



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 :
Scotland** Apologies.

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

Councillor Chris Cullen provided an update on several matters. He reported on a recent meeting at Forehill Primary, which was held to discuss traffic concerns around the school. Councillors Cullen and McGinley informed attendees that Brian Connolly is now the leader of the council, and that a new administration is being formed. They also noted that one SAC Councillor has joined the Reform Party, and another has become an independent. Martin Dowie has returned as chair of the Conservative group. It was announced that the interim SAC CEO will step down in the coming weeks, with Steven Penman set to take over as the permanent CEO.

Regarding the attendance of SAC Councillors at Community Council meetings, it was clarified that attendance is at the discretion of individual councillors and depends on their schedules; it is not compulsory. All SAC Councillors remain accessible by phone, email, and by appointment at their surgeries.



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Place Plan – Audrey Gatt

Community Hall Build

A proposal was discussed regarding the construction of a community room at the rear of Forehill Library. Several issues were raised, including responsibility for opening and closing the room, access to the library's kitchen and washroom facilities, the management and upkeep of the facility, and keyholder arrangements. Audrey Gatt noted that SAC required detailed information on potential room usage, such as the number of people, groups, and frequency of use. The Secretary had previously provided this information via email, which Audrey acknowledged. During the meeting, Audrey suggested the possibility of using a container in a local park as an alternative, though FHMCC did not agree with this option.

Acting Chair Douglas Smith proposed offering funding to Castlehill Church for the refurbishment of their detached North Hall to encourage community use. It was agreed this option should be explored further. Councillor McGinley requested that Audrey investigate whether funds could be used for this purpose, and Douglas Smith will approach Castlehill Church to gauge their interest.

Castlehill Woods

A proposal to label certain trees within Castlehill Woods was discussed. It was noted that any signage would need to be robust to withstand the weather. Park Rangers may be asked to assist in identifying trees to be labelled. Additionally, the creation of a pathway around the labelled trees was suggested, potentially edged with spring and summer flowering bulbs. No specific timeframe was established for the commencement of this work.

Castlehill Woods Play Park

Plans for a new play park in Castlehill Woods were discussed. The play park will be designed for younger children, toddlers, and families. No installation date was provided at this time.

Surveys

Audrey commented that the breakdown of the survey results had not yet been completed by the Community Council. The Secretary noted that the survey document was extensive, containing a large amount of information, and that expecting voluntary members to complete the breakdown was a significant undertaking. Councillor McGinley suggested that Audrey coordinate the division of the survey data into manageable lists, which could then be reviewed by the committee at the November meeting, when Kenny Dalrymple will be present. With regard to the Children's Survey, Audrey has contacted local primary schools but has not yet received any responses.



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Round Table

- The creation of an FHMCC Crest has been deferred to the November meeting.
- The 2025 Fundraiser event has been postponed until 2026, with the date yet to be confirmed.
- FHMCC will donate a raffle prize to the Parent Council Christmas event.
- No decision has been made regarding the establishment of a sub-committee for a Community Fun Day.

Any Other Business (AOB)

- The discussion of an FHMCC recruitment drive remains will be taken forward at the next meeting.
- The Halloween event scheduled for Glencairn Park has been cancelled due to adverse weather forecasts.
- Installation of lighting along the middle path in Glencairn Park is ongoing.
- A proposal was made to plant and decorate a Christmas tree in Glencairn Park; Councillor Cullen will provide further information at the November meeting.
- A speeding survey will be conducted around Glencairn Park, with ARA expected to report the results in the new year.
- A suggestion to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph in the vicinity of the park has been submitted to ARA for consideration.
- It was noted that Community Councillor Bill Fleming has resigned. The committee expressed thanks to Bill for his contributions to FHMCC and the community.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 25th November 2025.