



# Bellyeoman Community Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> August 2003 AT 7.00PM IN THE JAMES ALLAN CENTRE, DUNFERMLINE.

### **PRESENT:**

Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman), Graeme Whyte (Secretary), Tom Brand (Vice Chairman), Arthur Ashton, John Dudgeon, Douglas Campbell, Donald Heigh, David Morman (Community Police Officer), Cllr. Jim Tolson, Cllr. Les Wood, J Leslie, Isobel Erskine, L McKay, C Taylor, Colin Gilbert (Fife Council), Helen Cunningham & S Inglis.

- 1] **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS & APOLOGIES:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kate Findlay (Treasurer), Ian Douglas & Jessie Cartmell.
- 2] **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved subject to changing Item 10 to read 'Bonnar Street' instead of 'James Street'. They were moved by Douglas Campbell and seconded by Arthur Ashton.
- 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** The Road Traffic Incident which occurred in Alderston Drive was reported to the meeting by the Secretary. The problems encountered with the new Police call centre were noted. It took over an hour for the call to be passed to Dunfermline office and 2 ½ hrs for the call to be answered. PC Morman updated the meeting by saying that the matter had "been acted on". The Police would not give any indication whether this was a positive or negative result. The Secretary stated that this was simply an unacceptable situation. The public and Community Councillors are asked to help the Police. It is deplorable that the Police choose to make this co-operation one-way. Community Councillors had felt lifted after the visit to Dunfermline Police Station last autumn, however this first hand experience raised the doubts and fears that had been expressed previously by Community Council. It was accepted that this was not a reflection on PC Morman but an indictment on Fife Constabulary policy.  
**Call Handling:** The call handling facility was having problems and managers have been told to improve the call experience. Currently 92% of calls were being answered.  
**Stats:** 89 calls had been received in the area since 9<sup>th</sup> July, their had been 42 crimes and 8 arrests.  
**Anti-Social Behaviour:** 2 Anti-social behaviour orders had been made. This initiative was reported as being a success in Fife.  
**Street Drinking:** 4 youths and others have been charged over street drinking.  
**Schoolwatch:** Our school was alright, but there had been a number of problems of broken windows at other schools in the Dunfermline area over the summer holidays.  
**Operation Takeaway:** For 2 weeks from the 18<sup>th</sup> August, untaxed vehicles would be towed away as the successful Operation Takeaway goes under way.  
**Whitefield Road Parking:** PC Morman had written letters to 12 vehicle owners about their parking on the grass verge in Whitefield Road.
- 6] **TREASURERS REPORT:**  
In the absence of the Treasurer, Kate Findlay, there was no report.
- 7] **QUEEN MARGARET HOSPITAL – CCU CLOSURE:**  
The Secretary had written to George Brechin, Chief Executive of Fife Health Board about the closure, urging the Board to reconsider. A reply had been received, which re-iterated the Consultation process but gave no sign of reconsideration. The Community Council would keep up pressure on this issue.
- 8] **STAGECOACH ROUTE 55A:**  
Wilma Allday briefed the meeting on the promised change of the 55A to cover Alderston Drive, which had failed to materialise in timetable changes for 18<sup>th</sup> August. Apparently, Stagecoach failed to notify the Transport Commission, there may be a delay of up to a fortnight. The Secretary was asked to chase Steve Walker of Stagecoach on this matter.
- 9] **COUNCIL:**  
Issues raised included...
  - **Speedbumps:** Cllr Wood would follow-up enquiries about the angle of the bumps in Robertson Road and why they are a harder 'hit' than others in, for example, Kelty.
  - **Robertson Road Flooding:** Photos of the seepage were shown and discussed. Cllr Wood would chase up.
  - **Bellyeoman Road Yellow Lines:** 'Officials' and 'representatives' of the Police have apparently discussed this matter and say it does not fall within 'guidelines'. Ross Walker of Traffic Management is to be asked to a future meeting.
  - **Alderston Drive Bus Shelter:** Cllr Wood is looking into this item.



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- **Skateboard Facility:** Dave Manderson had reported a delay in start dates for the skateboard facility behind the Carnegie Hall.
- **Road Sweeping:** Officials are looking at systems to see how they can be improved.
- **Primary School Places:** The School Board meets before the next meeting, so there may be an update then. Reviews of catchment areas are expected for the new schools in DEX. However, these schools are not due to go on-stream until August 2005.
- **Whitefield Road:** Progress had halted on the building of the crossings. Cllrs would check into this. Colin Gilbert reported that Andrew Jones would soon be investigating the installation of bollards at QMH entrance to stop verge parking.

## 10] **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

### Correspondence Received:

Party	Details
Volunteer Development	Spectrum Magazine
Fife Heritage Orchestra	Press Release
Fife Council	Best Kept... Results
TurfTrax	Turf
Fife Community Safety Partnership	Information on HomeCheck Scheme
Scottish Executive	Consultation on Draft COP Under S.60 of The FOF(Scot) Act 2002
Fife Council, Planning	Weekly Lists
Scottish Natural Heritage	Report on Partner Bodies Relationship Study ( <a href="http://www.snh.org.uk">www.snh.org.uk</a> )
Bums off Seats	Fife Walking Initiative Leaflets
Scottish Executive	Scottish Rural Partnership Fund 2004/2005
Fife Health Council	Summer Healthwatch Newsletter
Fife Council	West Area Services Ctte Meeting and Bulletin
Scott Barrie	Invite to meet on 18/Aug/2003

### Correspondence Sent:

Party	Details
Queen Margaret Hospital	Parking Charges
Roddy Mann, FRC	Bus Station Cleanliness
George Brechin, FHB	Queen Margaret Hospital, Coronary Care Unit

## 11] **AOCB:**

- **Travelling People:** There had been travelling people in the Robertson Road Park for the best part of three weeks. This was unacceptable to the majority of those present and Cllr Wood and Colin Gilbert would investigate the feasibility of a height barrier with keys for those who need legitimate access with large or high vehicles.
- **Xmas Party Meeting:** This meeting would be held at the James Allan Centre on a date to be confirmed.
- **Haig Crescent Pavements:** Mr Leslie raised the issue of the state of pavements in Haig Crescent & Robertson Road and also the problem of flooding outside 27-33 Haig Crescent. Cllr Wood would check into these matters.
- **Cemetery Grass Cutting:** Tom Brand raised the question of grass cutting. Cllr Tolson would check into the frequency of the grass cutting.
- **Townhill to Kingseat Road:** It was suggested that an advanced warning sign of the Give Way at Whitefield Road would help improve safety on the approach to this unusual junction. Cllr Wood to investigate.

## 10] **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The date & time of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at 7.00pm in the James Allan Centre, Paton Street, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Date: