**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wed 25th Sept 2024**

**Darvel Church Hall 7pm**

**Minutes are to be ratified at the next DDCC Monthly Meeting, these minutes are not to be shared with the public.**

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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, Beverley Clark (Councillor) Bill Bryden, David McClernon (Treasurer)** |
| **Apologies.** | **Isbah Sharif, Buchanan Grant, Sally Cogley (Councillor), Joyce Paterson, Kieran Wardrop, Karyn Hughes, Kevin McGregor (Councillor)** |
| **Membership changes** | **Tony Davison Resigned due to ill health**  **Bill Bryden has joined as a co-opted member** |

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| **Item** | **Agenda Subject** | **Action** |
| **Minutes from August Meeting** | Minutes from the August Monthly DDCC meeting were approved by LILIAN MAIR and seconded by MARGARET CURR.  **UPDATES:**  **JOHN MORTON CRESCENT**  Councillors are still intending to attend the next TARA meeting, a date for this meeting is yet to be confirmed. No further update.  **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**  Awaiting input from SALLY COGLEY |  |
| **Police Report** | The following police report was received from Sgt Grant  *“Dear Robert,*  *I wanted to provide an update which you could pass to other members of the DDCC, relating to the youth disorder of late.*  *Friday 20/09 resulted in the widely commented assault which has alleged to have taken place in Galston, and was connected to the bus network. At this stage I can’t comment further than to say my team have taken on the investigation and I will provide a further update in due course.*  *Saturday 21/09 saw a dedicated patrol in Darvel throughout much of the day (even Police Officers need a break!). Officers attended the Jamieson Factory and traced three young people within, they weren’t committing any crimes whilst within, however all details noted, parents spoken to, and where required names will be shared with the Council. Officers then engaged with the on-call Senior Building* *Standards Officer* *who assisted in allowing a Council Joiner to attend and assist in securing a door to the premises. This is on top of Building Standards having attended earlier that week and carried out some safety works – It’s important to highlight the excellent work carried out by EAC in this respect.*  *Unfortunately, later that evening saw about 20 young people make their way up East Main Street where many were seen to be acting in an anti-social manner. 2 young people were taken away from the Valley and returned home, with one young person subject to a referral to Social Work that evening.*  *Officers kept a presence in Darvel, returning at 2220 hours finding no further groups.*  *It is clear the ASB committed by small numbers is having a detrimental impact on our local community.*  *I have taken the time to phone the majority of reporters who took the time to phone 101/999, today. I have provided an update on police action to date and plans for the future. With that in mind I am keen to extend an invite to 8 persons from the DDCC to attend Galston Police Station on either 3rd October at 1900 or 10 the October at 1100. I have to limit it to 8 persons simply due to the size of the office. The 8 can include the elected members, DDCC, and local residents.*  *Best wishes,*  *Buchanan “*  The police report prompted a lively discussion regarding the behaviour of this group of young people in Darvel and indeed up the valley.  It was agreed that an approach should be made to the relevant people regarding curtailing or restricting free bus passes for these youths.  A meeting with BUCHANAN GRANT at Galston police office has been arranged to discuss this further, Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th at 7 pm.  ROBERT CURR and RICHARD HANMER will be attending from the DDCC, a further 6 spaces were offered to any other members who wished to attend.  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) |  |
| **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.  **July 2024 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** | No new sponsors noted this month.  Motion proposed that sponsor details should be permanently placed on the Lottery website for free.  Proposed: ROBERT CURR  Seconded: RICHARD HANMER  Agreed that KEVIN MCGREGOR be contacted regarding sponsoring the October draw |  |
| **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 30th October 2024, Darvel Church Hall 7pm |  |

**All other Competent Business**

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| **Burn Road Green** | Confirmed that permission from a council contact for the Masonic Monday Club decorations did not follow standard Council process. DDCC were not involved in any permission and do not have the power to take a decision on this. The decorations have now been removed following a mixed reaction, including direct communications to KEVIN MCGREGOR.  A concern was raised that, if permission is sought for the future, then consideration needs to be given to the ongoing maintenance of the site, as this may result in the council no longer maintaining, as well as any Health and Safety assessments. It was noted that the Monday Club were under the impression that the proper process had been followed, due to the response from the council and the attendance of a council representative at the site. |  |
| **MILLRIG Windfarm Progress** | No update this month. A further meeting is expected in the on 9th October, ROBERT CURR and RICHARD HANMER will attend from the DDCC. | RC RH |