**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29th March 2023**

**Subject to ratification at the next C.C. meeting, this minute can be released to the public for information**

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| **Attending** | **Brian Sutherland (Chair), Susan Sutherland (Secretary), Pamela Hanmer (Treasurer).**  **Max Flemmich MBE, John Oliver, Mike Duffy, Rebecca Amis.**  **In attendance: Councillor Kevin McGregor.**  **Sergeant Buchanan Grant.**  **5 members of public also in attendance.** |
| **Apologies.** | **Isbah Sharif, Yasmin Sharif, Emily Walsh, Robert Curr (vice chair) Councillor Sally Cogley.** |

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| **Item** | **Agenda Subject** | **Action** |
|  | **MINUTE OF February 2023 MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**  The minute was proposed by Rebecca Amis and seconded by Mike Duffy.  **Matters Arising: Darvel Lottery Administration and Handover Arrangements**  Operator’s Licence was changed from Steve Gillies to Emily Walsh 16th March 2023.  The March draw has been postponed for a week so the handover can be completed. | **Emily Walsh**  **Pamela Hanmer** |
|  | **POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT**  Sgt Buchanan Grant provided report for the period March 2023.  On 27/03/2023 Locality Policing, DVLA and East Ayrshire Council joined forces to improve road safety and ensure those using our roads are doing so legally. |  |
|  | **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**  **Councillor McGregor** presented his own report.  He commented on the community’s concerns about the overall quality of road maintenance and lack of white lining on the busy A71 also the lines at the zebra /pelican crossing through the town.  Hastings Square clean up is still ongoing as Sally Cogley expressed how much better it looked on her report |  |
|  | **SECRETARY’S REPORT**  **Correspondence Log:**   * Exchange of e mails about the future administration of the Darvel Lottery * **Planning Applications**: Secretary confirmed that there had been no recent planning applications in the weekly summaries sent to her.   The availability about planning applications can be found on the Council’s website: [Simple Search (east-ayrshire.gov.uk)](https://eplanning.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/online/)   * Naloxone Training to take place April 3rd. Places are now full * Hogmanay Ceilidh. Maggie Macrae is now in contact with Jane Knox to finalise dates. * Jean Drummond Planter. Damage had been reported to Darvel District Community Council. It was confirmed that DIG was responsible for planter. Mike Duffy has now repaired the planter * 1st Darvel Brownies handed in a Thank You Card for donation made from DDCC. * DDCC Insurance has been updated with updated information, new insurance certificate has been received and updated. * Suggested that we appealed for a resident from Priestland to join community council to keep members updated on Flooding and other issues. * A resident from Darvel has raised concerns regarding the lack of maintenance on the roads. Email was sent to Kevin Braidwood. Awaiting reply. | **Susan Sutherland**  **Susan Sutherland** |
|  | **TREASURER’S REPORT:**  **DDCC Finance**: Due to resignation of position from Luis Rico no accounts were available.  This matter has been passed to Arlene Hodgart Acting Team Co-ordinator Vibrant Communities. Pamela Hanmer has been appointed as new Treasurer | **Susan Sutherland.** |
|  | **REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART):**  A paper summarising the range of projects being taken forward by DART had been issued to members in advance of the meeting.  The **Corner Development** Sunday 26th March there is the informal opening of The Corner.  THURSDAY 23RD March the heras fencing was removed and the area is now open for public residents to enjoy.  **The Darvel 150 Community Event: Preparation’s is ongoing for the Darvel 150 event, to be held in Town Hall Saturday 27th May commemorating the 150th anniversary of Darvel achieving Burgh Status in 1873.**  **Cycling Event (Darvelo 2023)** – a weekend event being organised as part of the build up across the country for the World Cycling Championships has now been confirmed for 17/18 June. Funding has been confirmed and the Planning Team is due to have its first meeting next week.  **Morton Park Sandpit**: Awaiting revised quotations from East Ayrshire Council and Jupiter for the work to be completed within the budget available.  **Waterlip Improvement Scheme. The Waterlip Improvement Scheme continues and in April we expect Hamilton tarmac to carry out the next bit of the jigsaw with the resurfacing of the western section of the path from Ranoldcoup Road to the silver seats beside the river.**  **Funding has now been obtained from the South Lanarkshire Wind Energy Co-operative (SOLWEC) for further resurfacing at the eastern end of the path.**  **Darvel Improvement Group, Darvel Music Company and Sports Darvel**  A summary of updates from these 3 organisations had been circulated with papers for the meeting. The following points were highlighted:  The continuing efforts of **DIG** to ascertain ownership of the area in Hastings Square with the Fleming memorial. It will be necessary to secure a lease on this area before applications for funding can be made.  A report on the winter concerts from the **Darvel Music Company**. It was noted that a full list of dates for now been finalised and will appear in the updated Community Calendar which will be posted on line and in the information board on Monday 30 January.  The ongoing efforts of **Sports Darvel** to get clarification from EAC legal and planning departments on what steps can be taken to try to take forward plans for the creation of a sports facility on the site of the Jamieson Road/Green St factories. |  |
|  | **Darvel Strategy Group:**   * John Oliver was welcomed as the new representative of DDCC. He explained that this was an interim situation and the next meeting may be attended by a different DDCC member who had also showed interest in joining the Strategy Group. John provided an update on a variety of matters which DDCC had discussed in their two previous meeting. * The recent outbreak of graffiti about the town was discussed. * George confirmed that meetings about the sandpit replacement with soft play area in Morton Park had taken place with both the Councils Greener Communities and Jupiter Play. |  |
|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  **Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th April 2O23 at 7pm in Darvel Town Hall.**  A list of meeting dates for 2023 had been circulated. | **All to note** |

Susan Sutherland, DDCC Secretary, 31st March 2023