

**Fort, Seafield and Wallacetown Community Council**

**Minutes**

**14th September 2022 @ 7pm**

**Council Chambers, Town Hall Buildings, Ayr**

**1 Attendance and apologies.**

**Attendees:** Norman McLean, Forbes Watson, Olena Stewart, Michael Hitchon, Phil Martin, Kenny MacLeod, Gordon Kelly, Alan Roseweir, Adam Short, Denise Sommerville

**SAC Councillors:** Bob Shields, George Weir

**Link Officer:** David Porte

**Minute Secretary** Tricia McKeand

**Apologies:** Eric Armstrong, Gordon Bingham, Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons,

**Public:** Esther Clark, Davies Brock, Alan Mackay, David Petrie

**2 Minutes of the June meeting (copy circulated).**

Amendment agreed to item 4 Police Business para 1 to remove last sentence 'He also said he didn't believe CC members were representative of the communities they served.' as this was not an accurate report.

**3. Matters arising from Minutes.**

None

**4. Approval of June Minutes.**

Approved by Michael Hitchon and seconded by Forbes Watson subject to agreed amendment at item 2. Denise Sommerville requested 2 copies of Minutes and Agenda for those that cannot print out for further meetings

**5. Election of new Chairman:**

Link Officer, David Porte to take the Chair.

A vote took place and was counted by David Porte and Bob Shields. Olena Stewart was elected as Chairperson.

**6. Acknowledgement by new Chairperson.**

Olena Stewart said I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity and aim to add value, enabling productive discussions, running unbiased meetings on time and that clear action points are set to ensure that the work of the Community Council is in accordance with the governance for Community Councils.

Thanks to Denise and Kenny for also applying for the role.

Norman, thank you for all your years of service as Chairman and for staying on.

**7. Planning/Licensing**

Vice-Chair to have Licensing remit on our behalf. An application for extended hours at Bowling Club in Cassillis Street – no objection.

## **8. Membership:**

Resignation of Ali Logan due to relocation; vacancy has been advertised. It was clarified that members are allowed three consecutive absences without submitting their apologies.

## **9. Confirmation of new Constitution.**

A sub-group of Forbes Watson, Norman McLean and Olena Stewart had met to discuss the constitution and mission statement. Their agreed version was presented to the meeting, ratified, and signed by Olena Stewart, Norman McLean and Alan Roseweir.

## **10. Accessible Ayr Initiative, Past Chairman to report.**

Norman McLean drew to attention the Accessible Ayr Initiative request by Fiona Robertson and it was agreed Norman to represent our CC on this group. Norman wished to have included in this remit the cycle bridge over River Ayr which is undergoing an assessment by Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Olena Stewart has emailed Fiona Robertson to invite to next meeting – no reply yet

## **11. Proposal to invite Davies Brock as Special Interest Co-optee with Common Good Fund remit. Discuss 15/17 Sandgate sale and general Common Good property.**

Davies Brock accepted invitation to be Special Interest Co-optee with Common Good Fund remit, and was co-opted by Norman McLean and seconded by Alan Roseweir. Alterations to Darlington Church ongoing. Ayr Grammar School back on market. Key point was discussion re SAC ownership of Common Good land and property and, if this was the case, whether there was such a thing as Common Good land and property. Forbes Watson and Davies Brock to arrange meeting with SAC.

## **12. Councillors' Report and Briefing.**

### **Note: Speeding on Doonfoot Road and Youth disorder on Seafront.**

See George Weir report attachment. *(Appendix 3)*

Copy of Doonfoot Road update from Mr Braidwood ARA submitted from Bob Shields, attached. Youth disorder – David Porte outlined Safe Ayr initiative to tackle issues. Bob Shields gave an update on Short Term Lets licensing coming into place and due to his report being curtailed due to Short Term Lets being raised again he later clarified to the Chair his Report as quoted "My Councillor's Report last week kind of got cut short due to the Short Term Lets issue and there were a few things I wanted to raise.

Short Term Lets – Bob Shields recommended implementation of Planning Control Areas (PCAs) in addition to Licensing. SAC have allocated a £64k staffing budget for a single officer to manage the licensing scheme. Question raised as to whether SAC have capacity and powers/intent to investigate properties suspected to be running as STL that are not licenced – is this the remit of the licensing manager? What is the reporting procedure? STLs proposed as standing agenda item due to public interest and period of significant change .

**13. FSWCA update on Wallacetown project by Alan Roseweir.**

See attached report (Appendix 1). Alan Roseweir thanked Norman McLean for all his help.

**14. Police Business: Action on lack of presence.**

David Porte will raise as another Community council has same problem

**15. Planning Applications update by Kenny MacLeod.**

KMacL spoke to the report he had just handed round – copy attached (Appendix 2).

**16. Reports and Correspondence by Secretary** distributed by OS as she receives them. Declaration of Interest – completed. Relatives Poll – a vote was taken and agreed – No remain the same. All CCs have handbooks except Gordon Bingham and spare copies remain. RAG Analysis – community group Wallacetown Voice Group added and Kenny MacLeod suggested generic email address for Office holders. A request to share communication workload – Denise Sommerville to run our Facebook page and Adam Short to take over feeding information into our website. Kenny suggested [FSWCC@gmail.com](mailto:FSWCC@gmail.com) and had already obtained the address. Further suggestion to obtain email addresses for all office bearers such as [FSWCCchair@gmail.com](mailto:FSWCCchair@gmail.com) and for email to be passed on upon change of postholder. Current situation fails RAG Analysis and can lead to discontinuity.

**17. Financial Report by Treasurer**

Michael Hitchon said CC received £800 from SAC of which £635 remains for administration. Insurance costs were reimbursed. 3<sup>rd</sup> signature is required for cheques. Olena Stewart will be added – Michael Hitchon to attend to.

**18. AOCB**

**Ayr Station Hotel:** update by Esther Clark – meeting to be held Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, Ayr Town Hall at 7.30pm

**19. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7pm

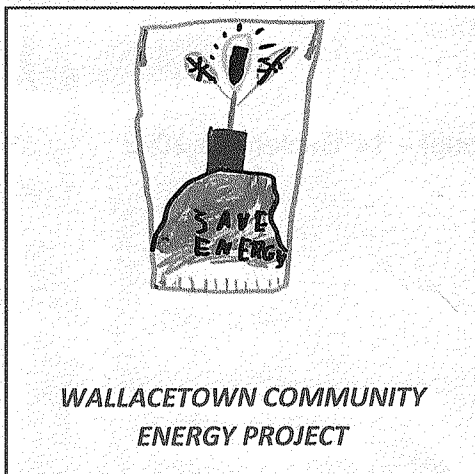
Energy Working group – Update report for Community Council

14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

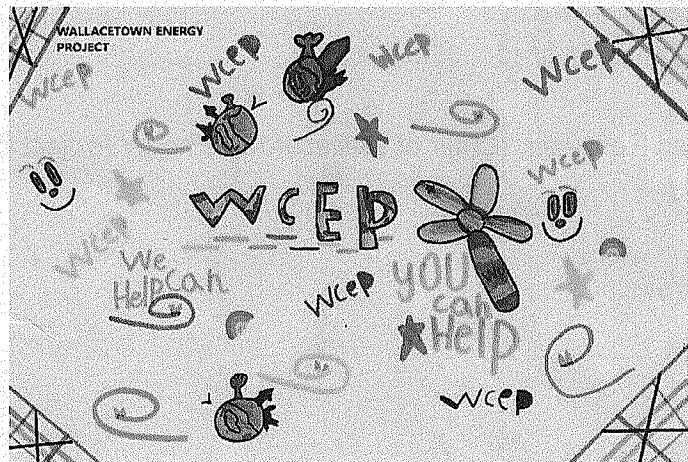
Logo competition certificate presentation 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Fiona McAvoy, Head Teacher, Denise Sommerville and Alan Roseweir, (Community Association). The winning logo came from the P3/4 Class pupil. See below:



Overall Winner Charlie P3/4



Poster Winner Aleeah

## Feasibility Studies – (Coastal Community Fund)

### Baseline study commission

Fraser of Allander Institute and the University of Strathclyde have now completed the study. It has currently been circulated to the Working Group members and identified officers at the council for comment. We have still to sign off. Happy to circulate to committee members for information or further comments. If you wish to receive a copy of the report it is in the understanding you will not circulate.

### Technology Feasibility study commission

Mark Fazzini from Absolute has been on site, (Newton PS, Wallacetown EYC and St John's PS). He has been supported by a number of Council Officers before and during his visit. He contacted me last week to provide an update. His survey which includes the suitability and capacity of the electrical system of each school have identified as having the capability to support a PV installation. The draft report has now been received.

### Next stage

The points below provide an indication of the project development:

- Complete full structural survey, (3 school buildings)
- Publication and printing of promotional leaflet.
- Reconvene WG – over the next 2-3 weeks
- Promotion and discussion with Wallacetown Community – Community events 10<sup>th</sup> September. To be rearranged.
- Identification of appropriate capital funding routes to support full project implementation.

Alan Roseweir, (Chair of Wallacetown Energy Project Group) – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

14/9/22

Update on camper vans along end of esplanade.

Despite minutes of May the use by campervans is legally enforceable but only campervans other vehicles are exempt.

To all extents it has been successful as reported to me by residents

Similarly to campervan site at Blackburn car park these restrictions were carried out under legislation that allows for temporary traffic restriction orders.

This legislation however was only intended for temporary use up to 18 months not as an opportunity to circumnavigate the correct procedure.

The correct route by ARA should have been to initiate a full and permanent proposal however this would be a lengthy process possibly up to a year, be more costly and requires public consultation.

Presumably the requirement for public consultation was thought important enough to be in the legislation, whereas ARA apparently don't.

126 High st Bar/restaurant

In principle given permission but will have to carry out noise assessment and what actions to mitigate as a condition even before any changes and is only for ground floor.

61 High st

This will be an House of Multiple Occupancy ( HMO) for 8 people, the picture was of the entrance door at the back onto hope st and next to it inside will be a small area which will only hold about 3 wheelie bins.

The first floor still requires a planning consent change of use from retail.

An advisory note on the planning consent to a HMO is that the applicant discusses a waste management strategy for the building with SAC.

## APPENDIX 2 (cont)

It's not clear if this should or is part of planning applications in Scotland but not enacted by SAC planning however in Camden it is a requirement that such plan is included in any planning application for conversions to flats, bars, restaurant's

I believe it is highly likely that the bins will simply be left out in Hope st and the rubbish will pile up.

### 51 High St

Probably more associated with Hope St. This application is from a company based in Chanel islands who do not have a good record maintaining their properties according to a newspaper investigation of derelict properties in Glasgow Trongate. However this is a reasonably new building.

The application initially was for a hot food carry out which I think SAC planning advised unlikely to get due to town centre development plan.

They have applied successfully for a sit in restaurant with the only provision that they inform SAC of the seating arrangement/numbers and that those seats remain whilst in business.

The actual layout of the restaurant isn't conducive for any one requiring to use the facilities, to access them requires to travel up the side of the exposed building, in back fire exit and back along upper floor. The accessibility facility is similarly situated along the outside wall.

How successful the restaurant will be when the patrons have to go back outside to use the facilities will remain to be seen.

### 10 New bridge St

Planning permission given for a pizza take away however applicant advised that the configuration internally would not be acceptable to environmental health and in my opinion there may have been work previously carried out without proper building control permission.

## Appendix 3

### Report for August/September – Councillor George Weir

1. Meeting the minister - Tom Arthur, Scottish Government Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth – 31st August. Focus on Ayr Town Centre, Grain Exchange, Riverside Public Space and Station Hotel.
2. I have been focussing attention on Wallacetown by engaging with the Violence Reduction Unit, occasionally attending Wallacetown drop-in café and holding monthly surgeries in Wallacetown in conjunction with Mark Dixon of Ayr North.
3. Through contacts in Wallacetown, I facilitated Recycling Saturday - Ayr, to be hosted at Newton Primary School (organised by Frances Brown).
4. Attended publicity afternoon for Community Fun day. This event was due to take place on Saturday 10th September at the Citadel, but has been postponed.
5. Marked Merchant Navy Day with members of SAC on Friday 2nd September - ceremonial raising of the red ensign.
6. Attended Service and performance panel and Audit and governance panel in Council.
7. I reported on feedback from Ayrshire Roads Alliance. (Details provided separately.)
8. Recent Constituent issues have included:
  - Short-term lets
  - Parking permit for HMO residents
  - Housing issues
  - Issues with planning permissions
  - Dog fouling
  - Caravan at Greenan Shore - was BBC filming
9. Attended full council meeting, where changes to council management structure were approved.
10. No definite move yet on leisure centre. This may come to a head in October.

Dr George Weir, Councillor for Ayr West



## APPENDIX 3 (CONT)

### From Ayrshire Roads Alliance

Ayrshire Roads Alliance are planning to install signals at the junction of Greenfield Road and Doonfoot Road. Other details provided:

#### Doonholm Road

1. Installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the westbound verge near to the Doonvale Nursery entrance.
2. Installation of a VAS on the eastbound footway near to the bus shelter opposite 2 Martnaham Way.
3. Several bold SLOW road markings to be painted on the road in both directions along Doonholm Road, from the roundabout junction at Murdoch's Lone and the A77 trunk road junction.
4. Centre line markings and bus stops to be repainted.

#### Greenfield Avenue

1. Installation of a VAS on the westbound footway near to house number 25.
2. Installation of a VAS on the eastbound footway near to house number 1 Mount Charles Crescent.
3. Several bold SLOW road markings to be painted on the road in both directions along Greenfield Avenue between the A719 and B7024 junctions.
4. The mini roundabout junction of Greenfield Avenue at Doonfoot Road to be repainted.
5. Centre line markings to be repainted.

#### Doonfoot Road

1. Installation of a VAS on the northbound footway near to house number 86.
2. Installation of a VAS on the northbound footway near to house number 40a.
3. Installation of a VAS on the southbound footway near to house number 22.
4. Installation of a VAS on the southbound footway near to house number 52.
5. Several bold SLOW road markings to be painted on the road in both directions along Doonfoot Road, from the area of house number 22 to the mini roundabout junction with Greenfield Avenue.
6. Centre line markings and bus stops to be repainted.

Dr George Weir, Councillor for Ayr West