

**Coylton Community Council Meeting 30th January 2024  
7pm Coylton Primary School**

Attendees		Apologies
Laura McEwan - Chair		Fraser Stone - Dep Chair
Rachel Wilson - Secretary/Planning member		Iain Campbell - Councillor
Angela Rowe - member		Jen - member
Betty Hodge - Licensing member		Stan Mault - Treasurer
Stewart Harrison- Thriving Communities		
Allyson Wilson - member		
Issac Kerr - member		
Jane Corrie - Ayrshire Road Alliance		

Notes	Action
Agreement of previous minutes - proposed by Betty second by Angela	Angela asked that the minutes reflect it was agreed that the CC had

	offered to contribute to the repairs on the sleigh for 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>	

1. [Jane Corrie - Ayrshire Roads Alliance](#) - Chair welcomed Jane corrie to the meeting and thanked her for her attendance. She read a brief statement regarding the roads around the village (see attached) and asked all present to raise their hands when they had questions and to please not talk over each other. First to be discussed was the traffic entering and leaving the village and that some residents considered the whole village speed to be set at 20mph. This led to a discussion regarding the speed around the primary school. Many residents asked for 20mph flashing signs which were originally placed but were removed when the new routes to school were built. Laura explained that the maintenance of the flashing sign was not possible as the original maintenance was provided by a man who had now retired and there seemingly was not anyone to replace him. The question then was asked about permanent 20 mph signs or speed cameras. Jane explained that cameras were not in ARA's remit and it was a separate committee who dealt with them. In order to receive a camera, a consultation between the police and many agencies are required before a camera is granted. Many residents explained that the road was dimly lit and some of the road signs, bollards and other potential safety measures were very difficult to see - Jane offered to speak to Fiona Ross who was in charge of maintenance and ask for a road sweeper. This led to a very in depth discussion of the traffic bollards at the school, the parking situation at school times and the general consensus that that part of the road was particularly perilous point made include:

- Lighting is ineffective
- Path to school is unkempt and overgrown
- Ground bollards are not fixed to the floor
- Width of carriageway is not wide enough
- Taper of road is not long enough
- Road floods badly at the garage end of the road
- Reflectors are not bright enough
- Driver negligence

General concerns regarding road safety. Laura pointed out that only 3 accidents have been reported to the police, incidents without harm to drivers are not recorded. Jane asked the group what would work for the village, suggestions of speed bumps and lower speed signs were suggested. She explained that road audits will be set in place by David Mason to determine

traffic behaviour. There was also a suggestion of setting the traffic light to slow the traffic down as per a trial in Dumfriesshire.

Local residents brought up the matter of the new bollards placed outside their home, stating that there was no consultation and that ARA just turned up to erect them. They explained that they were unsightly and can be seen very clearly from inside their home. They are spaced so that people can still park their car on the pavement and have been put in place because of one complaint. They also asked why double yellow lines could not have been painted instead. Rachel explained that the CC had written to ARA asking why there was no consultation and received a letter back explaining that they do not answer to CC and have no responsibility to the community. It was felt that this was not very transparent and extremely unhelpful. Jane explained that parking on the pavement was now illegal in Ayrshire and that this will be enforced throughout the county from April. Many residents explained that this was going to cause many issues for residents of Coylton who have historically parked on the pavements and many of the pavements are wide enough for a car and pedestrian. The general consensus was that all parking restrictions will push cars to park on the A70 which will in turn narrow the road causes more issues.

Laura expressed concern with issues relating to planning and the A70. Currently there was a planning application in for a caravan park which has direct access to the A70 at a very dangerous part of the entry to the village. She explained that although the park itself is not an issue the extra traffic onto an already section of the road is. Jane explained that ARA would create a road impact statement. Laura questioned whether a person would actually attend the road to see for themselves.

Jane offered to return in a few months to review the village and the A70.

2. **Battery Storage** - Laura explained that the latest battery storage consultation had been cancelled. There are currently 4 farms around Coylton either in planning or planning agreed. She also informed that South Ayrshire Council had been late in filing the complaint regarding Loch Fergus Solar Farm which meant planning was agreed by the Scottish Government.

<b>Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Councillor Campbell</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rachel explained in more detail that planning had been received for an extension to the Garton Caravan park at the entrance to the village. She also explained that because of the</li> </ul>	

<p>timing of its release the CC had objected before the 21 days as they had concerns regarding the extra traffic on a very perilous part of the A70. Planning had written to her and demanded that we get more representation from residents as they consider Coylton Community Council members are not representative enough of the whole community. Once it had been posted on social media it received objections and Rachel is now waiting to hear further. There are also plans for 4 houses in the 'gap' after the traffic lights at Hillhead. Some of the members explained that they had not received their neighbour notification regarding this planning - again there are concerns about more cars pulling onto the A70 at a very busy junction.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betty had nothing to report on Licensing</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurer reported £1618.77 in the bank and £12,465 in the community garden account. Laura explained that flowers had been brought for Ken's family (the chemist) from the community for his funeral.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Previous Action Items</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tennis Club explained that they were in phase 2 of the asset transfer. Still an extremely frustrating process but Councillor Iain Campbell had been very helpful during the process. They need all their forms completed so they can apply for the next funding allowance from Tennis Scotland, who will contribute £100,000 but there is still an £80,000 deficit. There were suggestions of a potential paddle court next to the future MUGA. Laura assured the Tennis Club that they have the full support of the CC.</li> <li>Coylton Football team has received a positive start although reports that the booking system needs updating and making it user friendly. Issac reported that they have started training.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p>Meeting closed 845pm Next meeting Thursday January 27th at 7pm</p>	