

Appendix 4 Information Day Event

4.1 Coylton Greener Grid Park Update and Information Day email

From: [Brown Kate](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [UK Projects](#)
Subject: Coylton Greener Grid Park update and information day
Date: 10 January 2024 17:38:08
Attachments: [Coylton Greener Grid Park invite.pdf](#)
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Dear Councillor [REDACTED]

Coylton Greener Grid Park: Planning Application [Ref 23/0580/PP](#)

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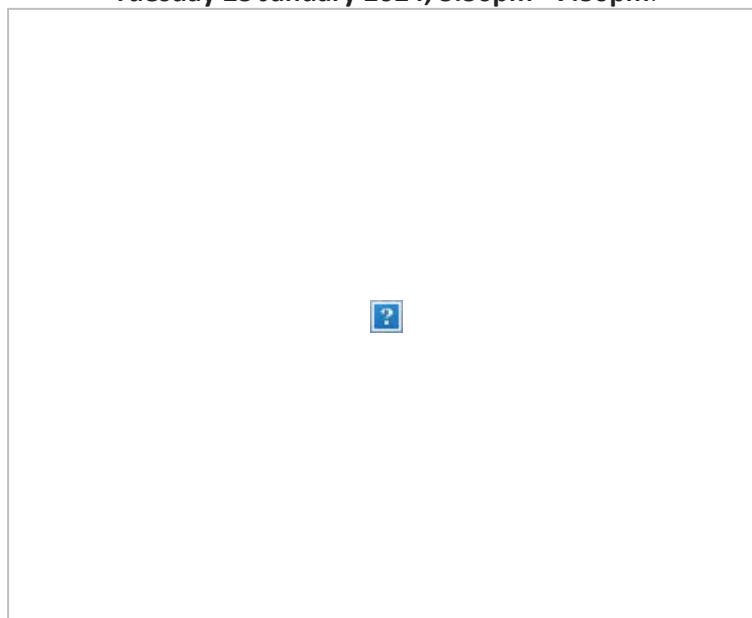
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Yours sincerely,

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4.2 Postponed - Coylton Greener Grid Park Information. Day email

From: UK Projects
Sent: 22 January 2024 16:25
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: UK Projects
Subject: Postponed - Coylton Greener Grid Park Information day

Dear Councillors

Due to weather warnings, we have regretfully had to cancel the Information Day scheduled for Tuesday 23 January 2024 as a safety precaution. We will be re-scheduling in the near future and keep you updated. I would be very grateful if you could share this information wherever you think it might be appropriate. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Kate Brown

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4.3 Rescheduled Coylton Greener Grid Park Info Day email

From: UK Projects
Sent: 01 February 2024 09:44
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Cc: UK Projects
Subject: Rescheduled Coylton Greener Grid Park Information Day
Attachments: Rescheduled Coylton Invite - Cllr [REDACTED]

Dear Cllr [REDACTED]

Please see attached an update regarding the rescheduled Coylton Greener Grid Park Information Day.

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Dear Cllr **Stewart**

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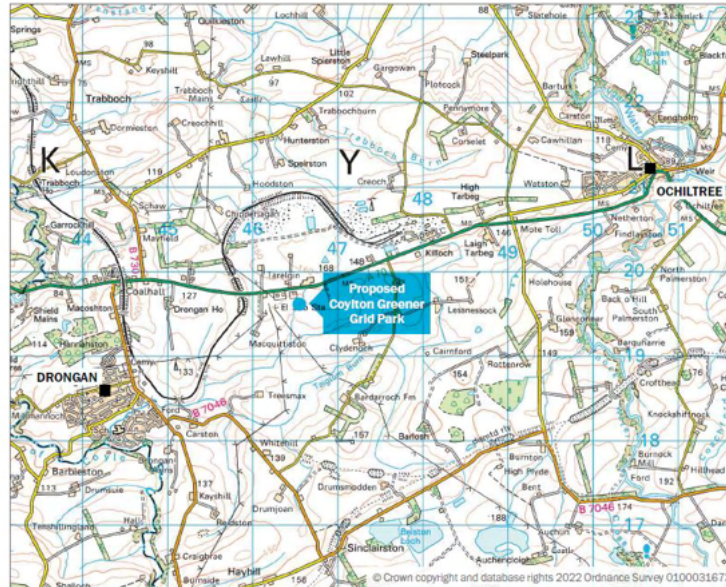
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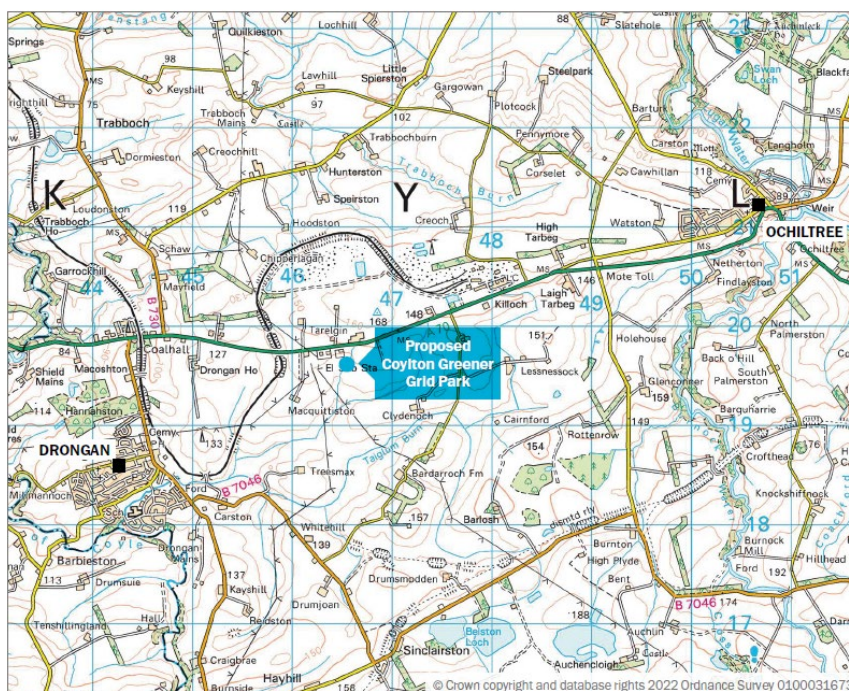
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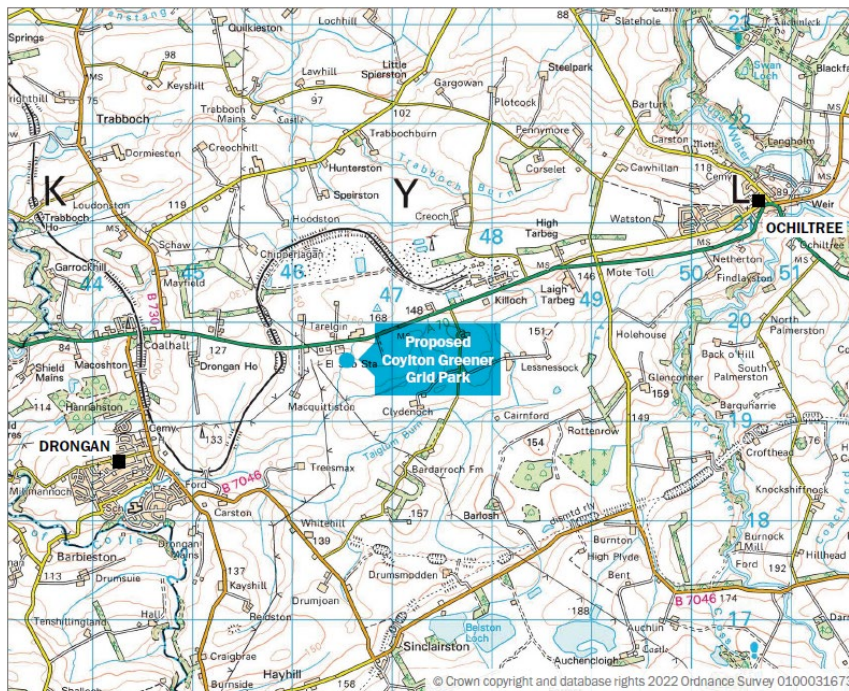
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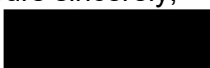
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4.8 Newspaper Advertisement 17 January 2024

Drug driver who caused death of gran is jailed

A DRIVER who caused the death of a grandmother who he “considered family” when he ploughed his car into a tree while high on drugs has been jailed. Andrew Murphy, from New Cumnock was told that custody was “the only sentence” appropriate after Janet Girvan, 64, died in the crash on the A70 near Dumfries House in November 2022.

Murphy, 54, had levels of cannabis and cocaine far above the legal limits in his system at the time of the crash. Ms Girvan, who was in the passenger seat of the car at the time, was so severely injured in the crash that she later died. Murphy, of Ardnith Avenue, appeared for sentencing at Ayr Sheriff Court after pleading guilty to causing Ms Girvan’s death by careless driving.

He failed to maintain proper observation, failed to keep control of the vehicle and caused it to leave the carriageway, colliding with a fence and tree. The road was closed for 11 hours following the crash. The proportion of benzoylecgonine the main psychoactive ingredient of cocaine in Murphy’s system at the time of the crash was 133 microgrammes per litre of blood. The limit in Scotland is 50 microgrammes. The proportion of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol the principal psychoactive constituent of cannabis in Murphy’s blood was also above the legal limit of two microgrammes. When he returned to court for sentencing last week, defence solicitor Simon Brown told Sheriff Shirley Foran: “He has worked his adult life and would have no difficulty with any community service.



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“He is aware there is a wide range of available sentences. “The offence itself is a very serious one; he is very aware of that. He has cooperated with the authorities from the beginning and a [guilty] plea was entered at the beginning of proceedings. “The deceased he viewed as his sister. “He maintains the support of the family. He would comply with any options. “If my lady thinks custody is inevitable I would ask you to take account of his age and limited record before the court.” Sheriff Foran said: “The circumstances are sad, with tragic consequences. As your agent has correctly pointed out, this is a serious offence in any context. “[Ms Girvan] was likely a woman with many years life left in her. She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother; it ap-

pears you were a close family member, and that I acknowledge. “I have taken all the circumstances into account, but the only sentence can be one of custody.” “The dangers of driving under influence of drink drugs are highlighted. You appear to show some but limited insight.” Murphy was jailed for 12 months reduced from a sentence of 18 months because of his early guilty plea. He was also banned from holding or obtaining a licence for five years. In a previous statement issued through their solicitors, Ms Girvan’s family said: “We acknowledge the verdict but it brings us no comfort as the loss of Janet is something we still struggle with every day and the conviction does not ease this pain. “We’d like to thank everyone for their support, but we request that our privacy is respected going forward.”

The crash happened on the A70 near Dumfries House in November 2022 Image: Google Street View

Bridge closed

A BRIDGE near Cumnock has been closed until the end of next week to allow repair work to take place. The Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) who carry out work on behalf of East Ayrshire Council, will be working on the Burnock Bridge on Skares Road. The closure of a 20-metre stretch of road took effect at 8am on Monday. The road is due to remain shut until 5pm on Monday, January 29. Bridge parapet repair work will be taking place during this closure. The days and times of the works may be dependent upon the weather conditions but the order will be implemented only when the appropriate signs are displayed. An alternative route will be signed via the B7046, U728, A70 and back on to the B7046 and vice versa. ARA bosses say emergency services access will not be affected.

Cash boost for park home residents

AYR, Carrick and Cumnock MP Allan Dorans has welcomed a second injection of cash to keep permanent park home residents warm this winter. A Warm Home Discount scheme for park home residents has recently received a second injection of cash from energy suppliers E.On Energy and Ovo Energy. As well as the £150 payment to help with energy bills, a

‘Heat the Home’ bundle and the opportunity to replace or upgrade an older, inefficient electrical appliance is being offered to permanent park home residents through the Charis Park Home Warm Home Discount scheme. The company has secured an additional £1.75million of funding to help vulnerable residents protect themselves from the worst of the winter cold. Mr Dorans said: “These

additional funds have come at just the right time for park home residents as winter temperatures continue to drop. “If you have already been awarded the £150 Warm Home Discount you will automatically receive the Heat the Home bundle. Park home residents who have not yet made an application are encouraged to check their eligibility and take advantage of these extra benefits.”



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4.9 Newspaper Advertisement 7 February 2024

MSP visits breastfeeding-friendly cafe

AN AYRSHIRE MSP is calling on more local businesses to sign up to the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland (BFS) scheme.

Carol Mochan MSP visited Cafe Jaac in Drongan recently with local councillor Elaine Stewart to meet the team, who provide a vital service to new mums.

BFS is a Scottish Government initiative which is implemented locally by NHS boards.

The purpose of the scheme is to help businesses and mothers understand their rights and responsibilities in respect of breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding has been permitted in public places under the Breastfeeding etc (Scotland) Act 2005, and establishments that the public have general access to, which do not allow women to breastfeed, may commit an offence by preventing a mother from feeding a child.

Ms Mochan has sent a letter to local businesses, calling on them to join the scheme. Speaking about her Drongan visit, Ms Mochan said: "So many of our local businesses, like Cafe Jaac, offer such great service to the community and provide a welcoming space for new mothers to meet friends and look after their children.

"I want all customer-facing businesses and services to have a similar atmosphere, but sometimes owners and operators do not know the rules as well as they should.

"It is imperative we make our area a haven for young families to help build up the community and I am delighted so many businesses are doing precisely that by signing up to the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Scheme."

Find out more about the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland scheme, and how it works in Ayrshire, at breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk.



Ms Mochan visited the Drongan store with Cllr Elaine Stewart Image: Carol Mochan MSP

Garden expansion

PLANS have been passed to extend a memorial garden area in Cumnock.

An application was lodged with East Ayrshire Council from Green Action Trust, on behalf of Cumnock Action Plan (CAP).

The proposals will see an addition to the CAP's revamp of a green space near Armitage Drive.

Completed by Cumnock Action Plan, phase 1 of the new garden offers residents the chance to learn some of the past of Cumnock, as well as take a seat and enjoy the garden.

The new plans will create a second phase of the Memory Garden on the areas of open space between Armitage Drive and Hearth Place.

Plans say that, building on the success of phase 1, this phase will create a safe and secure garden space which will include a new path and surfaced activity space, boundary fencing and gate, seating, pergola raised beds and sensory planting.

East Ayrshire Council approved planning for the extension of the site last, with development to begin within a maximum of three years.

MAN 'THREATENED TO KILL GIRLFRIEND'

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A MAN allegedly abducted, assaulted and threatened to kill a woman at a house in Mauchline.

Christopher McTaggart is accused of detaining and then attacking the woman at an address in Hughfield Road on May 7, 2023.

The 42-year-old is alleged to have refused to let the woman leave the house and to have seized her by the body and held her down.

The Crown claims that Mr McTaggart then placed his hand over the woman's mouth and around her neck and that he punched her on the head.

The accused faces a second charge of behaving in a threatening or abusive manner that caused the same woman fear or alarm by allegedly shouting, swearing, uttering abusive remarks, and threatening to kill her.

The prosecution's indictment states that at the time of the alleged offence Mr McTaggart was the subject of three bail orders two granted



Ayr Sheriff Court Image: Google Street View

at Falkirk Sheriff Court, on April 27 and June 9, 2022, and one at Banff Sheriff Court on October 19 of that same year.

Mr McTaggart, who is listed in court papers as having an address of HMP Kilmarnock, was not present when the case called at Ayr Sheriff Court last week.

Defence solicitor Tony Currie told Sheriff Shirley Foran that his client was pleading not guilty to the charge and that Mr McTaggart had another case proceeding in a different court.

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