

## SALTCOATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTE OF MEETING HELD 21st AUGUST 2017

#### SALTCOATS TOWN HALL

**Present :** Allan Rice, Marcus Hazel McGown, Lettie McLaughlin, John MacDonald

**In attendance:** Christina Pieraccini, Edward Paterson, Rae Farrell, Sheila Sweeney, John Benson. 2 locality police officers were also in attendance.

**Apologies :** Billy Colclough, George Lafferty, Cllr Ronnie McNicol, Cllr Davina McTiernan, Hazel Haddow, Cllr John Sweeney, Cllr Jean McClung, Insp Brian Skimming,

Item	Notes/Actions
<b>1. Welcome</b>	A.Rice opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks to all in attendance. Fire safety information given. Allan noted with sadness the resignations of Martha McNicol and Kyle Haddow and wished to thank them from Saltcoats Community Council for their help and assistance over the past few months with establishing the Community Council.
<b>2&amp;3 – Present/In attendance</b>	As above
<b>4 - Declaration of conflict of interest</b>	None noted.
<b>5- Apologies</b>	As above
<b>6. Minute of Meetings held 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	Minute of 17th July 2017 – proposed by Marcus Hazel McGown, seconded by John MacDonald.
<b>7. Police report</b>	A Rice welcomed and introduced 2 Community Responder police officers in the absence of Insp Brian Skimming, who submitted his apologies.  The report was given as below:  The Local Community Policing Plan for 2017 will form the main focus of our proactivity and support for public reassurance continues. The priorities as formulated from the local public consultation exercise are:  1 Assault and violent crime 2 Drug Dealing and Drug use 3 Housebreakings and other theft 4 Drunk or disorderly behaviour (including vandalism and graffiti)

## 5 Bogus callers

A breakdown of the crime/offence statistics and incidents for the Saltcoats (Beats 13 and 14) are detailed below.

### Calls to the police

17th July – 18th August 2017 – 400 calls were received by the police from various locations within Saltcoats.

### Crimes

	Reports	Detected
All crimes	69	31
Road traffic offences	3	0
Serious assault	1	0
Robbery	0	0
Common Assault	6	2
Theft/At theft by HB	1	0
Theft/At theft from cars	2	0
Other thefts	21	6
Drugs supply/possession	6	6
Vandalism	9	2
Culpable and reckless	0	0
Disorder	9	8
Firearms offences	1	1
Communication offences	0	0
Other offences	10	7

During the reporting period, 1 serious assault was reported. No robberies were reported. Enquiries are ongoing regarding the serious assault.

Vandalism – on 21st July the ATM at Sainsburys was vandalised and a 15 year old has been reported for the damage caused.

Misuse of drugs act – On 10th August a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Saltcoats and a 52 year old male was found in possession of controlled drugs and reported to Procurator Fiscal for drugs supply charges.

Fraud – Over the last month a number of business premises have been targeted with fake bank notes. Extensive enquiries have been carried out by Saltcoats Town Centre officers and

	<p>have resulted in 2 males being arrested to date. Enquiries continue to be made in relation to this.</p> <p>Force website – The Police Scotland website contains details for keeping people safe and information on reporting mechanisms and directions to access Police Scotland on social media.</p> <p>The officers present stated these figures were high however it was noted that this was during the period when schools were closed, people were on holiday and that many incidents can often take place at the train station.</p> <p>Questions were taken.</p> <p>Allan requested an update regarding the issue of graffiti raised at the previous meeting. The officer said this was being dealt with by the Locality officers and that Sgt Colin Sykes could be contacted directly for an update.</p>
<b>8.Matters arising from previous minute</b>	<p><b>Deer signs-</b> Ongoing online enquiry. Hazel has a reference number and case is open. At the previous meeting a request had been made to erect temporary signs. No update available.</p> <p><b>Council Tax arrears</b> – No further update.</p> <p><b>NAC roundabouts</b> – Cllr Sweeney sent an update saying that these had been budgeted for in Irvine and that he will ask for these in 3 Towns area.</p>
<b>9. Questions - open to the public</b>	<p>No questions from members of public present. Lettie suggested this space on agenda could also be used for highlighting comments received through the suggestions cards box in library.</p>
<b>10. Questions to councillors</b>	<p>None present</p> <p>Allan wanted to raise overgrown bushes at Jacks Road.</p>
<b>11. Media Group Report</b>	<p>The options for bumper stickers were discussed including whether these were for Community Councillors only or whether they should be available to wider community for sale. May depend on cost. It was decided to take to the whole committee for final decision.</p> <p>Allan has sent round log in details for website for it to be updated. Facebook page was discussed. Admin set up to be organised between Niamh and Marcus.</p>
<b>12. Treasurer Report</b>	<p>John reported that the bank account is now fully operational. Cheque book and pay in book have been received.</p>

	<p>Income received to date: PB funding of £1800, Saltcoats Community Action Group funding of £200, Highland Games income £19. All have now been banked.</p> <p>Expenditure to date includes: £14.94, £78.44 and expenses incurred for the highland games and the banner. These will now be reimbursed.</p> <p>Admin grant from NAC still outstanding. John will follow this up. Balance sheet will be prepared for the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>13. Planning Group Report</b></p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>
<p><b>14. Licensing Report</b></p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>
<p><b>15. A.O.B</b></p>	<p><b>Car stickers</b> – see media group update.</p> <p><b>Putting green/sensory garden</b> – Billy not present, so forwarded to next meeting although Allan understands that Billy has undertaken some initial discussions with Councillors on the prospect.</p> <p><b>Footbridge</b> – Hazel has received an incident reference number. Lettie reported seeing cones at the site however unsure if it is the result of any action following the issue being reported.</p> <p><b>Argyll corner</b> – George not present. No update, to be raised at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Liability insurance</b> – Lettie reported that she had contacted Highland Council and that the form for the insurance has been sent away. A confirmation email will be sent to the secretary, along with confirmation of cost. It is possible that NAC will pay this directly from the admin grant (yet to be received). The cost will be £86 per annum.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Hazel to confirm cover is in place.</p> <p><b>SCC meeting venue</b> – There has been concerns raised over the suitability of the Town Hall as a venue, with regard to room acoustics, location and parking. Discussed options but agreed to stay at Town Hall until the end of the year and then review in January. Other possibilities include: Argyll centre, Focus Centre and Saltcoats Library.</p> <p><b>SCC t shirts/vests</b> – These are to promote and identify SCC when at events or doing promotion. Currently members are using lanyards and identity badges. Decision referred to next meeting regarding spend.</p>

	<p><b>Events</b> – Lettie highlighted the bake off. This will take place in 2018 however venue and dates should be discussed soon in order to have a date to work towards. Billy has sent information and suggestions to Lettie and these will be discussed.</p> <p>Lettie also reported that following discussions about a Christmas event, Billy had been looking in to a Christmas event and had spoken to the bowling club about an event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Marcus suggested checking what other events are on locally that evening. Billy to update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Lettie also highlighted the Kilwinning Community Council's AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Lettie says she will be going along to observe as it would be useful for Saltcoats going forward and invited anyone else who wished to go along.</p> <p>The 3 Town chit chat on 8<sup>th</sup> September was also highlighted, taking place in the Ardeer Centre at 4pm. This would be a good opportunity to meet other groups and to promote the Community Council.</p> <p>Allan highlighted that following the resignations of Kyle and Martha, there was the option to co-opt new members.</p>
<p><b>16. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00pm in <b>Focus Community Learning Centre</b> (note change of venue for this meeting). Allan Rice closed the meeting at 8.00pm.</p>
<p><b>17. Confidential Matters</b></p>	<p><b>Members only</b></p>

Minute prepared by Christina Pieraccini Monday 21st August 2017

Proposed by L McLaughlin and seconded by H Haddow on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017