



Minutes of Fort Seafield and
Wallacetown Community Council
(FSWCC)
12th March 2025 at 6.30pm in
Wallacetown Hub, George Street
Ayr.

Welcome and Introductions by Denise Sommerville – Chair

Members present - Jim McKay - Vice Chair and Minute Taker, Carol Fisher - Secretary, Michael Hitchon-Treasurer, David Connolly, Robert Singer, Alan Roseweir, Eric Armstrong and Ian MacLeod new member from 1 April 2025..

SAC Councillors - George Weir and Bob Shields.

Members of Public - Gordon Kelly, Kirstin Moncur and Doris Nel.

Apologies - Forbes Watson and David Porte.

Declarations of Interest - None and no one employed by SAC.

Shop Front Programme –

Mark Greaves and Anna Whelan gave a 30 minute presentation on the proposed improvements and handouts were distributed re the application process. 35 properties have been identified as suitable at the top and bottom of the Town. The CC asked for an update in approx. 6/8 months' time.

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proposed by Alan Roseweir and seconded by Eric Armstrong.

Matters Arising

- Place Planning- David Porte to report at next meeting.
- Midton Road Car Wash - Jim McKay visited Mr. Forsyth who did not think he could get petition together also it is not known who owns the property. Noise and foul language is still an issue.
- Dalblair Road Fly Tipping - Still ongoing as well as speeding cars, Action group has been set up.

Public Business

Gordon Kelly and Kirsten Moncur brought up problems with parking on Seafront and surrounding residential areas. They explained that the parking proposal paper which is going to the council to agree to go out for consultation will allow free parking for 3 hours for visitors while residents require a parking permit but there is not guarantee that resident will be able to park at their own property.



Councillor Shields explained that there was a meeting of the council on 18th March 2025 to discuss this huge issue of overall parking in Ayr.

SAC Elected Members

Councillor Shields reiterated that the parking issue meeting would take place and it was expected to go out to consultation. He also stated that the Belleisle Golf proposal is still attracting large opposition and a meeting with the leader of the Council is planned.

Councillor Weir suggested that as another CC gets good coverage with the Going Out magazine perhaps we should explore one for Central Ayr.

Reports

- **Police**

A written report was previously distributed. No police presence at the meeting.

- **Treasurer**

Proposal to make 3 off £50.00 donations to charity as we cannot carry money forward

Newton Primary

Ayr Ark

Salvation Army

Proposed by Carol Fisher Seconded by Denise Sommerville.

- **Planning**

Denise advised that Popplewell building in Wallacetown area to be demolished

- **Licencing**

Received no issues.

Short Term Lets

Councillors Shields and Weir updated that the paper regarding short term lets in shared entry properties has still to go to full council!

Blackburn Road Car Park-

Jim McKay reported that barrier installation was proceeding though one of them was in wrong position. This should curtail boy racers by limiting space involved.

Various measures will be put in place this summer to deter anti-social behaviour in this area.

i.e. speed cameras, noise pollution levels and closing car park at agreed times.

Common Good

No objection to masts on Low Green.

Affleck site proposal for a car park. Access is really difficult, George Weir to find out if this is still Common Good land?

Community Energy Project

The motion was endorse to support the WAEP in the event of the removal or reorganisation of the solar panels Proposed by David Connolly and seconded by Denise Sommerville

A.O.C.B.

New Community Councillor Ian MacLeod welcomed as new member for Seafield officially from 1 April 2025.

Web site- Carol Fisher to tie in with Ken Ballantyne re this matter.

Scheme of Establishment



It was agreed that Forbes Watson would represent the CC on this matter proposed by Denise Sommerville and seconded by Carol Fisher.

Pavilion Festival May 2025

Matt Lamb is the Community Engagement Officer

Minute Secretary

Denise proposed and now tasked with setting up for April meeting an AI system to minute take.

Alan also agree to discuss again with colleagues at Ayrshire College about the potential for some students give some support by taking minutes as experience linked to their course

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting which will also be the AGM

Next meeting at Wallacetown Hub 37 George Street Ayr at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9th April 2025