**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wed 28th August 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, Rebecca Amis, Kevin McGregor (Councillor)** |
| **Apologies.** | **Isbah Sharif, David McLernon, Sgt Buchanan Grant, Sally Cogley (Councillor), Beverley Clark (Councillor), Joyce Paterson, Kieran Wardrop, Karyn Hughes, Tony Davison** |
| **Membership changes** |  |

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| **Item** | **Agenda Subject** | **Action** |
| **Minutes from June Meeting** | Minutes from the July Monthly DDCC meeting were approved by XXXX and seconded by XXXX  **UPDATES:**  **JOHN MORTON CRESCENT**  Councillors are still intending to attend the next TARA meeting, however a date is yet to be confirmed.  **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**  Awaiting input from Sally Cogley |  |
| **Police Report** | This month’s police report has been received by Sgt Grant and has been circulated to all members.  An update was provided in relation to traffic incidents on the A71. Planned improvements are being submitted to Ayrshire Roads Alliance, including:   * Limit the stretch between Newmilns and Galston to 40mph. * Install an anti-skid surface on the corner at the assault course centre. * Remove vegetation along footpath to remove restrictions to pedestrians. * Install countdown markers to the 30mph limit at Galston.   No timescales are yet available for completion of these works. |  |
| **Councillors Reports** | **Kevin McGregor**  KMcG expressed understanding of the Frustrations surrounding the Priestland boundary issue. He is hoping that, should any planning requests be made, that other agencies (eg SEPA) would have reasonable objections to block planning decisions.  An acknowledgement was also made in relation to the area’s new MP and the services provided to the area prior to election. Also noting the impact on the staff and office of the area’s previous MP.  **Sally Cogley**  Apologies received from Sally Cogley |  |
| **Jamieson Road Factory** | No update this month. | SC |
| **Priestland Concerns** | Ombudsman did not uphold the complaint submitted. RC to forward Ombudsman verdict to KMcG. |  |
| **DDCC Darvel Lottery Results** | This month’s draw has been completed prior to the meeting.  **July 2024 Lottery details**   * £1950 raised * 395 entries * 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 |  |
| **Secretary Report** | No secretaries report this month.  Recruitment of a new Correspondence secretary remains ongoing.  Correspondence Secretary will be covered by LILLIAN MAIR and ROBERT CURR at present until a permanent Correspondence Secretary can be recruited.  Request made to members to keep an eye out for anyone who may wish to join and take on vacant roles. |  |
| **Treasurers Report (June)** | Treasurer report circulated to members. No highlights for discussion. |  |
| **Funding Report** | No updates this month. |  |
| **Planning Applications** | Report distributed, no apparent problems.  DDCC still requiring someone to look after this monthly.  There was a further discussion re previous planning applications discussed at the planning meeting held in September, which appear to result in the movement of an electrical substation to make way for new houses. This was an update to an application that was previously rejected in 2006. | RC |
| **Community Plan Update** | Previous plan to be circulated for members in order to inform following year’s priorities. To be added to the agenda for future meeting. |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Wednesday 25th September 2024, Darvel Church Hall |  |

**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.  Kevin McGregor is happy to discuss directly with the Monday Club. Considerations would need to be given to Health and Safety concerns, including council legal protections as it is public land, and any concerns raised regarding ongoing maintenance if anything is installed. |  |
| **Youth activity** | Members of the public attended to raise concerns regarding youth activity in the river near Ranoldcoup bridge. This has included vandalism, trespass (including on rooves), theft, litter, fires and a danger of harm to residents due to the throwing of stones into resident’s property. Requests were made again to restrict access under the bridge (previous requests for a barrier have been knocked back), or other deterrents.  RC to organise further discussions with residents. KMcG to also make direct contact with affected residents. | RC / KMcG |
| **Rural transport appeal** | No update this month. To be covered in September DDCC meeting | RC |
| **LDP2 Loudoun Castle estate** | Survey details circulated to all members. | RH |
| **MILLRIG Windfarm Progress** | No update this month. A further meeting is expected in the next 2 weeks. |  |
| **White Lines** | Some discussion was held regarding recent roadworks and closure of the Main Street. Incorrect signage had resulted in problems with diversions, where residents stepped in to direct traffic.  Confirmed from previous responses that there is no intention to add white lines to the centre of Main Street, as these are not installed where there are traffic calming curbs.  Some discussions took place regarding request for double yellow lines for the junction of Main Street and Ranoldcoup Road, at the corner, to prevent parking up to the junction on Market days. Advised that this needs to be raised to DART to monitor and direct parking on corner event days.  LM to also review in relation to parking for Football match days. | KM  LM |
| **AOB** | Contact via Facebook was noted from Darvel Library regarding the museum. RH had attempted to make direct contact with the Library, without success. RC will try calling them after this meeting. | RC |