**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wed 30th Oct 2024**

**Darvel Church Hall 7pm**

***Minutes were ratified on the DDCC Meeting held on 27th Nov 2024***

* ***Minutes proposed by: John Oliver***
* ***Minutes Seconded by: Bill Bryden***

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| **Attending** | **Robert Curr (Chair), Max Flemmich MBE, Margaret Curr, Richard Hanmer (Vice-Chair), John Oliver, Lillian Mair (acting Secretary), Pamela Higton, Bill Bryden, David McClernon (Treasurer), Joyce Paterson, Emma Allan** |
| **Apologies.** | **Isbah Sharif, Buchanan Grant, Sally Cogley (Councillor), Kieran Wardrop, Karyn Hughes, Kevin McGregor (Councillor), Beverley Clark (Councillor)** |
| **Membership changes** | **New Co-opted member Emma Allan**  **Sue Berry will join at next meeting**  **Alan Frater attended and may return next month.** |

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| **Item** | **Agenda Subject** | **Action** |
| **Meetings attended** | Robert, Richard, Margaret, and Joyce accompanied by a local resident, Mr Stuart Young, attended meeting at Galston police office hosted by Sgt. Grant to discuss the current situation regarding trouble caused by youths in the evening, throughout the valley. A full report was given by Joyce Paterson. A suggestion was made re contacting Stewarton DDCC and possibly escalating to a higher level of government.  Communities meeting attended by John Oliver and Bill Bryden 0n Sat 12th October, full report given by these gentlemen, John knows the difference between police and places, and Bill also restated the importance of good paperwork. |  |
| **Minutes from August Meeting** | Minutes from the August Monthly DDCC meeting were approved by David McLernon and seconded by Margaret Curr |  |
| **Police Report** | See Police report in Appendix A |  |
| **Councillors Reports** | **Kevin McGregor**  Apologies from KEVIN MCGREGOR  **SALLY COGLEY**  Apologies received from SALLY COGLEY |  |
| **Jamieson Road Factory** | No further update this month. |  |
| **Priestland Concerns** | PAMELA HIGTON wishes to write to East Ayrshire Council regarding the issue of the boundary in Priestland which was moved without approval from the community.  Pamela reviewed these with the DDCC chairman before sending. A discussion was held at length describing latest events and fears of the residents as a landowner has been showing people round site. This continues to be a source for concern and will continue to be monitored closely by the DDCC. |  |
| **DDCC Darvel Lottery Results** | This month’s draw has been completed prior to the meeting.  **September Lottery details are as follows**   * £1950 in contributions * 395 entries received * 1st Prize of £780 * 2 Additional prizes of £98.75   There is a hope that figures may increase following engagement at the Corner market. | RH |
| **Lottery Sponsors** | Lottery will be sponsored by John Oliver Antiques this month |  |
| **Secretary Report** | No secretaries report this month.  Recruitment of a new Correspondence secretary remains ongoing. In the meantime, the Correspondence Secretary will be covered by LILLIAN MAIR and ROBERT CURR until a permanent Correspondence Secretary can be recruited.  Request made to members to forward anyone who would be suitable and willing to join the DDCC and take on any of the vacant roles. |  |
| **Treasurers Report** | Treasurer report circulated to members. No items for discussion. |  |
| **Funding Report** | No updates this month. |  |
| **Planning Applications** | PAMELA HIGTON has agreed to review all planning reports prior to each DDCC meeting going forward. Any relevant applications will be circulated to the group where these can be reviewed and discussed by members. | RC |
| **Community Plan Update** | Previous plan to be circulated for members for information on the following year’s priorities. Item to be added to the agenda moving forward as the consultation on the new community plan will start in 2025. |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Wednesday 27th November 2024, Darvel Church Hall 7pm |  |

**All other Competent Business**

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| **Poppy Collection** | Poppy collection will be organised by Max, and he will be assisted as required by Richard and Robert | MF |
| **MILLRIG Windfarm Progress** | Project is going forward on time and the first tranche of money is expected early 2026.  This will be decided by a committee made up from the five areas involved which are Darvel, Newmilns, Sorn, Muirkirk and Sandford and Gilmourton. | RC RH |
| **Childrens School Buses** | The future of the school bus service would appear to be at risk. We need to ask our elected members for information on this |  |
| **Priestland** | Pamela will discuss further at next meeting | PH |
| **Lights in Morton Park** | RC will ask questions re costs involved to supply lighting in the park. |  |
| **Jamieson Road Factory** | EAC have committed money to demolish this building and it will then form part of a project by Sports Darvel to form football pitches and a pump track for the benefit of the community. |  |
| **Christmas Lights** | SC will provide a tree for the square and this will be fitted by Tom Grant. Thanks to Lilian and Richard for getting this under way. |  |
| **John Morton Cres Tara** | No reports or contact has been made |  |
| **Future Lottery Funding** | We discussed having a draw at Xmas with various sums discussed. An amount of £5000 was eventually agreed, |  |
| **Lottery Memberships** | We appear to be losing lottery members but are unsure why.  We are putting in new members every month due to the table we have at the corner and at the Xmas Fayre, but are still losing numbers.  Suggestions please!!! |  |
| **Pipes in Priestland** | Still no idea why pipes being installed at roadside in Priestland. |  |

Meeting with V.C. attended by John Oliver

Appendix A

The following Police Report has been received from Sgt Grant.

It was also emphasized how important that it is that all reports are notified to the police, if members cannot do so by telephone, then they are to e mail him direct stating that you are a member of DDCC. The email address is: [Buchanan.grant@scotland.police.uk](mailto:Buchanan.grant@scotland.police.uk)

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| **Local Crime Trends or Issues of Concern** | | |
| **Area** | **Issue** | **Action / Resolution** |
| Darvel | Crime | Since the last meeting, 1 person has been reported and a Recorded Police Warning has been issued for disorder offences. One person still to be traced for a further disorder offence. 1 person arrested for Road Traffic offences. Enquiry ongoing into a disorder offence, a Road Traffic offence and 2 dishonesty offences. |
| **Local Events** | | |
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| **General Information** | | |
| **Area** | **Issue** | **Action / Resolution** |
| Ayrshire | Fraud | Fraud is a crime in where deception is used for personal gain. It is usually to make money.  With technology growing, fraudsters are more sophisticated. Many types of fraud exist.  All reports of fraud and any other financial crime should be reported to Police via 101 without delay.  You may also find the following advice leaflets useful.  <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/pcrjr45d/little-booklet-of-phone-scams.pdf>   * <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/xk1am230/little-leaflet-of-cyber-advice.pdf> |
| **Community Council Concerns Raised** | | |
| **Area** | **Issue** | **Discussion/Partner Referral** |
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