



Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)

Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 04 Feb 2025

7.00pm, at Alloway Primary School

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** (30 Present)

ADSLCC Member's Present: Andrew Russell Chair (A), Sandy Paton (D), Sheila Scott Secretary (D), Rod Winhall Planning - Licensing (SL), Patrice Graham (A), Laurence Marcantonio (SL), Pamela McKay (D), Norman Sharp (A), Madge Claybion (A), Alex Drain (SL), Paul Brooks Treasurer (A), Zoe Montgomerie (A), Ian Duncanson (A), Owen North (D)

Apologies: Alan Graham

Members of the Public Present: Jackie Bradley, Anne Cairns, Isobelle Cramond, Pauline Creasey, Helen Gabell, Anne Hume, Corrie Lawrence, David Lodge, Anne Marshall, Rory Mohan, Brady Robertson, Maggi Kirkby

Ayr West Councillors Present: George Weir, Bob Shields

Apologies: Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald

Speaker: Antoine Lemaire Nature Recovery Officer from Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

3. **Any Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 03rd Dec 2024

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Sandy Paton

Seconded: Pamela McKay

5. **Speaker:** Antoine Lemaire Nature Recovery Officer

Antoine Lemaire gave us a very interesting talk on the objectives of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere which covers the area from the Galloway coast up to Doonfoot and the Burness Avenue boundary with Rozelle Park and some of Alloway out to Annbank and further. They sometimes have funding available which can be used within their boundaries.

They are backed by South of Scotland Enterprise which in turn is backed by the Scottish Government. They are keen to open a National Park but encounter problems with farmers who fear their influence. Antoine assured us that they cannot set down rules and try to work with local people. Their aim is to encourage local communities to act collaboratively to build thriving, sustainable societies in harmony with their natural surroundings. Discussion of forestry acidifying waterways and killing fish. G&SAB would aim to help with this. They build paths with benches which would be agreeable to us in ADSLC.

Antoine could have filled the evening but he was thanked very much for his time in making the journey from Moniaive for our meeting which would have taken at least an hour on a dark night.

6. **Co-optee Nomination:** Maggi Kirkby residing in Doonfoot had submitted nomination papers to join the CC attended this meeting. The Chair asked that she gives a brief talk about himself. There were no objections and she was then **Proposed by:** Sheila and **Seconded by:** Patrice. The Chair welcomed Maggi as the 16th new member to complete the full membership compliment. The quorum of our meetings is now a minimum 8 members attending & a first I believe, bravo.
7. **Police Report:** The following crimes were recorded in Ayr West area in January, to the 31st 2025.

Police Report	Sergeant Stewart Slaven
Calls to Police	
Crimes total	33 with 17 detected

Of which comprise;

Breach of Peace, Disorder, Assault	4 assaults
Road Traffic Careless Driving, speeding, Fail to stop	4
Vandalism, Damage, Reckless Conduct	4
Fraud and Theft	8
Sexual Crime	1 non recent
Crimes against Society Drugs, Offensive Weapons, Breach of Bail	7
Anti-Social Offenses Threatening or Abusive Behaviour	4
Other Crimes Dangerous Dogs	1

Many crimes can be associated within one incident.

Other Crimes will relate to incidents of Domestic incidents or reports that don't directly affect the local community.

8. **Special Meeting Members Only called:** ADSLCC held a member only Special Meeting on the 27th January 2025 at the Chestnuts Hotel 1830 – 1910. This minute is to record that such a meeting took place with 12 members present and that an internal CC outcome is in progress. There was an interruption from the floor whereby it was pointed out that the meeting was held in private and chaired accordingly with an outcome report to be sent to SAC. Proposed Pamela Seconded Sheila.

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

- (i) The new Community notice board placement at St Leonards Ewenfield Rd in the small triangle of ground. Moving the present Alloway school notice board to the left. Waiting for a further update and financed by Ward funding.
- (ii) ADSLCC requested that Cllr Weir could perhaps arrange with Ms J Corrie Head of ARA site visits to (a) and (b) below.
 - (a) 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 B7024.
 - (b) Ingress and egress onto Burnbank Rd from the Tesco car park. Rounding the entry and exit would alleviate vehicles crossing into the path of oncoming vehicles and lorries mounting the pavement onto a narrowed Burnbank Road.

- (iii) Cllr Weir reported that one or two possible pedestrian crossing points were being discussed for the A719 Dunure Road. Balgarth, school traffic and Coop shop, traffic from estates opposite but did not know where exactly they would be placed.
- (iv) Ongoing Suggestion for road sign, Greenfield Ave travelling west; Priority to oncoming traffic at the bend before the roundabout. No suggestions were made.
- (v) To enquire of the Police any steps to be taken about what happened or discussions as a follow up to the incident at the Coop in terms of protecting staff particularly at night in a relatively isolated area by the store or Police? Some people thought they may have panic alarms. The Community were advised that if they were in danger they should call 999 repeatedly as there are very few police cars in the area.

10. ADSLCC Sub Committee local SAC funding projects brief updates:

- (i) Fiona Ross Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services is hopeful of funding to repaint the Millennium Bridge coming from the Capital Budget. She will also encourage Belleisle golf course to repair the broken wall at the corner of Monument Road and Chapelpark Road.
- (ii) SAC making ongoing progress to the paths in Rozelle. Reports of horse and walker crossover by horse riders. The Community are asked to pay attention to the taped off areas where fallen trees can be dangerous and workmen are being harassed by people coming too close when they are using large, noisy machinery.
- (iii) Signposts at Greenan Castle Car Park reported to several agencies but still looking very neglected.
- (iv) Regular meeting 30th January with SAC officers.
 - a) Wire and stick fence at end of Poet's Path with Broun Drive has been replaced with new wood to match existing on path. This is a great improvement.
 - b) Scottish Gas have replaced the manhole cover on the old toilet site.
 - c) Ayr Rugby Club have gratefully accepted our offer to help with looking after their members and guests at the forthcoming rugby match against Heriots at 3.00pm on Saturday 22nd March. We would be delighted if anyone could volunteer to help? Perhaps to do car parking or collecting entrance fees? Most people pay with their membership so there is not a lot of cash to deal with.
We need about 10 people in total to help. ADSLCC will be well publicised over the PA system during the game.

11. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Last year's ADSLCC Christmas tree at the Village Hall (VH) was once again well appreciated.
- (ii) The Balgath Pines voluntary choir carol singing outside the (VH) was a raging and most welcome success.
- (iii) Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for the use of two external electrical sockets and the use of the hall for the carol singers should it have rained which it thankfully didn't.

12. Planning & Licensing Update info:

- (i) Kirkgate House; Application 23/00864/APP for change of use. The appeal was upheld by the Scottish Government Reporter.

13. Secretary's Business:

- (i) Hospital Brief.
- (ii) SAC seek views on the location of a possible new Pharmacy.

14. **Treasurers Report:** Current balance on 04th February 2025 is £1422.62. The Treasurer reminded members to put in for expenses before the end of March. Proposed Laurence Seconded Sheila (i).

- (i) Some limited remaining money is available to promote the CC. Suggestions are to sponsor a rugby ball and sponsor something at Belleisle Conservatory. The latter was held off for now.

15. Any Other Competent Business:

- (i) CC vacancies, ADSLCC to agree to continue to advertise for members.
- (ii) Balgarth Pines CC Christmas Thrash 18th Dec 24 was a resounding success with Elvis and friends making a surprise visit. We were delighted so many of our community joined us for this fun evening. Some members present commented on the 'Daddy Dancing' exploits.
- (iii) Member Pamela McKay reported an email confirming ARA will procure SAC Parks Department to plant trees on Longhill Avenue beside the field. ARA will pay the cost of stump removal, replanting and verge works from a replanting budget. Trees on order 6x Acer Campestre Elsrijk and 6x Tilia Europaea. Well fought Pamela and thank you to Craig Mitchell of ARA.
- (iv) Chair received an invite Thursday 6th February of the opening of the Ayr Rugby Football Club 3g pitch and new car park. All are welcome to the events including a visit from the Doddy Weir Grand Tour fundraiser. A big thank you Mr Alan Macdonald and his family for his vision to honour his son's memory who loved the club with this new road and all weather 3g pitch.
- (v) VE Day 8th May 80th celebration. It was proposed 10 lamp post signs at around £50+postage to spread around the ADSLCC area. Proposed Pamela Seconded Madge, Agreed unanimously.
- (vi) Ongoing Sustrans path and tunnel closed for maintenance in January in parts at a time. Email from Cllr Shields tells of Ash die back trees being removed.
- (vii) Sense-Ayr-Ee Garden; Some community would like to set up a garden help group and would like brown bins to aid with garden waste.

16. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 4th March 2025 at Doonfoot Primary School (1900-2100).

17. **Close.** 20.59.

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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