



Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)
Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 14 May 2024
7.00pm, at Alloway Primary School

- 1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** (25 Present)

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

Apologies: Zoe Montgomerie (A), Alan Graham (A), Patrice Graham (A), Madge Claybion (A)

Members of the Public Present: Nancy Boag, Davies Brock, Isobelle Cramond, Pauline Creasey, Anne Hume, Bob Leitch, Alison Leitch, David Lodge, Ann Marshall, Rory Mohan, Corrie Lawrence, Joy Rivett-Gill, Brady Robertson

Ayr West Councillors Present: Bob Shields

Apologies: Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons, George Weir

Speaker: No Speaker

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald

- 3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 4. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 16th April 2024

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Sandy Paton

Seconded: Pamela McKay

- 5. **Speaker:** No Speaker
- 6. **Police Report:** The following was recorded of crimes in Alloway & Doonfoot area in April 2024:

Police Report	Sergeant Andrew Kelly
Calls to Police	
Crimes	8

Of which cont:

Thefts	3	(down 4)
Breach of Peace Assault	1	(down 1)
Wilful fire raising	1	(up 1)
Vandalism	1	(up 1)
Other Crimes	2	(down 1)

Other Crimes will relate to incidents of Domestic incidents or reports that don't directly affect the local community.

Info: Our Annual Police plan 2022/23 sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe and this has been developed using your responses to last year's survey, along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to communities. www.facebook.com/ayrshirepolice

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 – Survey](#)

Laurence Marcantonio reported that intruders had been spotted in the flat above the Arran Mall. Police were called and the burglars intercepted.

7. SAC Councillors/Link Officer Reports – Reports:

- (i) Citizens Advice Bureau SAC. A commitment made in the current manifesto. From a whistleblower, why are decisions not to progress being allowed to be made by an unelected executive? When can we expect some progress?

Last meeting.

After lengthy discussion it seems that the Executive Officers are stalling progress intimating there is no need for a CAB as the present SAC HUB system provides all the service that is required. This item has been on our agenda for more than 18 months. The Chair felt that the HUB is costing council taxpayers a whole lot more than the CAB system in East Ayrshire. SAC is the only administration in Scotland operating a non independent HUB help system, a legacy project of old.

Councillor Bob Shields making important contributions with reference to 'slow walking'. It was decided that Member Norman Sharp would write a strong letter to South Ayrshire Council Executive and Council Leader M. Dowey to request that a CAB would be moved forward. Not sidelined.

- (ii) The new Community notice board placement at St Leonards/Ewenfield Road. Our Link Officer J Donald reported that SAC were looking for a new site for St Leonards and would move the Notice board at Alloway Primary using the Ward Funding. Jamie Tait is the contact. J. Donald said she would get an update from T. Whiteford.
- (iii) Is SAC contemplating a scheme of maintenance to paint the LHS & RHS of Rozelle House? SAC expects that the Maclaurin Trust will take responsibility.
- (iv) Report pointing out that Doonholm Rd is becoming potholed and dodging traffic is a danger to school children. Can ARA investigate? Councillor Weir Contacted ARA who have the road scheduled for repair. Councillor Shields suggested we invite the new chief of ARA, Yvonne Kerr, to come to our meeting to discuss what is happening with roads in South Ayrshire.
- (v) ADSLCC copied into a further report from Tommy ref the Whiteside Gardener to councillors and ARA about concerns of chicanes on Longhill Ave leading to continued motorist disputes. Any ideas? Councillor Weir reported that Tommy has been sent a report by ARA. The meeting asked Councillor Shields to discuss the situation with ARA, to remove the unnecessary first chicane at the Alloway end of Longhill Avenue causing queuing onto the main road. Also to mention that ADSLCC wishes to discuss the signage priorities at the Doonfoot end causing disputes and at a centre bend where the short sight of oncoming traffic is concerning.

- (vi) Tesco car park on Maybole Road is going to be investigated by ARA and a report sent to the owners. The complaint is that cars exiting left into Burnbank Road often have to cross the road centre into the path of oncoming traffic.

8. ADSLCC Sub Committee for funding projects: Update on the meeting on 19th April 24 and 10th May with Councillor's, Leader Dowey, Shields, Weir, Fiona Ross Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services and Elaine from SAC, Andrew Russell, Sheila Scott and Paul Brooks from ADSLCC.

- (a) Secretary reported that the meeting discussed the path at Doonfoot from the Swan Pond down to the beach. This desired path is still the responsibility of the developer.
- (b) Greenan car park upgrade with benches and bike racks.
- (c) Millenium bridge is to be painted.
- (d) Fence up the side of the Doon is the responsibility of the River Doon owners.
- (e) Blue Bonnet Trail in Cambusdoon Park is being upgraded.
- (f) Comprehensive work in Cambusdoon is ongoing with handrails being installed on the steps below the stone gates.
- (g) The old toilet site at the end of the Poet's Path is the responsibility of SAC and they will improve it when the gas men have gone.
- (h) We are in discussion with ARA and SAC around that area to get steps added down to the ART Tunnel and the old railway bridge at the Doon to have camera photo portholes.
- (i) We asked for more upgrades to the desired access paths to Sustrans 7 and for benches.
- (j) Auld Brig planters are a possibility. Benches are not.
- (k) New bollards will be installed when the works at the Rugby Club are finished.
- (l) SAC are cleaning the Poet's Path but the National Trust are undermining this by not cutting the grass which is full of unsightly weeds and seed heads.
- (m) We discussed the Burns Cottage gardens but this is National Trust to be persuaded.
- (n) No play park in Rozelle for small children.
- (o) We asked for all weather paths in Rozelle. This was no but whin dust was possible.
- (p) We asked for the access from Burness Avenue to Rozelle to be improved. This is part of the Blue Bonnet Trail and is in the pipeline to be done.
- (q) We asked for a path down the side of the field leading to the Humpy Bridge and Knoll Park. This is being looked at.
- (r) We explained that these would allow people to walk/cycle etc without having to use the narrow pavement on Monument Road.
- (s) We have offered to help the Community Action Group (CAG) with this trail from Alloway, Auld Brig to Chapelpark Road and to Maybole Road when they hold their proposed Activity Day on the 21st September if our paths are installed/improved.

9. Update on 10th May meeting with Councillor Dowey.

- (i) We pointed to the sign posts around our area to be cleaned again.
- (ii) We asked for the sunken pavement at the 20/30mph sign to be made good.
- (iii) Mud/puddles on Rozelle Paths.
- (iv) Access to Rozelle. When will this be attended to?
- (v) The hospital problems.
- (vi) Benches, why are SAC resistant to them? Vandals etc do not seem a good enough reason.
- (vii) The chicanes on Longhill Avenue.
- (viii) No plans to commemorate D Day by SAC.
- (ix) Council Leader Dowey will provide a report on a CAB in South Ayrshire.

- (x) SAC expects the McLaurin Trust to paint the outside of the building.
- (xi) Treasure Hunt on CAG Active Travel Day, 21st September, along the route from Alloway to Ayr avoiding the narrow pavement on Monument Road.

10. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i)

11. Planning & Licensing Update info: 'Still up for consideration item (ii) on the website'

- (i) Kirkgate House; Planning application 23/00864/APP Change of use of existing dwellinghouse to form ancillary hotel accommodation and additional car parking. ADSLCC comment submitted.

12. Secretary's Business:

- (i) Letter of further concerns sent to UHA Dr McGuffie. We await Dr McGuffie's response.
- (ii) Chair and Secretary meeting with SAPI South Ayrshire Paths Initiative representatives regarding issues of paths in our area. Perseverance is what is needed to get anything done.

13. Treasurers Report:

Current balance to date 14th May £1,108.57 no change since last month.

14. Any Other Competent Business:

- (i) D day remembrance celebrations ADSLCC wish to contribute and mark the 80th anniversary by buying bunting £62.93 and banner £24.98 for the village hall. (Total £87.91)

Proposer Norman Sharp

Seconded Pamela McKay

Pamela McKay has pre arranged Ok with Alloway Village Hall and War Memorial.

Royal Scots Fusiliers monument at the County Building was mentioned by member A. Drain.

- (ii) LDP 3 Local Development plan suggestions

1. To designate the grazing field on Longhill Ave presently in the Dunure area to be in the ADSLCC area, it belongs to the first house (Doonbrae) in our area across the river.
2. To designate the triangle of land at the end of Greenan Rd where the 3 beach houses in Doonfoot were proposed and refused designated 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 of a proposal that Alloway village to the Burns Centre and onto the Brig O' Doon be labelled as a possible world heritage site with more preparation cumulating in an eventual Unesco application.
5. The wet land off Doonfoot Rd by Cunning Park, be labelled open space as a wildlife habitat, open corridor to the sea and nature conservation area.

6. That the authorities pursue a detailed plan/drawing for the future dualling of the A77 bypass around Ayr to Doonholm Rd as soon as possible and before housing & retail park.
7. The field off Cunning Park Drive towards the North bank of the river Doon formerly grazing and stables and owned by the nearby house to remain as such except for a possible new private perimeter access road to the Fishermen's house Bothy.
8. Cambusdoon grounds and river walk to be categorised as open space leisure.
9. The Grass, Shrub and Tree planted land between Murdoch's Lone and Auld Nicks View to the Burns Centre is labelled open space.

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.

- (iii) Dr Pauline Creasey told us about housing location discrepancies in planning permissions granted and what was actually built with no enforcement in the Mactaggart and Mickel-Cala estate off Dunure road. That the developers supplied information was at odds with what was the reality. That no enforcement took place. All at the meeting showed sympathy of her plight and we are looking into possibilities of what we can further do to help or suggest to alleviate some of the problems experienced. We will arrange a meeting with Thriving Communities to see what they have to say.
- (iv) Dr Creasey informed the meeting that Mactaggart and Mickel and Cala are signing off the estates off Dunure Road and that no provision has been made for the Swan Pond desired path mentioned in 8. (a). Also that our suggested extra entrance at the open field onto the Sustrans 7 path is facilitated as another route for children and householders in that area. The open field is not grassed and it is our understanding there was to be proposed a play area on that open space for children?
- (v) CC vacancies, ADSLCC to agree to continue to advertise for members.
- (vi) It was agreed unanimously to reduce the number of annual CC meetings from 10 to 9 by doing away with the January Meeting.

15. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 18th June 2024 at Doonfoot Primary School (1900-2100).

16. **Close.** 20:56.

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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