

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council
Thursday 9th MAY 2024 7.15pm Queen Margaret Academy, Ayr

Members Present: Cara Bennington (Chair/Secretary), Flora Fleming (Vice Chair), Colin Hall (Planning and Licensing), Carol Campbell, Hezekiah Adesina, Dennis McLellan, Daniela Van Niekerk.

In Attendance: Fiona Mitchell (Visitor), Matthew Grant (SAC Link Officer)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Pastor Adesina opened the meeting with a prayer at the request of the Chair and with agreement of the members. This was a nice start to the meeting. Chair took the sederunt and the meeting was quorate with 7 members in attendance out of a current membership of 9.	
2	Apologies: Donald Mclean, Ian Douglas (Treasurer)	
3	Community Police Report for April in Ayr East – read out by Chair. Thefts – 6, Disorder – 4, Assault – 3, Vandalism – 2, Road Traffic Offences – 2, Fraud – 1, Other – 4. Sgt Andrew Kelly explained that the officers had been extremely busy of late and that he is moving on from his current role but will still be based in Ayr. Sgt Stuart Slaven will be taking over from him soon and will be sending out our future Community Police Reports.	
4	Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in March: Proposer – Flora Fleming Seconder - Colin Hall	
5	Any Matters Arising from previous minutes (not included in the agenda) The Chair announced that she has received the framed photographed portrait of King Charles III which was offered to community groups (nationwide) in its second phase of distribution. It is yet to be decided where this portrait will be displayed as the BKCC does not have a permanent base.	
6	Secretarial Business and Correspondence Place Planning Survey The letter for Place Planning Survey was passed around for discussion and was well received. The paper survey was passed around and questions were asked by the members about why the survey was still the same length as the original when the BKCC members had discussed shortening the survey. It is felt that the survey is too long and may put off residents from completing it. It may be too late now to change this as the survey is being printed as soon as possible so that schoolchildren can post the surveys before the summer holidays. Secretary mentioned that she has been emailing Audrey Gatt at Thriving Communities to ask if consent has been obtained for the pick-up and drop-off points before the letter is printed but has so far had no reply. The BKCC sub-group are working on this letter and survey along with the Chair of Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill Community Council. Funding is being offered to Ayr East for special projects and that funding is dependent on the results of this survey. Vacancies on the BKCC A vote was taken on whether to advertise our vacancies. Unanimous decision was taken to advertise.	Action: Sec to contact SAC to confirm number of vacancies.

	<p>Constitution Chair explained that the constitution must be signed by the new Chair and two other members. Constitution was signed by Cara Bennington as Chair, Carol Campbell, and Dennis McLellan. Matthew Grant, our SAC Link Officer signed also. Flora Fleming requested a copy of the Constitution printed in large print so that she can use her Zoomtec to see it since she has Macular Degeneration and has not yet received one in large print.</p> <p>Facebook page Secretary asked if Daniela could take over the job of monitoring the BKCC Facebook page, promoting the page and posting relevant information to the page such as approved minutes and upcoming meetings and agendas as well as sharing to the page any posts on other social media which are relevant to residents of Belmont and Kincaidston.</p> <p>Maps of Belmont and Kincaidston Secretary handed photocopies of each of the previous sub-wards i.e. Old Belmont, South Belmont and Kincaidston to members living in those areas so that it is clear where our boundary lies and to ask for ideas on locations for noticeboards which may be requested from SAC in the upcoming funding allocation. The locations must be on South Ayrshire Council owned ground. There was a discussion about the possibility of better signposting and noticeboards containing a map of Kincaidston in particular.</p> <p>Meeting of South Ayr Locality Planning Partnership in KCC Colin mentioned that South Ayr Locality Planning Partnership had discussed the provision of noticeboards which was suggested by Ian Douglas. They seemed interested in the idea of providing information to promote general wellbeing and might be able to offer funding.</p> <p>SEPA consultation SEPA are reaching out to the public to ask for feedback and ideas on the dumping of waste, pollution of rivers and being alert to Potential Vulnerable Areas of flooding. Peter Finnie is the contact at SEPA. Fiona Mitchell mentioned her interest in the state of the natural environment in the woods around Annfield Burn and the state of the burn itself. She is concerned about how the SAC will tackle the Ash Dieback. It is hoped that care is taken to only deal with trees that are going to be unsafe and to preserve as much of the unaffected trees and bushes as possible. Secretary mentioned that she had emailed Fiona Ross but had got no reply.</p> <p>Ageing Well 1 Year on Event in Ayr Town Hall Secretary told members about an all-day event to take place in Ayr Town Hall on 30th May from 10am until 3pm, with lunch provided, which is open to anyone wishing to attend and to find out more about the Ageing Well strategy for South Ayrshire. There will be activities and talks.</p>	<p>Action: Sec to send off signed page of constitution to SAC for their records plus LP copy for Flora.</p> <p>Action: Sec to invite Daniela as an additional Admin of the FB page.</p> <p>Action: members to mark locations on the maps where we might want a noticeboard.</p> <p>Action: Sec to email out the SEPA consultation to Fiona Mitchell who is involved already with the state of the Annfield Burn.</p> <p>Action: Daniela to post event to BKCC FB page.</p>
7	<p>Planning and Licensing Colin mentioned several applications in South Ayrshire coming from the Scottish Government and a private application for the construction and operation of solar generating facilities and battery generation stations with a</p>	<p>Action: P&L contact to keep an eye on these developments</p>

	<p>capacity of up to 85 Megawatts alongside associated development which includes solar panels, battery storage containers, security fencing, CCTV cameras, access tracks, cabling, inverters, substations, landscaping, and other ancillary development. These are outside our ward of Ayr East but are still near enough to be of a concern to us.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on the Corton Ayr East development which is ongoing and has been in planning stage for many years now. Belmont and Kincaidston have not been asked recently for their opinions on this development by any consultancy involved at present. Fiona Mitchell has followed this development since around 2012 and has some concern that the bridge overpass (A77) will require many trees to be felled, trees which provide limited but essential protection to the residents of Kincaidston from the pollution of the traffic on the A77 which the Kincaidston border is close to.</p>	<p>and update the members.</p> <p>P&L contact to find out the status of the Ayr East development in Corton.</p>
8	<p>Treasurer's Report Treasurer has submitted the receipts for last year's accounts along with this year's top-up grant request form to SAC.</p>	
9	<p>Meeting was closed at 2055hrs. The next Belmont & Kincaidston Community Council Ordinary Meeting will take place on <u>June 6th, 2024</u>, from 1915hrs in Belmont Academy conference room on the ground floor.</p>	