



Bellyeoman Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th March 2003 AT 7.00PM IN THE JAMES ALLAN CENTRE, DUNFERMLINE.

PRESENT:

Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman), Graeme Whyte (Secretary), John Dudgeon, Jessie Cartmell, Cllr. Helen Law, Douglas Campbell, Nick Dimeo, Colin Gilbert (Fife Council), Steve Walker (Stagecoach), Tom Brand, H Cunningham, J Messenger, A Currie, B Currie, L Scott, Janet Miller, C Taylor, L McKay, M Whitfield, A Gibson, D Malpas, & Janet Campbell.

- 1] **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS & APOLOGIES:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kate Findlay (Treasurer), Arthur Ashton (Vice-Chairman), Ian Douglas, Cllr. Jim Tolson and Dave Manderson (Community Worker).
- 2] **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. They were moved by Tom Brand and seconded by Jessie Cartmell.
- 3] **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**
There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not catered for elsewhere in the Agenda.
- 4] **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The chairman had nothing to report that was not covered later in the agenda.
- 5] **POLICE** As there were no police present there was no report.
- 6] **STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES** Mr Steve Walker from Stagecoach was welcomed to the meeting. Madam Chairman reviewed the recent problems with the changes to the local bus services. Mr Walker gave a background to the reasons for the changes. Buses were privatised in 1986 and now Stagecoach does not make money running the 33 and other services around Alderston Drive. A number of questions were addressed to Mr Walker and Cllr Law regarding levels of Council Funding, integrated transport policy. Mr Walker stated that the decision to cut services had been based upon the results of a 3 day survey of usage. The Secretary asked what the statistical relevance of a 3 day sample was in determining the service levels. Madam Chairman noted that the No 30 going around Laurieston Drive picked up few, if any passengers. Mr Walker agreed to look at the option of moving the service away from Laurieston Drive and around Alderson Drive. It was suggested that the D8 should be a circular and not stop at QMH and return. Tickets were shown demonstrating wholly inaccurate data for journeys completed. Mr Walker stated that due to a lack of resource, the D8 cannot be changed as it would result in a 2 hourly service if it had to complete the circle to the town centre. Mr Walker stated that Stagecoach do not receive huge sums of money in subsidy. They receive concessionary fare plus elasticity factor from the Council. When asked what the elasticity factor was Mr Walker stated that it was too complex to explain. The point was made that Stagecoach was a virtual monopoly. Monies are also received from Tendered services subsidy and Fuel rebates from government. Cllr Law stated that the Council are looking to expand the dial-a-ride service. The question was asked when another survey into the use of the new services will be carried out. Mr Walker said that more surveys would be carried out over the next few weeks and he would report back to the next meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Walker for attending the meeting and looked forward to hearing more from him in the near future.
- 7] **TREASURERS REPORT:**
The Treasurer, Kate Findlay had stated to the Secretary that the balance of the Community Council account stood at about the same as previously. A report would be given to the next meeting.

Trusts & Legacies Monies

Colin Gilbert from Fife Council gave the Community Council guidance as to who can receive the monies. Basically any needy people would be eligible.

John Dudgeon suggested needy pensioners could receive a grocery voucher. This suggestion was seconded by Graeme Whyte. Kate Findlay was to be asked for a list of such people. This idea was agreed unanimously by the meeting. Colin Gilbert was happy with this idea as a method for distributing the funds.



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8] COUNCIL:

Issues raised included...

- **New Policy for Travelling People.** This would be detailed by Cllr Law at the next meeting.
- **Stagecoach.** Cllr Law had arranged for the Stagecoach representative to be at the meeting.
- **Farnell Way.** Colin Gilbert was to arrange someone from Fife Council to discuss open space issues at the next meeting.
- **Grit Bins.** Cllr Law reported that the extra requested Grit Bins were on order.
- **Craigston Paths.** Funds have been secured for improvements to paths and lighting.
- **Alderston Drive Playpark.** It is expected that this project will be completed in April 2003.
- **Speed bumps – Robertson Road.** This project is now complete. Discussion ensued about the height and suitability of the bumps. The odd eight inch curb was mentioned by John Dudgeon and noted it as an accident waiting to happen.
- **Farnell Way Manholes.** Scottish Water will make a site visit to look at the manholes in Farnell Way and other flooding problems reported in Robertson Road at Bellyeoman Road/Cemetery.
- **Robertson Road.** Sections of the pavements in Robertson Road are to be repaired in year 2003/4.
- **Bellyeoman Road Football Parking Problems.** There are still no double yellow lines yet, but the junction with Robertson Road is being resurfaced and re-aligned.
- **James Allan Centre.** The exterior painting will happen in 2003/4 year with £6000 allocated to the project.
- **Council DLO Work.** The comments about DLO quality of work have been reported.
- **Path Lighting:** Cllr Law reported that a bid was in for new lighting for pathways in the area.
- **Fitness Initiatives:** Dave Manderson had indicated via his email that the skateboarding initiative for young people. A new initiative called 'Bums off Seats' is encouraging us to walk more.

9] CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was reported and made available to the meeting by the Secretary.

Correspondence Received:

Party	Details
Email from John Dudgeon	Questioning use of CC meetings for the matter regarding Alderston Gardens.
Dunfermline & Coast Association of CC	Meeting on 26 th March 2003, 7pm, City Chambers.
Sheila Mitchell	Thank you for organising Hacking & Paterson.
Water Consultation Panels	Information.
Fife Council	Planning Applications. 7 th March 2003. 28 th February 2003. Aberlour Child Care in Bellyeoman Road was discussed as the issue had been raised and they will meet the residents involved. The resident who raised the issue was not present at the meeting.
Fife Council	West Area Services Committee. 12/3/2003.
Fife Council	Doors Open Day 2003. Suggestions.
Fife Council	Street Naming Procedures.
Fife Council	Bellyeoman School Speed Bumps -Commencement of works.
Fife Council	West Fife Area, fixed meetings. Cllr Law explained what the meetings cover.
NHS Fife	Notice of Board Meetings.
Planning Aid Scotland	Information.
Fife Constabulary	Invitation to Community Engagement Seminar. 22 nd April 2003.

Correspondence Sent:

Party	Details
Hacking & Paterson	Thank you for arranging meeting.
Reply to John Dudgeon	Response to his email.
Fife Fire & Rescue	Stakeholder Consultation Survey Reply



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10] AOCB:

Trees blocking view at Robertson Road/Whitefield Road and Laurieston Road/Robertson Road:
Cllr Law will investigate who owns the trees and who will be responsible to cut them back.

11] DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The date & time of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9th April 2003 at 7.00pm in the James Allan Centre, Paton Street, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Date: