

SALTCOATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD 18 SEPTEMBER 2017

FOCUS CENTRE, SALTCOATS

Present : A Rice, G Lafferty, H Haddow, L McLaughlin, N Williamson, J MacDonald,

In Attendance: Councillor J McClung, Councillor D McTiernan, Councillor R McNicol, C Pieraccini, PC S Hendren, PC D Brown, T Gribben

Apologies: B Colclough, Councillor J Montgomerie, Councillor J Sweeney

Item	Notes/Actions
1. Welcome	A Rice opened the meeting and thanked all in attendance. Fire safety information was given.
2/3 Present / In Attendance	As above.
4. Declaration of Interest	None noted.
5. Apologies	As above.
6. Minute of Meeting 21 August 2017	Minute was proposed by L McLaughlin and seconded by H Haddow
7. Police Report	<p>In the period 19 August 2017 to 18 September 2017, 391 calls were received of which 54 resulted in crime reports, 30 were detected or reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Search warrants were issued on 4 occasions and these involved :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 and 27 year old in possession of class B drugs • 30 year old stealing electricity • Damage to roofs in Dockhead Street • Incidents of stolen wheelie bins <p>Various questions were asked of the police officers including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with parking in the town – this was going to be discussed at a traffic management group but no report back as yet. • The hazardous corner at the junction of Donaldson Avenue and Campbell Avenue – this is due to the high wall surrounding the Argyle Community Centre, can anything be done to improve this dangerous corner. Councillor McNicol stated that there have been no reports of accidents. • A Rice requested that extra police presence is arranged at certain times for the wooded area next to St Matthews Academy due to behaviour issues of youths. • There had been a firearm report in the town, police reported that this was more related to the licence and storage of a firearm rather than an incident with the use of the firearm. • Graffiti in Jacks Road, Doctors surgery area etc, contact should be made with Streetscene who will remove it.
8. Matters Arising	<p>a) NAC Roundabout Refurbishments – Councillors McClung and McTiernan will follow up on this.</p> <p>b) Footbridge over railway – Network Rail has carried out essential repairs. Thanks to H Haddow for pursuing this.</p> <p>c) Town flowers – Discussion took place on the funding and maintenance of hanging baskets in the town. Councillor McClung will contact Three Towns Growers to pursue to possibility of involvement with the group. The idea of 'Adopt a Planter' grant was raised.</p> <p>d) Overgrown bushes at Jacks Road – Councillor McNicol advised that contact should be made with Streetscene.</p>

9. Open to the Public	Local resident T Gribben raised the issue of access and cleanliness in the public conveniences in the town. Councillor McNicol will arrange cleaning. A Rice and J MacDonald informed the meeting that radar keys can be purchased at various locations which allow the public to access public conveniences anywhere in the country. A Rice also reported that South Beach accessible toilets have been upgraded with new wet walls, flooring, lighting and handrails.
10. Open to the Councillors	a) Discussion took place on local youths having access to the KA leisure outdoor hockey/5 aside football pitches at St Matthews Academy. At present gates are locked unless the pitches have been booked, youths are climbing over to use the facility which could result in an accident. Councillor McClung will pursue this matter with KA Leisure. It was also noted that a defibrillator has been removed from the outside of KA Leisure but the casing has been left. This will also be reported.
11. Media Group Report	Facebook – 49 likes. The group are continuing to look at ways to engage with the Community. A Rice will forward the login for the website to Committee Members
12. Treasurers Report	J MacDonald issued a report for the period 14 August to 18 September. The bank balance is currently £1920.62. H Haddow is due to be reimbursed £7 and B Colclough £25
13. Planning Group Report	Weekly list of applications as of 8 September was reported. One item was noted in relation to the installation of a new ATM at the service station on the High Road Saltcoats.
14. Licensing Report	Applications had been received for the Ardrossan Music Experience, weekend of 22-24 September to hold an open air concert at South Beach. An application had also been submitted for a fairground, however, Councillor McNicol reported that a further meeting was scheduled in relation to this.
15. A.O.B.	a) Liability Insurance – L McLaughlin reported that cover was in place for this although no payment has been taken from the bank account as yet. C Pieraccini will follow this up with Melanie Anderson. b) A sample of fluorescent vests were shown to the committee. H Haddow will arrange an order of the relevant sizes. c) Countess Street – A Rice, G Lafferty, Vera Dillon (3 Towns Disabled forum on Disability) and Peter Joyce (North Ayrshire Access Panel) attended a meeting with contractors and Alan Martin of North Ayrshire Council on 7 September 2017. The Council are looking at ways to allow for access to certain shops.
16. Date of Next Meeting	The next public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council will take place on Monday 16 October in Saltcoats Town Hall. A Rice closed the meeting at 8.20pm
17. Confidential Matters	Members Only

Minute prepared by Alison MacMaster, 29 September 2017

Approved by George Lafferty and seconded by Allan Rice on 16th October 2017