



Minutes of Meeting Kyle Academy, 27TH January - 7pm

FHMCC : W. White, Douglas Smith, Anne Miller, Mary Elliot, Lee Stewart, Lyn Stewart

SAC : Cllr Brian McGinley

Guests : Douglas Paton, Brian Heddle

Police : Police report circulated by email
Scotland

Apologies: John McGuire, Alison Russell, Samantha Laidlaw, Eslie McDougall

Matters

Arising: None

Declarations

Of Interest : None

June

Minutes : Proposed by Lee Stewart, Seconded by Dougie Smith

Secretary's

Report : In Agenda

Treasurer's

Report : Read out to the room. The total balance stands at £3322.93

SAC Councillor's Report

Councillor Brian McGinley provided an update on several matters and general concerns were voiced by Committee members and attending Residents:-

- Standards Commission – Investigations are ongoing regarding recent events within SAC
- SAC's new CEO is taken up his position
- The Cutty Sark area in Ayr High Street does not have a recycle bin
- The new builds replacing the High Rise flats are currently being allocated
- Demolition of the form King Street Police station is almost completed. This land belongs to Police Scotland who have not announced any plans for the land



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Round Table

- Ayrshire Roads Alliance attendance to share the traffic reports for the Glencairn Park and Kyle Academy areas has been deferred until a 2026 meeting as the reports are not yet concluded. A Resident of the Overmills area commented there remains a bottleneck at the main exit and the Kilnbank/Overmills junctions
- Litter/grounds maintenance concerns. Local Resident Brian Heddle voiced concerns regarding litter in this area and other areas of Ayr. Brian produced pictures of the littering. He also commented that the pathways around Glencairn Park are currently being improved. Brian posed the question regarding areas not being maintained by SAC (eg grass cutting etc). It was noted that these areas do not belong to SAC therefore it is not their responsibility to maintain them
- Grit bins – these are owned by Ayrshire Roads Alliance who are responsible for the maintenance, siting and filling of the bins. Cllr McGinley will make enquiries on how often the salt is topped up and should some be moved to other areas or removed completely
- Litter picking along main roads, by-pass. Any litter picking attempts in busy areas should be carried out with health & safety requirements first and foremost.
- Petition for new powers for Community Councils to bring them in line with England's Parish Councils. While we take the view that Community Councils should have more influence on SAC decisions regarding local concerns and should have the power to press SAC to properly address local agendas raised by Residents, we would not be in favour of the proposed new powers, as they stand, in the report/petition
- Holmston House. We are still unable to find the current owner's name/contact details
- Continuing discussions regarding SAC Councillors attendance at Community Council meetings, while currently they are not required to attend, it was noted that amending the wording of the requirements from no requirement to attend, to a statutory requirement for attendance at a percentage of annual meetings may be something to look in to
- FHMCC Crest design. The Secretary has contact Kyle and Queen Margaret Academies with the proposal
- FHMCC is in receipt of Safety Door Stickers for older Residents. These are available from Forehill Library and Rowlands Chemist on Mt. Oliphant Crescent. This will be advertised on our social media sites

Any Other Business (AOB)

- Regarding the place plan project, the question was raised if the money could be used to upgrade the North Hall at Castlehill Church instead of adding on to Forehill Library. The comment was made that this may be more beneficial to the community as a whole. Cllr McGinley will make enquiries
- Recruitment Drive. The forthcoming election information will be placed on our notice boards and social media sites
- Flooding in the park at the junction of St. Phillans Avenue and Lothian Road and at the junction of Masonhill Road/Hillfoot Road was discussed. Cllr McGinley will take this forward

Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for 24th Feb, 2026, Kyle Academy at 7pm