



minutes of FSWCC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm in Grammar School Ayr.

1. Welcome and introductions by Denise Sommerville Chair  
Members present: Carol Fisher Secretary, Michael Hitchon Treasurer, Jim McKay vice Chair and Minute Taker, Alan Roseweir, Eric Armstrong, Forbes Watson & David Connolly.  
SAC Councillors: Bob Shields & George Weir.  
Place Planning: Audrey Gatt  
Member of Public: Mr R Forsyth
2. Apologies: Rachel Borland, Robert Singer and Andy Seville – Members  
SAC Link Officer: David Porte
3. Declaration of Interest: None, No one is employed by SAC.
4. Place Planning: Audrey Gatt gave half an hour presentation. Question and answers session on Ayr West Surveys which was well received by everyone present, who appreciated difficult job Audrey was doing. It was agreed that Audrey would contact Carol and the others on the Working Group to arrange a further discussion particularly around the Children and Young People survey
5. Minutes of Meeting held over from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Denise proposed that she take another review of the minutes and that these would then be submitted to the December meeting for final ratification. Carol Fisher seconded that proposal

Minutes of Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Proposed by: Carol Fisher

Seconded by Eric Armstrong

6. Matters Arising: Eric Armstrong asked if Councillor Shields had managed to get details of Ayr West Capital Project? Councillor Shields provided comprehensive spread sheet update. George Weir and Bob Shields asked if possible to quarterly update on progress.
7. Public Business: Mr R Forsyth of Bellevue Crescent, Ayr raised issue with Midton Road Car Wash regarding noise and antisocial behaviour. Also whether latest new build to valet cars meets the planning standards. After a discussion he was advised that he should get at least 20 residence support to issue a formal complaint to SAC. As well as determined who the owner is. Forbes Watson advised that it would be beneficial if an independent planner could do a report to verify if building standards have been breached?

8. SAC Elected Members:

**Councillor Shields advised that he is planning to take a paper to SAC in January 2025 proposing that Short Term Lets (STLs) will not be granted licences for accommodations with a communal single entry door. This was well received by C.C who has been advocating for this decision for a considerable period of time.**

Councillor Weir provided a report for Dissolution of Community Councils. Councillor Shields commented that this would apply to any rogue C.C's who were not abiding by the rules set out for C.C's.

Councillor Weir also provided an update on December, January and February's Brown Bin Collections which can be seen on SAC website.

Forbes Watson asked about update on Station Hotel as there seemed to be a stalemate with Network Rail and Mr Ung due to legal proceedings and that SAC was not involved in this?

Belleisle Golf Course: C.C. voted to object to the application for the proposed changes, though Jim McKay said he had asked for this in mid-October as the closing date was 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

George Weir advised that a public consultation was supposed to happen which is now an engagement, Jim was asked to copy Councillor Connolly with this objection.

9. Reports:

- Police Report (attached). George Weir said New Area Commander is Stewart Slaven who we should invite ASAP. We don't seem to get any town centre crime statistics. David Connolly and Mr Forsyth both commented that there was no police visibility in the town centre. George Weir said that the Police Half Yearly Report was due.
- Treasurer: £50.00 requested for wreath at the Remembrance Service (Wellington Square) and donation to be made for best shop window Christmas Decoration was agreed.
- Planning: Carol Fisher queried Racecourse View, Ayr application regarding shared entry? This has since been checked by Jim McKay and is a Donnini Commercial Property, with various Lets to Companies within.
- Licensing: Forbes Watson raised issue with ex-public house to be converted into shop regarding opening times? Denise Sommerville says it is currently being refurbished and will be an asset to the area.

10. Blackburn Car Park: No update.

11. Common Good: Forbes Watson advised us that the Low Green proposal for lighting columns would be an asset to the area and this was agreed. He also intimated that he has made several requests to Chris Cox at SAC to have a meeting regarding the Common Good Fund. Despite a positive overture from Martin Dowe she has not replied as yet.

12. Community Energy Project: Alan Roseweir gave an update with bullet points as follows:-

- Key date of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 regarding decision.
- Denise Sommerville engaging with Community Groups for ideas for Net Zero Village.
- Hopefully funding coming early 2025.
- Project manager and contractor to be appointed.
- Strathclyde University students in Architecture and Mechanical Engineering to get involved in project.
- Projected timescale for installation school's summer shutdown.
- This project will be tied in with the Wallacetown Housing Project.

### 13. Chair & Secretary's Event with C.C.'s and S.A.C.

Carol Fisher said none of the issue that we submitted by FSWCC were raised and she was disappointed and felt that time could have been better spent. There was a lot of emphases on SAC budget.

Alan Roseweir proposed getting SAC for "Round the table meeting" with C.C's as Scottish Government meeting in Town Hall recently was very engaging.

Michael Hitchon said that T.H.U.G. (Town Hall Users Group) were experiencing difficulties, problems booking the Town Hall.

### 14. A.O.C.B.: Wallacetown Housing Project: Denise Sommerville reported that as yet, there was no budget, no feasibility study and that 42% of S.A.C. housing stock is in this area. Carol Fisher said that the "big issue" would be where do residents go when demolition takes place?

Eric Armstrong said it was essential that all leisure amenities, shops and green spaces be accommodated as a "ghetto was not required".

Meeting finished at 8.30pm.