

Coylton Community Council AGM Meeting 30th May 2024 730pm

Attendees		Apologies
Laura McEwan - Chair		Iain Campbell - Councillor
Angela Rowe - member		Issac- member
Betty Hodge - Licensing member		Ian Stewart - member
Allyson - member		
Stewart Harrison- Thriving Communities		
Jenn - member		
Stan Mault - Treasurer		
Tony Lewis - resident		
Rachel Wilson - Secretary/Planning member		
Issac- member		
Fraser Stone - Dep Chair via zoom		
Richard Binkhorst -resident		
Lynn Drummond - resident		
Sarah Wylie - resident		
Fraser Drummond - resident		

Notes
Agreement of previous AGM minutes - proposed by Rachel second by Betty
Chair welcomed everyone and explained it was good to see many residents engaging with the community council.

	Action
Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer report - Stan reported that the fund was purely administrative and the balance to date was £1618.77. He also reported on the Community Garden Fund. He explained this was much busier as you would expect it to be this time of year. At the start of the financial year the funds were £27,201, to date the fund is £13887.31. Both Funds were audited and signed off April 2024. Stan also pointed out that the community garden committee should be considering the long term funding of the project. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson's report - Chair Report 2024 Laura reported on her year <p>One Of Our Main focuses has been planning around the village</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Roy From Viga Homes has kept us well informed with all aspects of his site. There have been flooding problems which he has very promptly fixed and always made us aware of any issues. He has engaged the locals to make sure they are all satisfied with his building works. Sarah reported that there are still a lot of cars parked on Hole Road, which is now spilling into Garvine Road. Laura offered to chat with him regarding this. Stuart From Milestone also met problems with drainage, which has also been sorted. They have nearly finished the ground work and hope to start pouring foundations in the next few weeks. When asked about the ground set aside for social housing he pointed out that it seemed to be a lack of funds from the council that has delayed this building work. We were delighted to hear this week that the Scottish government has refused planning for the woodhead proposed caravan park. The whole village came together against this proposal and put a huge fight up against the original planning at a local level. South Ayrshire refused it at that stage but the company chose to go further to the Scottish government. We will keep an eye on this as a further change could be submitted. Locogen who are the company behind the loch fergus solar farm could bypass local planning and they have submitted their plans to the scottish government. We have still to hear the outcome. We are aware that this huge development alongside 2 new battery storage units proposed at Tarelgin and Braston give our community a higher than average amount of renewable sites. With the help of our local councillor Iain Campbell we have secured funding from the capital spend to secure a MUGA which will be situated near the activity centre. Kenny Dalrymple, assistant director of housing and operations is working closely with us to find the best position and has already met with me to discuss this. This is very exciting for the village and we really hope that the provision of a MUGA will have a knock on effect for the 	Laura

<p>activity centre. We would really be disappointed if the village lost another community asset.</p> <p>6. Also from the capital spend at south ayrshire and thanks to Fiona Ross environmental strategy officer we have 10 new benches dotted around the village, some new fruit trees and a picnic bench at both the playpark and the school. Laura explained that she had been approached by a resident to ask if a plaque could be sited on a bench in memory of family.</p> <p>7. ARA. The progress or lack of it on the main street does concern us. It looks awful with weeds overgrowing and although the lighting is fixed the parking situation for the school times has still not improved any! David Manson assured me today that a contractor has been given the job of tidying the footpath way but the original contractor is being held responsible for road verges.</p> <p>8. We have only just started to receive regular reports from the police regarding incidents within the village. Crime remains relatively low within the village. Hopefully moving forward we will receive a report in person for every community meeting.</p> <p>We have had a very successful year, especially securing the MUGA for the village. This is largely down to the support we consistently receive from Councillor Iain Campbell. We know that there have been some building developments but both companies are happy to communicate and most local residents to these new builds are happy with the progress. Both builders appear to be understanding of local residents.</p> <p>I hope that for the coming year we can continue to build on creating a positive, accessible community with quality facilities for all residents. Thank you to you all, Community engagement is particularly challenging so I thank you all for your commitment this past year.</p>	<p>Laura</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor's report - Iain Campbell was unable to attend due to previous Provost commitments. He echoed The Chair's report and looks forward to working with the new committee next year. 	
<p>Future Projects</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Garden - Laura explained that coordinating with different agencies had been challenging, but we have now found a reliable man with a digger. Significant progress has been made in the garden over the past few weeks. She mentioned that we are waiting for the fence to be repaired and have some great long-term plans. Rachel expressed concern about the relentless complaints from one of the neighbours. Despite attempts to reach out, garden users are still facing verbal harassment and abuse. It seems that the negative remarks have also spread to the neighbour's workplace, affecting village customers. While they understand some frustrations, the garden users have adhered to all planning regulations and 	

been considerate of the neighbours, yet the verbal dissent continues. Rachel is particularly worried about the impact on children, staff, and families when they visit the garden. Will all visitors encounter this aggressive attitude?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe walking route around the village - It was considered that a pavement which circled the whole village would be extremely beneficial to all residents. Many people walk 'the circuit' and many parts of this are on fast roads. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCIO - The SCIO group has just started the creation of their constitution. With the creation of the SCIO, smaller groups throughout the village may be able to access funding easier. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Place Planning - Coylton has not had a place plan designed by residents for a few years. The Community Council are hoping that a plan can be driven by them with input of all locals. Laura will liaise with thriving communities to determine the best way for this. 	Laura
Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard explained that he had approached ARA in relation to extending the footpath at the top of B742. His family were having issues leaving his driveway to get to the path as the speed of the cars coming around the corner made it dangerous. Laura explained that with the creation of the path all the round around the village would benefit Richard and his family. Laura will approach Councillor Campbell along with Richard's wife. 	Laura
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Bearers - newly appointed office bearers - 	
Chairperson - Laura (prop Angela sec Rachel)	
Deputy Chair - Fraser (prop Laura sec Angela)	
Treasurer - Stan (prop Allyson sec Jen)	
Secretary - Rachel (prop Laura sec Angela) Laura also suggested that Rachel have the title of Social Media Coordinator all agreed.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Meeting dates - to be decided at the last meeting before summer break Thursday 27th June at 7pm. 	