

Minutes of Meeting Kyle Academy, 28th October 7pm

FHMCC: Douglas Smith, Anne Miller, Samantha Laidlaw, Mary Elliot, Elsie McDougal, Lee

Stewart

SAC: Cllr Chris Cullen, Cllr Brian McGinley, SAC Office Audrey Gatt

Guests: Richard North

Police: Apologies.

Scotland

Apologies: John McGuire, W. White, Alison Russell, Lyn Stewart, Bill Fleming

Matters

Arising: None

Declarations

Of Interest: None

June

Minutes: Proposed by Samantha Laidlaw, Seconded by Lee Smith

Secretary's

Report: In Agenda

Treasurer's

Report : Read out to the room. The total balance stands at £2911.80

SAC Councillor's Report

Cllr Chris Cullen updated the room on the meeting at Forehill Primary held to discuss traffic concerns around the school.

Cllr Cullen and Cllr McGinley advised that Brian Connolly is the now the leader of the council and a new administration is being put together. One SAC Cllr has moved to the reform party and another is now an independent. Martin Dowie has returned as chair of the Conservative group. The interim SAC CEO will stand down in the next few weeks. The permanent CEO will be Steven Penman. Regarding recent discussions around SAC Councillor's attendance at our meetings, it was noted that Councillor attendance at Community Council meetings is at their discretion and dependant on their diaries. Their attendance is not mandatory. It was also mentioned that all SAC Councillors can be reached by phone, email and by making appointments to attend their surgeries.



(FHMCC Oct minutes cont.)

Place Plan - Audrey Gatt

Community Hall Build

The proposal for a community room build to the rear of Forehill Library was discussed. Some of the concerns and questions raised included who would be responsible for the opening and closing of the room, would there be access to the library kitchen and washroom facilities, who would be responsible for the 'housekeeping' of the facility and who would be the keyholder etc. Audrey commented that SAC required details of how many people would use the room at any one time, what groups and what numbers would be using the room etc. The Secretary had previously emailed Audrey with FHMCC's response to these questions, which she acknowledged. A round table discussion took place. Audrey suggested a container in a local park may be an option. FHMCC did not agree. Acting Chair Douglas Smith proposed offering funds to Castlehill Church for their detached hall behind the church (the North hall), to upgrade/refurbish the hall to encourage usage by the Community/community groups. It was decided that this option was worth looking into further. Cllr McGinley asked Audrey to make enquiries to determine if funds could be used in this way. Douglas Smith will approach Castlehill Church for their opinion.

Castlehill Woods

The proposal to label some trees was discussed – it was commented that signs would have to be robust to withstand the weather etc. Park Rangers could be asked to identify trees to be labelled. The creation of a pathway leading around the labelled trees would be an asset. The pathway could be edged with spring/summer flowering bulbs. No time frame was discussed to begin this work.

Castlehill Woods Play Park

The proposed play park for Castlehill Woods will be aimed a younger children, toddlers and families. No date was given for the installation of the play park.

Surveys

Audrey commented that the breakdown of the survey results had not yet been carried out by the CC. The FHMCC Secretary mentioned that the survey document was very large and held a very large amount of information and expecting voluntary members of the CC to tackle this was a lot to ask. Cllr McGinley suggested Audrey arrange for the survey to be broken down into manageable lists and passed to FHCMM for the committee to discuss at the November meeting when Kenny Dalrymple will be with us. The Children's Survey – Audrey has reached out to the local primary schools regarding this but to date has not had a reply.



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Round Table

The creation of an FHMCC Crest – deferred till November meeting.

Fundraising Event - the 2025 Fundraiser has been deferred till 2026 – date tbc.

Parent Council Christmas Donations – FHMCC will donate a raffle prize.

Community Fun Day – Sub Committee – No decision taken.

AOB

A discussion regarding an FHMCC recruitment drive was not concluded The Halloween event in Glencairn Park is cancelled due to the bad weather reports. Installation of lighting in the middle path of Glencairn Park is ongoing.

There is a proposal to plant and decorate a Christmas tree in Glencairn park. Cllr Cullen will provide further information at the November meeting.

A speeding survey will be carried out around Glencairn Park. ARA will report back on the results in the new year.

A suggestion of reducing the speed limit to 20 mph around the park area has been taken to ARA for consideration.

It was noted that Community Councillor Bill Fleming has resigned. We thank Bill for his contributions to FHMCC and the Community.

Next Meeting – 25th November 2025