



MINUTES OF MEETING – WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025

7:15PM @ REDBURN COMMUNITY HUB

Present: *Chris Pless (Chair), Toni Doyle (Secretary), David Dunlop, Bill Anderson, Rodger Walker, Gordon Nisbet, Stuart Docherty, Davie Phillips, Richard Leat, Chloe Robertson (Elected Member). Online Attendance – Stewart McConnell (Press Representative).*

Apologies: *Jean Walker (Treasurer), Elaine Walker (Community Development), Liz Gibson.*

Item	Topic and Discussion	Action	By Who
1	Welcome & Apologies Minutes approved by DP, seconded by RW		
2	Community Development Worker None in attendance.		
3	Police Report None in attendance.		

4	<p style="text-align: center;">Events Update</p> <p>TD gave update report. Events group making good progression. Have applied for multiple funding opportunities and are well underway with organising their first community event.</p> <p>Advice has been given in regard to the event planned and engagement with the community beforehand.</p> <p>Group continue to receive support from Community Councillors, EW and NAC licensing and funding departments.</p> <p>The group have also issued a local competition to design their new logo, they have received many entries and have just to decide the winner.</p>		
5	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurers Report</p> <p>CP gave update. No major changes to accounts.</p> <p>NAC have now taken payment for the light installation at Christmas and the monies for the recently purchased charity boxes has been deducted.</p> <p>The account balance are as follows: Main Account – £708.22 Project Account - £2889.85</p>		
6	<p style="text-align: center;">Matters Arising</p> <p>BA and RL have sited where the new noticeboard will be placed and plan to have it installed week commencing 10th March.</p>		

	<p>CP suggested changing the date of the volunteers event to June as Volunteer week coincides with this and would me no conflict with TACT's events which has already been signposted for the same week. The committee agreed this would be a better resolution.</p> <p>JW, BA and RL all attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Harbourside Regeneration Project.</p> <p>CP informed the group that the rangers currently in position at Eglinton Park have thankfully been saved for another year.</p> <p>CP enquired with NAC in regards to the disposal of Paint in the correct manner. No conclusion was made from this unfortunately. Although NAC did state that clear instructions would be provided in due course.</p> <p>RL requested paint for the upkeep of the railings/metal work that currently exists at the harbour, through this he discovered that he would need permission to do so and is unable to obtain this due to health and safety (use of correct paint). He has further contacted another member of NAC and is awaiting a response.</p>		
7	<p>Correspondences</p> <p>An invitation was received inviting members to International Women's Day event at Fullarton Connexions, TD hopes to attend.</p> <p>Planning permission has been submitted by Aldi to upgrade</p>		

	<p>machinery to the rear of the store. No objections were made.</p>		
8	<p>Community Councillors</p> <p>RL informed group of new campaign to restore the old Pilot House at Irvine Harbour. A meeting will be held Wednesday 26th March within Harbour Arts Centre, 7-9pm.</p> <p>DP requested that the meeting for the Oldhall Plant be moved to 7pm on April 9th. This was agreed by the committee.</p>		
9	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>DP asked CR thoughts on the recent budget announcements by NAC. CR feels that the public engagement prior to the decisions was very successful and although there may be areas the community are unhappy with of still need improvement she feels that NAC have dealt with the increases to the best of their ability.</p> <p>CR feels that there is a lot more transparency with the budget in recent years and that this is a positive for everyone.</p> <p>DP also raised with CR that there are no plans for public toilets within the new harbourside project. CR has raised this with senior members of the council and is in agreement that a solution will need to be reached. She advised that they are looking into external funding for this.</p> <p>GN advised that previous positions and provisions were in place for a Ranger at Irvine Harbourside – CR suggested that she look into this and report back.</p>		

11	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>RL advised of a Repair Café that will be running from the Nature Library on Montgomery Street on March 30th, 10am – 4pm. This gives local residents an opportunity to take any household items etc in need of maintenance or repair and receive advice/guidance on how to fix said items.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This will be run by retired tradesmen. RL is a qualified PAT tester also.</p>		
12	<p>Next meeting : Date: 9th April 2025 Time: 5.30pm Venue: Volunteer Rooms, Irvine</p>		