

## Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 7.15pm Belmont Academy, Ayr

**Members Present:** Cara Bennington (C/S), Flora Fleming (VC), Ian Douglas (T), Colin Hall (P&L), Hezekiah Adesina (M), Dennis McLellan (M), Carol Campbell (M), Daniela Van Niekerk (M), Matthew Grant (LO), Councillor Brian McGinley

**Visitors:** None

**Apologies:** Donald McLean (M), Fiona Mitchell (CoM), Councillors Mary Kilpatrick & Chris Cullen

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<p>Pastor Adesina opened the meeting with a prayer at the request of the Chair.</p> <p>The meeting was quorate with 8 members in attendance out of a current membership of 10.</p>	
2	<b>Community Police Report</b> – None received.	Secretary to email our previous Police contact for info.
3	<b>Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in September:</b> Proposer – Dennis McLellan    Seconder – Hezekiah Adesina	
4	<p><b>Any Matters Arising from previous minutes.</b></p> <p>Discussion on <b>Kincaidston Drive resurfacing</b>. Secretary read out a reply to her request for info from Ayrshire Roads Alliance as to when and if the rest of the resurfacing will be done. ARA replied that the rest of the Kincaidston Drive resurfacing will be done during the next financial year (from April 2025) and residents will be notified once the works are scheduled. Discussion on the fact that Kincaidston estate has only one entry and exit. Could another exit/entry be opened under one of the railway tunnels for cars only? Could a special road be created for emergency vehicles to reach the school much quicker? Mention was made of the inconvenience caused to residents during the resurfacing works when the whole road was blocked off with no vehicle access at all during the day, including the fact that people had to walk much farther to get to the bus terminus.</p> <p>Fiona Mitchell provided an update to the <b>ash dieback tree felling</b> to say that the tree fellers were back and were putting down woodchip to balance out the troughs that were made with the vehicle tyres near to the footpath.</p> <p><b>Flooding on Kincaidston pitch/field</b> next to Annfield Burn. Councillor McGinley was asked if some of the money from the £1m four-year fund from SAC for Ayr East ward could be used to sort out the drainage of that piece of ground that many people walk over. Water is bubbling up from below.</p>	Perhaps a report could be written up on the consequences of the last resurfacing works so that ARA might take some useful feedback from the experience of the Kincaidston residents before the next works start. Secretary to investigate this.
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Ian Douglas reported that the bank balance is £2747.67 split between the Defibrillator Fund of £1687.28 and the Admin Fund of £1060.39. Defibrillator at Bracken Park, Kincaidston has been used since last meeting in September and the batteries are still ok. New pads were supplied by the Ambulance Service. Ian was asked by Donald McLean, at the last meeting, to arrange another defibrillator training day at the Kincaidston and Belmont Bowling Club and Ian now has the contact for the bowling club to get in touch with to plan dates. Brian Gibson is the</p>	Treasurer to set up payments for signatory to authorise online.

	contact. An email is required by St. John for arranging training so that a paper trail is created. Dennis asked Ian about whether we can buy another defibrillator, but the fact is that we tried but could not get any place to put the defibrillator on their wall and use their electricity and the fact that the batteries will need to be replaced - so this is what the fund will be used for.	
7	<b>Planning and Licensing</b> Nothing to report.	
8	<b>Place Plan Survey update.</b> Secretary is hoping that Audrey Gatt will arrange to collect the black boxes and unused questionnaires from the various outlets and schools that kindly agreed to take them for a period of months now. The black boxes were for handwritten questionnaires to be deposited into where residents did not wish to complete the questionnaire online. Secretary is hoping to be able to arrange an evening meeting sometime with A Gatt and the members of the sub-group from Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill CC.	Secretary to contact Audrey Gatt to arrange a meeting and to ask if boxes can be collected in.
9	<b>Battery Safety Campaign Update.</b> Secretary received an update from Ron Bailey. The Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill had a successful reading in the House of Lords on 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2024. Ron would now like Community Councils in favour of the bill to write to Baroness Jones of Whitchurch who is in charge of Lord Redesdale's Bill and the Government's new Product Safety and Metrology Bill so that she is aware of the strength of feeling on this safety issue and will hopefully include Lord Redesdale's clauses on Lithium-ion batteries in the Government Bill and/or pass his Bill also.	Secretary to write to Baroness Jones of Whitchurch on behalf of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council.
10	<b>Elected Member Report.</b> Councillor McGinley reported that Audit Scotland are pleased with the ongoing 'Transformation' work at South Ayrshire Council. Savings must be made to deal with a £29m 'budget gap' and this could affect the timing of the delivery of Transformation. Evidential work is being carried out to see where savings could be made.	
11	<b>Ageing Well Champions Board meeting.</b> Dennis mentioned the next meeting of the Board will be in VASA HQ in Ayr on Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 from 2 – 4pm.	
13	<b>Meeting was closed at 2035hrs.</b> The next Belmont & Kincaidston Community Council Ordinary Meeting will take place on Thursday, 7th <u>November 2024</u> from 1915hrs in Belmont Academy conference room.	