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

PRESENT:

Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman), Graeme Whyte (Secretary), Kate Findlay (Treasurer), Tom Brand (Vice Chairman), Arthur Ashton, John Dudgeon, Jessie Cartmell, Douglas Campbell, Donald Heigh, Lilah McKay, Dave Manderson, Cllr. Les Wood, Janet Millar, H Cunningham, Ann Currie, RC Beattie, J Leslie & Colin Gilbert (Fife Council).

- 1] **Madam Chairman's Welcome / Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ian Douglas & Cllr. Jim Tolson
- 2] **Minutes:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. They were moved by Tom Brand and seconded by Janet Miller.
- 3] **Matters Arising From Minutes:**
Dave Manderson (DM) gave an update on the skateboarding issues. He intimated that even a small skateboard park could cost around £20,000. DM indicated that the big park may be unsuitable because of other developments, so the smaller park area may be suitable. The Secretary asked what developments could prevent the siting of a small Skateboard park. DM did not know of any specific plans. The Secretary also reminded DM, that the Community Council had preferred the large park over the smaller park, to prevent any possible noise nuisance to nearby residents. The Community Council instructed DM to re-iterate the Community Council's request for a skateboard facility to be located in the larger park and not the smaller park at Robertson Road/Alderston Drive.
DM also reported that youths were put off using the Carnegie skateboard facility because the area is inadequately lit or policed and some youths are in fear of using the facility. The Community Council finds such a situation unacceptable and would pass this information to the Police.
- 4] **Madam Chairman's Report:** The chairman had nothing to report that was not covered later in the agenda.
- 5] **Secretary's Report Inc Correspondence:**
The Secretary briefed the meeting on the month's correspondence which was made available to the meeting.
The Secretary also reminded Community Councillors that the Transport Consultation meeting would be at the City Chambers on the 17th November from 10am until 4.30pm.
- 6] **Treasurer's Report:**
The Treasurer, Kate Findlay stated that the balance of the Community Council account stood at £2747.82 and presented a detailed statement to the meeting. A copy of this statement is attached.
- 7] **Bus Service – Feedback Opportunity:**
The Secretary advised the meeting that Alistair Wilkie of Fife Council would be attending the December meeting to address issues of transport and of bus services in particular. The following items were noted for reference to Alistair Wilkie. Issues raised included:-
Bus Shelters required for Alderston Drive and east-bound on Robertson Road between school and Co-Op. It was reported that the 55A sometimes doesn't run. There does not appear to be a bus 'stage' for Alderston Drive. Many examples were shown of tickets being issued for the wrong destinations. Does this affect the amount of grants received by Stagecoach? A circular bus was suggested following the QMH-Asda-Abbeyview-Crematorium-Town Centre route. It was suggested that the D19 could route via Alderston Drive once an hour. The issue of availability of Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Perth buses was also raised.



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8] **Community Council Boundary:**

The Secretary read out a letter from David Henderson of Fife Council and showed the meeting the attached explanatory map. The proposed change to move the area marked, north of the railway crossing at Halbeath, into the Halbeath Community Council area was approved unanimously. The Secretary was asked to write to David Henderson with this response.

9] **Council:**

Issues raised included...

- **Lorimer Gardens & South Bellyeoman Farm Update:** The objections to the planning application at Lorimer Gardens had been lodged by the Secretary. A member of the public noted that he believed that the site had been valued at £220,000 but had been sold or was to be sold by Fife Council to Kingdom Housing for £45,000. Some discussion ensued. The Secretary informed the meeting that, as at the previous meeting, he had received information on this subject. Councillor Les Wood then confirmed to the meeting that he had provided the information to the Secretary. The Secretary had been asked, as per last meeting's minute, to find out more details by contacting Fife Council. The Secretary reported to the meeting that he had a quite difficult conversation with a Fife Council employee on this subject. The Secretary had been unable to obtain much information and had been told that it was of great concern that Community Council knew so much. He was also told that Community Councils were not permitted to have input in these decisions. The contact at Fife Council did confirm that the land, also in question, at South Bellyeoman Farm, was valued at £420,000 and was to be sold at market value for low cost housing. The Secretary had not named the individual at Fife Council and was given leave by the meeting to keep this confidential. Cllr Wood was asked to investigate these issues further.
- **Speed Bumps:** Cllr Wood would continue to press for further information about the severity of the speed bumps in Robertson Road. It was also reported that Fife Council would be introducing 20mph zones at schools over the next year or so. The Secretary had expressed a preference for time-limited 20mph zones as is being proposed in Strathclyde. Colin Gilbert stated that he understood they would be 24hr 20mph limits.
- **Robertson Road Flooding:** Still no rain, item carried forward.
- **Bellyeoman Road Yellow Lines:** Colin Gilbert suggested contacting Andy Jones about this topic and the parking in Robertson Road at Queen Margaret Hospital.
- **Alderston Drive Bus Shelter:** Cllr Wood would re-request this.
- **Skateboard Facility:** Covered under Matters Arising.
- **Whitefield Road Verge Parking:** The Secretary had photos of the verge parking problem. These would be passed to the Community Constable for reference.
- **Robertson Road Park – Limited Vehicular Access:** Cllr Wood was still to check into the options for a height limiting barrier.
- **Townhill-Kingseat Road - Advanced Give Way Sign:** It had been suggested that an advance give-way sign be erected further from the junction, coming from Townhill to help with safety. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that we should seek to extend the Whitefield Road 40mph zone up to the junction and west to the 30mph zone and east to the top of the rise towards Kingseat. Rumble strips would also add to safety in the area. Cllr Wood said he would investigate how we can move this idea forward.
- **Dog Fouling - Robertson Rd/Adamson Cres:** It was reported to the meeting that this was now in control. Dog Ticket Wardens were in training and education of dog owners is required.

10] **AOCB:**

- **Cycling on pavements:** Some discussion ensued on cycling on pavements. Whilst it was accepted that it was safer, in some places, for cyclists to take to pavements, they should always treat pedestrians properly and approach them safely. Given that many pavements share cycle ways this issue has become more important. The Secretary was asked to write a letter to schools in the area on this subject and send a copy to the Police.
- **New Church:** Arthur Ashton intimated to the meeting that the ground in Robertson Road where the new church would be built was being consecrated on 16th November.



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- **Salt Bins:** The issue of solid salt bins was raised. With a policy of leaving salt in the bins over the summer, the salt left can become 'solid'. Madam Chairman asked that the Council ensure all bins in the area are checked and made ready ahead of the cold weather. It was also reported to the meeting that Robert Wiseman employees have a habit of using some bins for storing empty milk bottles on their rounds. The Secretary was asked to write to Robert Wiseman on this issue. It was noted that the Council had installed the two extra grit bins requested for Farnell Way.
- **Xmas Lunch:** Arthur Ashton reported that he had the entertainment organised. Kate Findlay queried if new legislation might limit numbers for a future Xmas lunch. Colin Gilbert kindly offered to investigate this point. Everyone was asked to submit names of OAPs who would attend, to Kate Findlay or the Secretary by 28th November.
- **Keep Left Signs:** The two Keep Left signs on islands in Robertson Road were still broken. Cllr Wood will investigate.
- **Blue Paper Bins:** Residents were wondering when this area would see 'Blue Bins'. Cllr Wood would check this and see when they were due to be rolled out.
- **Kingseat Road Wall:** Cllr Wood was reminded that a section of wall on the Kingseat Road had been demolished. He promised to check this out.

11] DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The date & time of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10th December 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: