

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council
Thursday 5th December 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), Matthew Grant (LO),

Visitors: Dianne Markham (resident of Old Belmont)

Apologies: Donald McLean (M), Fiona Mitchell (Co- opted M), Daniela Van Niekerk (M), Councillor Brian McGinley, Councillor Mary Kilpatrick, Councillor Chris Cullen

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Minute</i> | <i>Action</i> |
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| 1 | Pastor Adesina opened the meeting with a prayer at the request of the Chair. Sederunt was passed around and the meeting was quorate with 7 members in attendance out of a current membership of 10. | |
| 2 | Community Police Report – Sergeant Stewart Slaven provided a police report for the month of November 2024 (Ayr East) Thefts – 1, Disorder including Assaults – 5, Vandalism – 3, Other - 1 | |
| 3 | Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in October: Proposer – Flora Fleming Seconder – Dennis McLellan | |
| 4 | Any Matters Arising from previous minutes. Ian reported that the defibrillator training requested by Kincaidston and Belmont Bowling Club is to take place in the New Year and a date will be decided in January. Flora reported that she had great difficulty walking to the temporary bus terminus while the Kincaidston Drive was being resurfaced outside her house. She also said that another person did not come out of her house the whole time that the resurfacing was going on. Ian had asked members of SAC why the resurfacing had stopped after only a part of the road was done and was told that the road engineers had found problems with the “bedding” of the original road and so they had to excavate and do more work. This led to extra time involved and extra budget being used up. It is hoped that works will restart sometime after the end of this financial year (24/25). | |
| 6 | Treasurer’s Report Ian Douglas reported that the bank balance is £2697.57 split between the Defibrillator Fund of £1687.28 and the Admin Fund of £1010.29. Secretary, Cara, handed over receipts to the Treasurer for printer ink, stationery and the sim for the BKCC laptop. Treasurer entered the expenses into the system. | Colin Hall, our third signatory to approve the payments on the bank system. |
| 7 | Planning and Licensing Nothing to report from Colin Hall. | |
| 8 | Secretary Correspondence. Secretary read out correspondence from Fiona Ross in answer to question on flooding of Kincaidston field next to Annfield Burn. Contractor has laid a new pipe from the manhole that was “bubbling” to the burn. Electrical Safety First are holding a webinar which we are invited to attend on matters which discuss the safety of Lithium-Ion batteries among other things. | |

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| | <p>Chair attended an SAC “workshop” to meet Thriving Communities staff and other Chairs/Secretaries and to meet Jamie Tait the Service Lead at SAC. A presentation was given from the Finance department and presentation slides are available for anyone to request from the secretary.</p> <p>Secretary mentioned the new one-stop shop called CONNECT in the Sandgate where everyone should be able to go with any problems or questions and be directed to the correct place for information about our area.</p> <p>At the last VASA meeting there was a speaker who wanted to raise awareness of how important it can be to allocate Power of Attorney (either wellbeing or financial or both) so that social services do not have to go through the courts applying for guardianship which costs time and money. Dianne mentioned that Power of Attorney (financial or wellbeing) can be attained without using a solicitor/lawyer, but it will be time consuming. Power of Attorney stops when a person dies and at that point there may be an executor of the will. In Scotland it is usual for an estate of a deceased person to be allocated to the next of kin.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Place Plan Survey Update. Secretary reported that Audrey has provided the questionnaire survey comments to Ayr East community councils so that we can read the comments and come up with an Action Plan for improvements to our area based on the wishes of the community. Secretary has put the data into an excel file containing one theme per “sheet” and now we can all look at this and put forward ideas for actions.</p> | Secretary to arrange a meeting of the sub-group for the Place Plan to discuss the action plan going forward. |
| 11 | <p>Ageing Well Champions Board Xmas Lunch is on Monday 9th December in VASA HQ from 5pm till 8pm.</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Meeting was closed at 2054hrs. The next Belmont & Kincaidston Community Council Ordinary Meeting will take place on Thursday, 9th JANUARY 2025 from 1915hrs in Belmont Academy conference room.</p> | |