

SALTCOATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2017

SALTCOATS TOWN HALL

Present : A Rice, G Lafferty, H Haddow, G Parker, B Colclough, L McLaughlin, N Williamson, Councillor J McClung, Councillor J Miller, J MacDonald, M Hazel-McGown, C Pieraccini, C Durkan, C Alison, PC P Adamson, PC I Gunn.

Apologies : K Haddow, J Montgomerie, K Gibson, R McNicol, M McNicol.

Item	Notes/Actions
1. Welcome	A Rice opened the second public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council and thanked all in attendance. It was noted that since the formation of the Council, various training exercises have been held which have been attended by members and these have been very informative.
2. Minute of Meetings held 15 May 2017 and 29 May 2017	Minute of 15 May 2017 – proposed by B Colclough, seconded by G Lafferty. Minute of 29 May 2017 – proposed by G Lafferty, seconded by M Hazel-McGown.
3. Apologies	Noted – as above
4. The Three Towns Charette Feedback	A Rice welcomed Nick Wright who is appointed by North Ayrshire Council to prepare a proposal for improving Saltcoats and the Three Towns. Nick and his team have been heavily involved in public consultation, running workshops, communicating with various people etc to ascertain what is needed and wanted in the area which will then create a proposal for the regeneration funding. H Haddow asked what the plan was for keeping the public updated on where the money will be spent, Nick said this would be via various forms of communication eg Facebook, Community newsletters etc. J MacDonald highlighted that the 3 towns, ie Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston are all quite different and all have their own areas of deprivation. The regeneration budget will be phased over 1.5 – 2 years, starting September 2017. Engagement will also take place with the 3 Towns Locality Partnership.
5. Police Report	PC Adamson and PC Gunn who are part of the Saltcoats Locality Policing Team quoted statistics on the numbers of reported incidents, crimes etc in Saltcoats since the beginning of May. Numbers are slightly increased on the previous period, however, this is the trend in previous years as the Police have a higher rate of reports during the holiday period in the town. Various questions were asked of the police including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the police working with the neighbourhood watch schemes? – at present there is limited involvement but the police do intend to improve on this. • Jacks Road park – due to a recent incident it was highlighted that access for emergency services was poor, this will need to be looked at and improved. • Do the police have plain clothes officers around the town? – yes, at certain times but certain laws dictate that depending on the crime it needs to be a uniformed officer to deal with it so plain clothes policing is not always effective. • The selling of alcohol to under age teenagers in Stevenston continues to be an issue, the police are fully aware of this. • Are the police aware that certain people abandon cars in bus lanes? – yes, police would always deal with this if they were aware of it. • Drivers using mobile phones, can the police do more to catch offenders? The locality policing team would have difficulty dealing with this as they are often on bicycles however patrol cars and traffic police do deal with drivers who offend. •

6. Open to the Public	Most questions raised by the Committee and the Public were in relation to the police and covered in Agenda Item 5.
7. Highland Games Review	Despite the weather, the day was successful and resulted in some media coverage in the A&S Herald, Facebook etc. In a very short space of time there the Committee managed to provide a marquee, table, seats, banners, balloons etc, particular thanks to Gary, Hazel and Kyle. The event did allow the Committee to engage with local people who were happy to make suggestions for the town and did acknowledge that it was good to have a Community Council again. Next year the Committee will have a better idea of what would work for attracting more members of the public.
8. Treasurers Report	J MacDonald reported that he is now in possession of the paperwork to set up the bank account for the Committee. 4 signatures are required which will be gathered this evening. A small grant has been received which will be transferred into the account and some Committee members are due to be reimbursed for expenses relating to the Highland Games. This will be dealt with as soon as the account is in operation.
9. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of Countess Street, the company responsible for the work are in liquidation. The job remains unfinished, Councillor Miller reported that the Council have currently put this work out to tender and will have the work completed asap. In the meantime the area has been checked and is safe. • Sea Queen event, 15-16 July – the Committee agreed to take a stall at a cost of £20 for the two days, or £15 for one day. Due to this event happening before the next planned meeting a group will need to get together to deal with the organisation of the event. • Community Action Group Funding of £200 was received to assist with the purchase of publicity materials such as car stickers. The Council need to decide on the design and the supplier for these stickers. G Parker was aware of various sources for supplying this type of sticker. • It was agreed that 2 sub committees were required, being a media/marketing group and an events group. M Hazel-McGown, G Parker and N Williamson volunteered to form a media/marketing group. L McLaughlin, G Parker, N Williamson and G Lafferty volunteered to form an events group. • Community Council event – Sunday 25 June, the Committee need to decide on how they will present to the other Committees and NAC representatives. C Pieraccini advised on this matter. • Update from previous meeting over signage on the bypass where a significant number of young deer have been killed – The Council do not have responsibility for this. Transerve do have responsibility and H Haddow will contact them officially.
10. Date of Next Meeting	The next public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council will take place on Monday 17 July, 7.00pm in Saltcoats Town Hall. A Rice closed the meeting at 8.35pm.
11. Highland Games “Lesson Learning” (members only)	

Minute prepared by Alison MacMaster, 25 June 2017

Minute approved by Marcus Hazel-McGown and Lettie McLaughlin, 17 July 2017