

Fort, Seafield and Wallacetown Community Council
Minutes
7pm, 14th February 2024
Grammar School, Fort Street, Ayr.

1. Attendance

CC Members: Ken Ballantyne (KB), Michael Hitchon (MH), Kenny MacLeod (KM), David Connelly (DC), Alan Roseweir (AR), Jim McKay (JM), Gordon Kelly (GC - Vice Chair), Denise Sommerville (DS – Chair), Carol Fisher (CF – Secy).

SAC Councillors: Bob Shields (BS), Cllr Downey and Cllr Lyons invited but did not attend. Apologies from Cllr George Weir.

SAC Link Officer: Apologies given from David Porte, Audrey Gatt attended for some of the meeting on his behalf

Police: no one in attendance

Minute Secretary: Vacant position

Public: Barbara Herring, Douglas Herring, Janet Campbell, Duncan Brooke, Alexander Paterson, Bill Grant, A Grant, N Hackett, M Clark, Donna Lobanov Rostovsky, Gavin and Morag Hollywood, Ian Downiev, Svitlana Vintoniak, Oksanu Sushko.

2. Apologies: Eric Armstrong, Forbes Watson, Andy Seville, Robert Singer, Rachel Borland.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 10th January 2024

JM Legionella is to be added to the minutes.

KM remove the word investigation from the paragraph on planning.

Amendments accepted **Proposed:** MH **seconded:** AR **Carried.**

5. Matters Arising from Meeting Held on 10th January 2024

Accountant looking at the common good –

GW has a forensic accountant looking at the spread sheet

BS 15-17 Sandgate under consultation saves council money,

GK updated on Cllr Dowey's email – which gave his unreserved apologies and retracted what he had said.

Further to this, monthly meetings have been offered with the chair/vice chair. (Resolved)

Sam Patt was removed from matters arising.

KM Games arcade local government for appeal (ongoing)

6. Public Business.

Wallacetown, antisocial behaviour, and drug dealing were brought to the Community Council's attention all information will be passed on to the ward councillors to investigate and take appropriate action.

GK proposed CF.

Action DS

Resident's parking zones proposal.

A discussion took place around the parking consultation. JM gave an update on the CLLRS meeting with the ARA proposing paid parking for residents, public concerns upset with the plans.

The consultation has been posted to both FSWCC's Facebook and website.

Lorne Arcade

Gavin Hollywood the owner of the Lorne Arcade attended the meeting to discuss the planning application to add shutters to the business due to the antisocial behaviour and dog fouling and a lack of police presence in town.

FSWCC voted overwhelmingly to support the application under specific conditions

Proposed by GK and seconded by DS.

KM's objection to this was noted.

Action GK to write a written response.

7.SAC Elected Members

Cllr Bob Sheild provided a summary of the following:

The parking consultation;

Common Good selling on the property 15-17 Sandgate consultation;

Electronic car charging proposals. An overstay charge; and

The Gatehouse at Belleisle.

8 Reports

Police:

No police were present or reported.

Action DS to email Police.

Short Term Lets (STL'S)

A discussion was had on whether to keep STLs as a standing agenda item. Debated and agreed

As it poses on ongoing to the community it should remain.

Proposed: KM, Seconded: AR

Planning

KM's various planning applications were discussed.

Licencing

No applications for our area of responsibility

Common Good

It was reported that the FOI has been received and things are very complex with the accounts.

GK sent an amendment to the Minute as follows.

'GK reported that he had been approached by a member of the public regarding planned work to Newton Tower and Rozelle House, raising concerns that the associated Planning and Listed Building consent (LBC) Applications sought the use of inappropriate materials and methods for these listed buildings. GK attended a site visit to Newton Tower with Cllr Shields and noted that previous inappropriate works (application of cement render) had failed, causing lumps of cement to fall to the footpath below. GK proposed seeing advice from Historic Environment Scotland, who are statutory consultees in LBC Applications'

Treasurers Report

MH distributed current finance report

9 .Community Engagement Ideas

Contact with Chairs of the other SAC Community Council Chairs.

DS (Chair) has been contacted by Dundonald and Barr CC about leading on this due to her other time commitments

10. Wallacetown Energy Project

Still waiting for SPN's response however, in the event of this funding bid failing there is an opportunity to re-apply (AR)

11. AOCB

Upcoming by-election and AGM discussed.

Proposal to support Alloway and Doonfoot campaign for a Citizens Advice Bureau .
Voted overwhelmingly to support.

The air show meeting was discussed.

Consultation for Wallacetown High rise flat was discussed.

12. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 13 March at 6.30 pm until 9pm in Grammar School

The chair started the meeting at 7.15 pm and the meeting closed at 9.09 pm