

Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)

Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 12 March 2024

7.00pm, at Alloway Primary School

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** (23 Present)

ADSLCC Member's Present: Andrew Russell (A) Chair, Sheila Scott Secretary (D); Sandy Paton V/Chair-Licensing (D), Paul Brooks Treasurer (A), Norman Sharp (A), Alex Drain (SL), Madge Claybion (A), Ian Duncanson (A), Rod Whinhall Planning (SL), Laurence Marcantonio (SL)

Apologies: Pamela McKay (D), Alan Graham (A), Patrice Graham (A), Zoe Montgomerie (A)

Members of the Public Present: Nancy Boag, Anne Hume, Isobelle Cramond, Bob Leitch, Alison Leitch, David Lodge, Ann Marshall, Mike McArthur, Rory Mohan, Brady Robertson, John Walker (MacLaurin)

Ayr West Councillors Present: None

Apologies: George Weir, Bob Shields, Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons

Speaker: Audrey Gatt Place Planning / Thriving Communities

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 06 February 2024

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Madge Claybion

Seconded: Ian Duncanson

5. **Speaker:** Chair welcomed Audrey Gatt Place Planning / Thriving Communities.

Audrey Gatt from South Ayrshire Council, Thriving communities, Place Planning explained very clearly and enthusiastically what Place Planning was and how we could become involved. Community led action plans are what they would like us to do. They have two teams working together from both Thriving Communities and Place Planning and aim to work across South Ayrshire. They have had very poor responses to the surveys and consultations held so far and hope that Community Councils will be able to help. There is a mix of land use as part of Thriving Communities and development of the Local Development Plan through the Local Place Plan. They would like as much information as we can give them on how to improve our area. This would be supported by them offering consultations or helping with surveys or posters or printing. They are very open to our suggestions and willing to help us carry them forward.

6. **Police Report:** The following was recorded of crimes in the Ayr West area in February 2024: Inspector Joanne Logan leads the area locality team of Sergeant Andrew Kelly

Calls to Police	---	
Crimes	13	(up 8 from Jan)
Thefts	04	(up 1 from Jan) 2x Shoplifting, 1x House, 1x Bike
Disorder/Breach of Peace	02	(up 2 from Jan)
Assault	00	
Vandalism	00	
Misuse of Drugs Offences	01	(up 1 from Jan) small quantity personal use
Fraud	01	(same 1 from Jan) low value through apple account
Road Traffic Offences	02	(up 1 from Jan) 1x drug driver no papers, 1x drink driver
Offences under;		
Child and Young Persons Act	---	
Domestic Abuse	---	
Other Crimes	04	(up 4 from Jan)

Info: Other Crimes will relate to incidents of Domestic incidents or reports that don't directly affect the local community. The incidents of disorder also relate to being within dwellings and are of no concerns for the wider community. Unfortunately, and likely to be the most cause of concern for the local community is the report of another Theft by Housebreaking. This enquiry is ongoing and being progressed by CID officers, officers have been tasked to carry out additional passing patrols within the areas. This will involve officers in marked and unmarked vehicles. I would urge that if anyone is suspicious of any persons then please report via 999 ASAP. I would rather police attended, and the matter was innocently resolved than someone else being a victim of a housebreaking.

Police; Twitter and Facebook are not for reporting crime. For non urgent crime reporting use, 101. Links; [Your Police 2022-2023 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#)

7. **SAC Councillors/Link Officer Reports – Reports:**

- (i) Citizens Advice Bureau SAC. What progress was made at the 11th January meeting? What further meetings are planned? Is there now a time frame? *(No further update Councillors not present)*.
- (ii) From Councillor Martin Dowey info; the Community fund will not be used, to repair potholes on Maybole Rd as previous reported.
- (iii) The new Community notice board placement at St Leonards Ewenfield Road Update? Alloway Primary notice board relocation 2m to the left is proving impossible in the current financial climate and contracted out work. *(No further update Councillors not present)*.
- (iv) Reports that road markings around the mini roundabout at Alloway are becoming dangerous for motorists. Alloway one is now painted, thank you.
- (v) Are there any possibilities of painting the RHS of Rozelle House and that of the Maclaurin Art Gallery? *(No further update Councillors not present)*. Mr Walker of Maclaurin Trust confirmed the outside of the Maclaurin is the responsibility of SAC.

8. **ADSLCC Sub Committee for funding projects:** Update on the meeting on 8th March 24 with Councillor Dowey.

- (i) General discussion about what had been done by the Council and reconfirming what was being asked for in Alloway to prepare for a meeting with the National Trust, SAC and ADSLCC for Burns Cottage Garden, Poets Path and wooden barriers and the Burns Centre is arranged for 21st March 2024.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) From news that ARA might resurface the Balgath Path in Matters Arising in February's meeting; confirmation was sought from Councillor Martin Dowey at our meeting above; he confirmed the path at the Balgarth would be upgraded by ARA.

9. **Planning & Licensing Update info:** 'Still up for consideration on the website'

- (i) Craig Tara 23/00182/APPM SAC Regulatory Panel site visit to take place 22nd March.
- (ii) Kirkgate House; New planning application 23/00864/APP Change of use of existing dwellinghouse to form ancillary hotel accommodation and additional car parking. ADSLCC comment submitted.
- (iii) Corton 23/00345/APPM ADSLCC Retail Park consultation planning comments submitted.

10. **Secretary's Business:**

- (i) Our Secretary meeting with SAC contractors on site, SWECO engineer and SAPI South Ayrshire Paths Initiative representatives regarding issues of paths in our area.
- (ii) To request our Secretary to contact SAC Planning and Development to provide an appropriate speaker to come to a future ADSLCC meeting to update us on SAC's proposals and plans and future intension for the A77 bypass with respect to the proximity of the Corton development and others. Past Panel hearing heard Feb 28th should now make this possible.

11. **Treasurers Report:**

Current balance to date 12th March £1,108.57 (Donations paid and expenses received)

12. **Any Other Competent Business:**

- (i) Beach outfall drain sludge just north of the Slaphouse burn and out with our area. Believe it is a drain for the swampy area.
- (ii) CC vacancies, ADSLCC to agree on continuing to advertise for members.
- (iii) Local Place Plans LPP are due to be reviewed on a statutory 4 year cycle. Myself and Secretary Sheila attended an online planning meeting a few days ago. It is very important for the public to speak up at this time because all planning will relate to it in the next 4 years. You can use the SAC website to find out what should be thought of. We have to put any proposals in through the CC for consideration and reasons why.

So far I have thought of;

1. To designate the field on Longhill Ave presently in the Dunure area to be in ADSLCC area since it belongs to the house in our area as agricultural.
2. To designate land where the 3 beach houses in Doonfoot were proposed as open space.
3. To better protect the Old Racecourse from permanent development as open space Common Good Land for all manner of temporary and emergency use.
4. To make an interim designation proposal that Alloway village to the Burns Centre and onto the Brig O' Doon be labelled as a world heritage site on application.
5. The swamp land off Doonfoot Rd to be labelled as a wildlife and nature conservation area and corridor to the sea.
6. That the authorities pursue a detailed plan/drawing for the future dualling of the A77 bypass around Ayr to Doonholm Rd.
7. That member's of Belleisle golf course are consulted about investment changes to the course.

- (iv) John Walker Chairman of the MacLaurin Trust gave us an interesting summary of the history of the Trust and Mrs MacLaurin who was sadly only briefly married before her husband passed away but she set up the MacLaurin Trust in his memory for the people of Ayr in 1975.

The MacLaurin Trust and South Ayrshire Council work together to run the Galleries at Rozelle. Two galleries are run by the Trust and the Patron's Gallery is run by SAC.

Mr Walker assured us that the Collection held by the Trust is regarded as the finest collection of modern art in Scotland. The Trust needs to hold several exhibitions every year where the art is sold to help cover the costs of running the Galleries.

They aim to make information about the Art held available and have fixed QR codes on the Ronald Rae sculptures in Rozelle Park.

Chair Andrew thanked Mr Walker for his time and his valuable input into our understanding of how the MacLaurin Trust works.

- 13. Next Meeting:** Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Doonfoot Primary School (1900-2100).
AGM Members meeting will start at 1830 sharp – 1900)

- 14. Close.** We must pack up at 20:55 to leave the building by 21:00.

If you would like to become a part of your local Community Council, then why not attend one of our meetings and then a voting member if you wish.

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