing

Retail Officers are working with a number of large national retailers in the town to identify and reduce opportunities for theft and anti-social behaviour in their stores.

Where young people are involved, assistance is sought from campus officers and partner agencies to reduce these risky behaviours.

Incidents for Stevenston during the reporting period;

Public Nuisance 14 current year 23 previous year

Disturbances 10 current year 20 previous year

Noise complaints 15 current year 7 previous year

#### QUAD/MOTORBIKES AND DOMESTIC DISRUPTION

PC Johnson was made aware of the concern of a resident of Golf Avenue in Stevenston.

These concerns were minuted at the SCC September meeting.

PC Johnson will pass this on to his colleagues in the Stevenston LPT.

#### HAYOCKS FIRE RAISING.

SCC has received reports from Hayocks residents of fire raising in the area.

SCC understands that our Elected Members and Graham Hunter of NAC will meet with Hayocks residents to discuss this matter.

#### BEACH PAVILION.

J Frew reported that, apart from some minor remedial work needing to be done on the concrete steps, this project has been completed.

#### GARDENING PROJECT

J Frew reported the following:

The flower beds in New St are in good order.

The flower beds beside the Library still have some colour in them, even at this time of year.

The circular beds and the beds around the Cross had a final tidy up on October 6th. Thanks to the volunteers who turned up.

All flower beds at the Cross need more wood bark covering. D Young of NAC will arrange this.

#### OLD POLICE STATION GROUND

No report available on this matter.

#### ENGINEERING AT AUCHENHARVIE GOLF CLUB CAR PARK.

It was "mooted" that this activity was in connection with an "Active Travel" project to connect Canal St in Saltcoats to Station Rd in Stevenston.

#### STEVENSTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

Elected Member J Sweeney had E mailed SCC on this matter. This Email had been circulated to all members of SCC. John could not attend this meeting, but Kimberly O'Neil of NAC reported the following:

The Christmas Lights Committee is now down to two members.

Finances are "dire" this year due to having to pay NAC £4700 to put the lights up.

Avenues of funding are being explored to raise this money.

Nonetheless, they hope to have a "switch on" on December 6th.

Kimberly was advised to contact Berry Industries and Chem Ring to see if they could help.

Another way to raise funds would be to organise a "Crowd Funder".

The Chair explained that SCC would be unable to contribute financially as any money that SCC has is "ring fenced" for ongoing projects and SCC is accountable to the funders of these projects for its use.

#### MATTERS OF CONCERN

No report available on these two matters of concern.

SCC understands that more funding for property owners has been made available to enable them to bring dilapidated buildings "up to scratch".

C Inglis will contact NAC Legal to see if there is a way forward in light of this funding.

#### SAVE ARDROSSAN HARBOUR

SCC members attended the inaugural public meeting of this group.

SCC now understands that a Committee has been formed.

SCC will support this endeavour.

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

The following points were noted:

The QR sign on the Mill End has been cleaned. The QR code is still unreadable. C Inglis will report this again.

All Heritage Boards for the Signage Project are now complete and will be installed by the end of the month. That leaves the Trail Board at the Mill Dam the only one to be completed. SCC is waiting for NAC Heritage to send the information to the Graphic Designer for action.

The warning signs on the dunes at Stevenston Beach have been destroyed/vandalised. They were only put up last month. SCC feels that they should be replaced ASAP with metal poles (not wood) and embedded in concrete. This could be a potential Health and Safety Matter.

SCC would ask that the Bridge Walkway be opened up to create a viewing platform. Could Elected Members look into this and report back?

The man who wrote the recent report on the dunes at the Stevenston Beach Nature Reserve stated that the encroachment of the invasive species *rosaredgosa* and sea buckthorn was “the worst he had ever seen”. D Young will arrange for the affected areas to be “flailed”

The pathway beside the road opposite Auchenharvie Academy has lots of vegetation “poking through the fence” and is causing difficulties for pedestrians walking and especially users of motorised scooters. SCC understands that NAC Roads is responsible for this pathway. Could Elected Members look into this and report back?

SCC understands that the Fire Station road will be “Flailed” this winter. J Frew asked D. Young let her know the date in order that she can arrange a litter pick before work begins.

An email from NAC on the budget for NAC in 2025/2026 and the need for Public Consultation on this matter was sent out to all members of SCC and all on the SCC mailing list. Our Elected Members would urge all individuals on these mailing lists to respond individually to this. You don’t have to answer every question, just answer the ones that are important to you. Details can be found on the NAC website.

Alister Kane was co-opted as a Member of Stevenston Community Council. He will be proposed and seconded at our meeting in November 2024.

SCC is looking to set up a Board of Trustees, from the existing committee, to oversee the disbursement of Wind Farm monies due in July 2025.

This will entail opening a bank account and appointing signatories.

Anyone looking to be on the Board should be aware that this will involve considerable commitment.

Any Member of the Board will be required to attend at least 8 meetings per annum to retain their place on the Board.

Board Members will be required to set up Criteria, assess Applications, take Minutes of Meetings and circulate them and Correspond with Wind Farm representatives.

Energie Kontor will also need to be contacted to invite them to have a member of their company as a Board Member should they so desire.

If you are an SCC Member and wish to be part of the Board, please let the Secretary know by Friday 25th October 2024.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11th November 2024 at 7PM in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre.