



Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)

Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 18 June 2024

7.00pm, at Doonfoot Primary School

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** ( 27 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), Zoe Montgomerie (A), Madge Claybion (A)

Apologies: Alan Graham (A), Patrice Graham (A)

Members of the Public Present: Nancy Boag, Davies Brock, Isobelle Cramond, Anne Hume, David Lodge, Ann Marshall, Rory Mohan, Corrie Lawrence, Maggie Kirkby, Brady Robertson, Jenny Hendry

Ayr West Councillors Present: Bob Shields, George Weir

Apologies: Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons

Speaker: Ayr Town Twinning Association Bill Rogers

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald

3. **Declarations of Interest:** Member Andrew Russell reported that he was standing in the Westminster Election 2024.
4. **Standing in elections:** The Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils Pgs 34/35 allows for a vote by CC members; for the CC member standing to remain or for that CC member to consider a leave of absence. The Community Council member is not obligated to take a leave of absence. There are two options to vote on; the CC member remains or the CC member considers a leave of absence.  
Show of member's hands; for the member to remain in post, (10) or for the member to consider a leave of absence, (1). The member didn't vote and decided to remain in post as per the Scheme and continue with the meeting, normal protocols of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils apply.
5. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Laurence Marcantonio

Seconded: Pamela McKay

6. **Speaker:** Ayr town Twinning Association; the question arose at one of our previous CC meetings as to why we were twinned with St Germain-en-Laye? No one knew and many did not even know where it was. We decided to find out. Sandy Paton organised the appropriate speaker.

Bill Rogers gave us a very interesting talk about the twinning of Ayr with St Germain-en-Laye now considered a western suburb of greater Paris. Historically Ayr has been twinned with St Germain-en-Laye since the Mayor of St Germain-en-Laye asked Ayr to Twin 40 years ago.

The Mayor was intrigued by Robert Burns, John McAdam and Andrew Michael Ramsay. Ramsay was educated at Ayr Grammar and went on to become the tutor of Bonnie Prince Charlie. King James VII gave him a Certificate of Nobility and he became a Knight Templar. He was awarded an Honorary Degree by Oxford University. Quite remarkable for a wee boy from Ayr.

Bill explained the history of the twinning and the ongoing links.

Ayr had been associated with Saint-Germain-en-Laye since the time of Mary Queen of Scots who resided there as a child growing up. King James II of England and VII of Scotland was exiled to and is buried there.

The Town Twinning program has been very successful in nurturing links with St Germain-en-Laye. Recently Ayr Town Twinning Association with South Ayrshire Council celebrated a visit from the Mayor of St Germain-en-Laye and representatives. They enjoyed a trip to Roslyn chapel where they were interested in the links between the Knights Templar and St Germain-en-Laye.

In Ayr we have the Place de St Germain-en-Laye in front of the County Buildings and we fly the French flag when we are their hosts. The Town Twinning Association has various social events every year and visits France bi-annually. They would be delighted to welcome new members.

Bill was thanked very warmly for sharing with us his enthusiastic extensive knowledge.

1. **Police Report:** The following was recorded of crimes in Alloway & Doonfoot area in May 2024:

Police Report	Sergeant Stewart Slaven		
Calls to Police			
Crimes total	12	(up 4)	
Of which cont:			
Thefts	4	(up1)	2x shop lifting 2x fuel from petrol station
Breach of Peace Assault	1	(-)	
Wilful fire raising	1	(-)	Doonfoot school playground furniture
Road Traffic	2		Fail to report accident – no insurance
Vandalism		(-)	
Fraud	1		Selling through social media platforms
Other Crimes	3	(up 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](http://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

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

- (i) Citizens Advice Bureau SAC. A commitment made in the current manifesto.

Councillor Bob Shields spoke with Jane Bradley Director of Strategic Change and Communities or Communities and Transformation? She made it clear that after discussion with CAB, SAC feels it provides a comparable service to CAB and that it would not be good use of Council finances to set up a separate CAB in Ayr. The Council has been asked previously how much the lone Ayr service costs. With fully paid up staff and located in a number of locations and the only model in Scotland. SAC were not able to tell us nor has the figure been found in SAC accounts. Comparably the cost of East Ayrshire CAB to their council is accounted for and visible in their budgetary returns as it is for all CAB with volunteers and is administered independently of Council.

- (ii) The new Community notice board placement at St Leonards/Ewenfield Road. A member of the public said that she was a neighbour of the proposed site beside the letter box on Ewenfield Road and would not like the notice board to be placed there. The site of the smaller grass triangle was a better possibility. Chapelpark Road/Monument Road was also suggested but that is not in ADSLCC area. It was agreed to continue with SAC to look for a suitable site in St Leonards area and not to discount anything.
- (iii) Whilst SAC is contemplating a scheme of maintenance to paint the LHS of Rozelle House? SAC expects that the Maclaurin Trust will take responsibility. Could the RHS be started in the present? SAC does not have funds to paint the house on the RHS of Rozelle House. Councillors will press SAC on this as the small house is in very poor condition.
- (iv) Report pointing out that Doonholm Rd is becoming potholed and dodging traffic is a danger to school children. Can ARA investigate? Last meeting: Councillor Weir Contacted ARA who have the road scheduled for repair this year.
- (v) Some further observations for ARA:
  - (a)** Monument Rd B7024 just North of the village Alloway a long rut is appearing and also concern of parked vehicles along the covered darker tree section is a hazard, any thoughts?
  - (b)** Although ARA have given an all clear report on the Chicanes on Longhill Avenue the entire CC is of the view that discussion should take place with ARA on some priority signage and the removal of one chicane closest to Monument Rd end.
  - (c)** We are getting more and more reports from walkers on the Sustrans cycle route 7 coming into conflict with inconsiderate and speeding cyclists and ways are sought for any measures to solve the problem? Discussion took place on this but no satisfactory conclusions.
  - (d)** Ingress and egress onto Burnbank Rd from the Tesco car park. Rounding the entry and exit would alleviate cars crossing into the path of oncoming cars onto a narrowed Burnbank road.
- (vi) Belleisle golf course is in our area and to date we have received no literature on what the present plans are and the progress to date with any consultations with whom that have or are to take place. Could we have an update please? No update. Money is being spent on surveys etc but so far no communication.
- (vii) Tree felling or remedial work on affected diseased trees has taken place on Longhill Ave.
- (viii) Councillor Shields reported that the 'desire' path from the Swan Pond in the Doonfoot Estate down to the end of Greenan Road would not be taken over by SAC but they would be happy if a local group would set up to maintain it and gain funding. Secretary suggested that SAPI should be contacted and also Craig Iles at SAC planning.

### 3. **ADSLCC Sub Committee for funding projects:**

Informal meeting was called off with the NTS representative. A meeting will still go ahead sometime.

### 4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- (i) D Day Remembrance Celebrations ADSLCC marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with flags and bunting which were in place for one week 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Passersby have signalled approval.

### 5. **Planning & Licensing Update info:** 'For consideration 25<sup>th</sup> June' to speak before 1600 21st

- (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. It is noted that ARA have offered no objection to the car park siting the tunnel roof was strengthened from 7.5t to 26t when the house was rebuilt. Mr Alan Macdonald in comment states his son built the house. The area adjacent to the house was specifically not to be used for parking and that particular area has now been excavated out to form parking for 14 spaces.
- (ii) Corton Land to the east of the A77 Planning in Principle for Residential and Commercial development. 22/00302/PPPM. More discussion as to the extra traffic generated by the proposal and how much this will affect the already overcrowded single carriageway A77 trunk road.

### 6. **Secretary's Business:**

- (i) Letter of further concerns sent to UHA Dr McGuffie. Dr McGuffie's responded to say that a public consultation would have to take place before any significant change to services at Ayr Hospital. We feel that the change has already taken place and will write back to Dr McGuffie.

He did not address any of our concerns but would like to come to a CC meeting later in the year to discuss the situation. We will respond to Dr McGuffie's letter pointing out our concerns again.

- (ii) 3 of our 8 MSP's contacted about the hospital concerns did not even reply to say they had read our email.
- (iii) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm Ayr fire Station open day. 3 members attending.
- (iv) Unfortunately member Sandy Paton has found out the Men's shed can't take on this role of upgrading Rozelle picnic tables. We asked our Ward Councillors if Ward funding could be used to provide replacement picnic tables.

### 7. **Treasurers Report:** Received of £800 year's grant and reimbursement of insurance £246.96

Cheque £74.95 for D Day 80<sup>th</sup> issued. Current balance to date 18<sup>th</sup> June £2,080.58.

### 8. **Any Other Competent Business:**

- (i) LDP 3 Local Development plan suggestions submitted to Place Planning Lead Audrey Gatt.

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.

- (ii) X 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) Antisocial Behaviour report. David Porte Team Leader of Thriving Communities (TC) and Community Safety explained how (TC) deal with antisocial behaviour and how to pursue it further if need be.
- (iv) Secretary made the point that SAC or (TC) does not have an office or point of contact in our community due to us not having a public hall or community centre.
- (v) David Porte has also put our Secretary in touch with (TC) paths.
- (vi) CC vacancies, ADSLCC to agree to continue to advertise for members.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024 at Alloway Primary School (1900-2100).

10. **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 become a voting member if you wish.

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