**Darvel & District Community Council Meeting**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday 26th Feb 2024**

**Minutes were ratified on the DDCC Meeting held on 29th Mar 2024**

* **Minutes proposed by: David McClernon**
* **Minutes Seconded by: Lilian Mair**

**Chairman to Open Meeting**

**Minutes of January Meeting**

**Proposed by :** \_David McClernoin\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by :** \_Lilian Mair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance, Apologies and Introductions**

**Invited :**

* Robert Curr (RC) - Attended
* Margaret Curr (MC) - Attended
* Richard Hanmer (RH) - Attended
* John Oliver (JO) -Attended
* Lilian Mair(LM) - Attended
* Pamela Higton(PH)
* Joyce Paterson(JP) - Attended
* Bill Bryden(BB)
* Max Flemmich (MF) - Attended
* Sally Cogley (SC) - Attended
* David McClernon (DC) - Attended

**Other Attendance:**

* Pamela Hanmer (PH)
* Christine Campbell (CC)

**Apologies :**

* Kevin McGregor (KM)
* Emma Nuttal (EM)
* Grant Buchanan (GB)
* Pamela Higton(PH)

**Lottery**

Lottery video was posted at 6.30pm Wed 26th February through Facebook.

* Update on the February DDCC Darvel Lottery draw

The Lottery report was sent to all the members prior to the meeting, The update below was reviewed win the meeting

* Number of Entries: 358 (4 people left, 1 person rejoined)
* Prize fund: £895.00
* Community Fund: £447.50
* Lottery licence to transferred from (PH) to (DC)

Prize Money confirmed

* 1st Prize: £716
* 2nd Prize: £89.50
* 3rd Prize: £89.50
* Proposal for a Fund allocation for March
  + Proposed for a lottery distribution under the label “Spring into Spring”.
    - RC put a poster together to advertise this fund release, all members to review
    - RH to add this to FB
    - All the forms are on the website and can make the forms available by email. Forms to be sent to
  + Agreed £5,000 to be distributed to local groups.
  + Dates to be confirmed.
* Need assistance for posting on Facebook, there are a number of items from the council that should be added to the DDCC facebook page together with the advertising for the fund release, no volunteers came forward, continue to monitor
* The DDCC will complete a review to understand why we are still losing members.
  + DDCC site is not well visited where as the Darvel and Priestland chat is much more popular and maybe the lottery can be advertised there. DDCC will look to add posts on to these pages and gauge the impact.
  + Currently do not have anyone from the DDCC that posts regularly on FB.
  + Should look to try to expand the lottery outside the Darvel Lottery, review whether to remove the “association to Darvel” clause

(CC) raised the issue of whether there can be a register set up with all of the vulnerable people in the Darvel area in case there is a simimar issue a storm Aowyn. Is this possible, is it a good idea, how can this be done and what are the legal implications. Is this something that the DDCC can hold. Will need permission to be on the register. Don’t believe that any other area has something similar. DDCC will take this forward and find out more

**Membership Changes**

* Current open DDCC Officer positions
  + Vice-Chair
    - (RH) Proposed that (LM) be the new Vice Chair of the DDCC. Council unanimously agreed.
  + Secretary
    - Position remains open

**Actions from January DDCC Monthly Meeting**

* None

**Meetings Attended**

* (PH/LM) Strategy/ 5 Year Action Plan meeting was attended
* Feedback is that most of the decisions have already been decided, however they have canvassed all the residents through Facebook for feedback. Most of the groups in the area have been approached, its up to all groups and residents to contribute.
* Survey has been added to the Darvel Voice website
* The football club was specifically mentioned which bring supporters to spend money in the town. This is just one of the groups that need to be involved and influence the plan.
* All Community councils are struggling to recruit new members

**Upcoming meetings**

* None scheduled, however a meeting is to be scheduled with the Local police
* (SC) to arrange for Pamela Clifford, who is head of planning, to visit Darvel and discuss the next LDP, have a walkabout and meet members of DDCC.
  + (RC) commented that at a planning meeting that he attended felt very formal and that all the decisions had already been made.
* Aneka Friel, who is responsible for Vibrant Communities, to be invited to a DDCC meeting to discuss what the Vibrant Communities role is.
* (KM) Hoping to do a surgery in Darvel with Lillian Jones MP

**Reports**

1. **Police Report**
2. **Councillors’ Reports.**
   1. Kevin McGregor – report distributed prior to the meeting
      1. *(KM to submit acknowledgement of support into the Mural at the square*
      2. *Condition of the street is an issues and will look at how we can get budget to make good some the buildings.*
      3. *Anti social behaviour continues to be an issue*
      4. Council Tax rises are expected at around 8%, budget to be confirmed
      5. Water bills weill increase by 9.9%,
      6. Confirmed brown bin charge will rise to £40
      7. DDCC members commented that this will increase fly tipping. Because the Kilmarnock Recycling centre only accepts bookings has increased the incident of fly tipping.
      8. Report also outlines that (KM) will be pushing for more funding for Roads and pavements, funding for the provision for free school meals for children that are not currently eligible and for the continuation of the early years clothing grant.
      9. Letter of support submitted regarding the Mural at the corner
   2. Sally Cogley
      1. (SC) Confirmed that the Council Tax change is to be decided in the coucil meeting tomorrow and recommendation for this to be increased by 8%
      2. (SC) commented that she will be pushing to reduce the absence and that will be a focus to reduce cost
   3. Beverly Clark
      1. *Older persons champion, if any older person wants to join the committee for Allison Court to get in touch with John Reid (*[*john.reid@east-ayrshire.gov.uk*](mailto:john.reid@east-ayrshire.gov.uk)*) or (BC)*
      2. No further update
3. **Priestland Report and Discussion with Sally Cogley to Outline Plan**
   1. Beverley Clarke had previously met Pamela Clifford, head of planning EAC, and asked if PC would like to visit the site, SG will follow this up with PC. SG also noted that we should have Priestland removed from the local development plan and alternative sites should be sought. This visit should be scheduled for the new year.
4. **Secretary’s Report and Correspondence**
   1. Sally Cogley
      1. Business gateway Training
      2. Fundraising Training – paid training for fundraising
      3. East Ayrshire Neurodevelopment Pathway family engagement
      4. Temporary Restrictions West Main Street 17/03
      5. Ride Anywhere Week
      6. New temporary parking restriction, DDCC not aware of the work that is starting
         1. LM believes that this is part of the proposed work srrsnged by the committee of local residents at the beginning of Darvel which has been formed and have gone directly to parliament to have changes to the road at the beginning of Darvel. The DDCC are not aware of the changes that are proposed. (SC) to confirm the plans.
   2. Forestry Consultation
5. **Treasurers Report**
   1. Opening Balance for Feb was £13,252.52
   2. Closing Balance as at 28 Feb is £14, 995.02
   3. Monies raised this month from the lottery was £1,700.
      1. Further expenditure on the Lottery Prizes and Bank Charges will reduce this figure
   4. Standing order £37.50 has been paid for the rental of the hall.
   5. Reminder that the annual accounts will need to be started
6. **Funding report**
   1. **ARIA Rural IT Fund Application**
      1. Proposal for Wireless Kayboard/Mouse for the 3 existing laptops
         1. Agreed
      2. Up to 3 laptop/IPAD/Printers are available.
         1. Consider an IPAD to allow users to easily complete application forms for the Lottery at outside events.
         2. Printer for the treasurer to be considered
      3. To look at sourcing a big screen for the treasurer from a local supplier. Cannot work on the accounts without a big screen. Agreed to proceed with this.
7. **Planning report**
   1. None
8. **Community Plan Update** 
   1. Nothing further
9. **Correspondence Report**
10. **Police Report**
    1. Another meeting to be scheduled with the Police, (MF) requested to be on that meeting, proposed agends
       1. Update on Youth disorder
       2. Parking on Pavements
       3. Ayrshire Transport plan
    2. This months Police report has been distributed to the DDCC members
    3. No anti-social behaviour has been reported
    4. Incident of person on a quad bike
    5. 2 incidents of dishonesty (incl theft of motor vehicle)
    6. Transport plan is being sdicussed wih the Police, this should be added to the agenda for the Police meeting.
    7. (MF) mentioned the issues with the recent large funeral in New ilns and issues with the parking

**Other Competent Business.**

* Darvel and District Community Action Plan 2026 – 2031
  + DDCC invited onto the Action plan steering committee. Documentation circulated to the community members
* Request from Dinner Ladies Group for £250 to help fund their “Music and Cake“ events as the Masonic club as Masonic Club have increased the fee for these events.
  + Committee agreed to make the payment. Treasurer to add an item in the accounts to record this.
* The Community Council agreed that any small adhoc funding requests, similar to the above, will need to be brought to the council and considered on an individual basis.
  + The limit of these requests will be £250
  + Only after the council has agreed can any monies be paid.
  + Any monies paid by the council for these requests will come from the DDCC budget and **not from the DDCC Darvel Lottery budget**.
  + Requests for funding from the DDCC lottery can only be made through a formal application at specific times ( such as Spring into Spring, below) when funds are to be released. Any payments from the DDCC lottery needs to have the approval of the paying members.
* Spring into Spring will distribute £5,000, how this is to be allocated will be confirmed once the applications have been received.
  + Poster has been created, this is to be added to Facebook
  + Need to add to the poster that applications will be up to £5,000
  + DDCC Website has been changed to accept applications from community groups through the website
  + Closing date for applications should be the end of March
  + As always if a group has received funds in the last 12 months then they will not be eligible.
  + Music festival is now part of DART and so will be treated as one entity.
* Approach from Newmilns Community Council - Sammy Truesdale.
  + Meeting to be arranged
* School Buses and Children’s Free Bus Passes
  + No further update
* Lights Morton Park
  + ERA Provided some proposals, still under review by the DDCC
  + This may be taken up with the Morton Park Group above, (JP) to take this forward with this group
  + (EN) to go to the latest meeting of the Morton Park Group
  + (LM) Confirmed that new seating is to be added to the new swing park
* EAC Jamieson Rd Factory
* Christmas Lights
  + Have requested quotes for the erection of the Christmas lights and RH will be looking at ring fenced funding from the DDCC for this.
  + Meeting to be scheduled with Newmilns CC, suspected that this meeting will be regarding the Christmas lights. Whether a single contractor for the 3 valley towns. Will need to be more organised and will require a larger tree.
  + Christmas Tree
    - There is no electricity supply into the square, the electricity box is not working. This has been reported to ARA lighting to be fixed, awaiting Paul Symington to confirm.
  + Village Lights
    - (RH) will approach contractors now for a fresh quote. Proposed that the lights should be erected and they will be left up all year round, the lights will only be lit at Christmas time. And disconnected for the rest of the year.
    - Lights will need to be PAT tested each year, (RH) to arrange.
    - (LM) top look at other alternatives for Contractors
    - Following contractors have been contacted to provide a quote
      * Macgeady
      * Centregreat
* John Morton Crescent TARA SC
  + SC Further meeting on TARA planned for Thu 28th Nov.
  + Further meeting tomorrow, (RH) and (MF) to attend
* Future Lottery Funding RH/RC
  + No further update
* Lottery Memberships Group
  + Net 3 members down
* Millrig Progress RC/RH
  + No further update
* Capital projects
  + RH asked the DDCC to consider whether to look at any capital projects, suggested a community hall (Alexander Fleming Memorial Hall) or other community asset on the parcel of land on East Main Street. Any funding application would require plans and other documentation that would require an initial outlay. (RH) Proposed that the DDCC should seek out any funding that is available so that a feasibility and plans can be drawn up for this.
  + (RH) Not found any funding to take this forward. In order to put a plan forward would need initial funding to put the plans together.
  + Land is available but cost is unknown, will be negotiated with the EAC
* Facebook Page
  + Continue to monitor the DDCC Facebook page to ensure that no advertising is put on the site.

***Date of next DDCC meeting 26th  March 2025***