



# Bellyeoman Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December 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, Cllr. Les Wood, J Leslie, J Miller, C Taylor, A Currie & Alistair Wilkie (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 Arthur Ashton and seconded by Tom Brand.
- 3] **Matters Arising From Minutes:**  
The Secretary intimated that he had written to Dave Manderson re the Skateboard facility; Updated the meeting on the Lorimer Gardens issues; Had spoken with Andy Jones of Fife Council and they would arrange a site visit in the New Year to review the items in question; Memo to schools and Community PC; Colin Gilbert had confirmed hall capacity for OAP lunch; The 'Blue Bins' had arrived, therefore this item had not been chased.  
There were no other matters arising from the minutes that were not catered for elsewhere in the Agenda.
- 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 reported on the small amount of correspondence received this month.  
The Secretary was asked to write to Peter Howden and query the necessity of a Fife Skatepark Coordinator.  
The Secretary was also asked to write to the Police about the alleged problems at the Carnegie Skateboard facility. Cllr Wood noted that he would be raising these issues at a meeting he had on Thu 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003.  
The Secretary was asked to write to Fife Council asking why the CC planning objections were invalid. The Secretary expressed his concern that should this development be granted permission then a resubmission might see the bungalow being changed into another 3 storey block.  
The Secretary was instructed to raise the Lorimer Gardens land sale issue with Audit Scotland.
- 6] **Treasurer's Report:**  
The Treasurer, Kate Findlay stated that the balance of the Community Council account stood at £2748.44, the only change being 68p interest since the last meeting.
- 7] **Bus Service Alistair Wilkie, Fife Council:**  
Mr Wilkie (AW) gave an outline of the Fife Council Transportation Framework and explained that he was based in the offices at 15 East Port., Dunfermline.  
The following answers were given to the questions raised:
  1. 55A: sometimes doesn't run; no stage for Alderston Drive. This query has been passed to Fife Council Bus Network Planning and to Stagecoach in Fife. AW shall issue an update in due course.
  2. Where to: Many tickets have wrong destination.  
As explained, for Concessionary fares, operators are currently paid the average adult fare on the service. The issue of a ticket is sufficient, therefore, to register a trip and to prompt payment. Noting the correct destination is not required, but a ticket must be issued.  
Fife Council and the operators are moving towards correct fare reimbursement for concessionary travel and, as such, correct destinations will need to be used by drivers when this becomes policy. In this event, passengers receiving a ticket with an incorrect destination should inform both operator and Council accordingly so that drivers and reimbursements can be corrected.
  3. Circular Bus: QMH, Asda, Abbeyview, Crematorium, Town Centre. This query has been passed to Fife Council Bus Network Planning and to Stagecoach in Fife. AW shall issue an update in due course.
  4. D19: Once an hour via Alderston Drive please. This query has been passed to Fife Council Bus Network Planning and to Stagecoach in Fife. AW shall issue an update in due course.
  5. Availability of Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy & Perth buses. This query has been passed to Fife Council Bus Network Planning and to Stagecoach in Fife. AW shall issue an update in due course.
  6. Bus Shelter for Alderston Drive. As discussed, passenger usage will be surveyed again in this area. I have arranged for all of the stops in both directions on Alderston Drive to be surveyed. This will most likely take place early in the new year. AW shall advise you of the outcome on completion.  
The meeting you expressed their reservations regarding the efficacy of Fife Council's Bus Stop Assessment methodology. AW noted that whilst we were correct that the current methodology does not provide a statistically robust outcome, the assessment has been proven, through application, to provide an effective and workable measure for the comparison of sites. This allows the Council to apportion the limited resources available for bus stop infrastructure to best effect across the network.
  7. Speed Bumps. I can confirm that the existing speed cushions in Robertson Road were surveyed following the carriageway repairs and found to be within the specified height range (maximum height 100mm). The cushions on the eastbound carriageway are to be narrowed in width to accommodate ambulances. The Secretary queried the angle of the cushion slopes, etc., These would be passed to the Traffic Management Team.



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8. Roundabout at Robertson Rd / Whitefield Road. There were no firm plans for this at present, but the comment will be added to the Area Transport Plan consultation process. The Secretary noted that it had previously been included in the Area Transport Plan.
9. 40mph extension up Whitefield road and right to top of rise towards Kingseat and left up to the 30mph at Townhill trig point. There are no plans for this at present, but the comment will be added to the Area Transport Plan consultation process.
10. Bellyeoman Road yellow lines. Andy Jones of the Traffic Management Team is to meet with CC in the new year to discuss this issue.
11. Whitefield Road Verge Parking. Again, Andy Jones of the Traffic Management Team is to meet with CC in the new year to discuss this issue.
12. Kingseat bypass and new connection (half junction) onto M90 at Loch Fitty. The new North Dunfermline Junction for vehicles travelling north or coming from the north to the top of Dunfermline. This would lighten traffic levels at Halbeath as the DEX development adds to traffic levels in Halbeath. There are no plans for such a junction and this has not been identified within the Area Transport Plan for West Fife.
13. Forth Crossings to Edinburgh / The South. This was a matter for the Scottish Executive and was currently under review.
14. Congestion Charging in Edinburgh. Information on Fife Council's viewpoint, additional to that provided at the meeting, can be obtained from the Fife Direct website.

Thanks were given to Alistair Wilkie for giving of his time and answering the queries to the best of his ability. It was hoped that some of the follow-up issues would be resolved early in the New Year.

**8] Townhill Road PO Closure:**

This matter was discussed and members noted that they were under the impression that the Postmaster was due to retire and that with the new disabled access legislation due in 2004, would mean the PO would fail access requirements and therefore may be due to close anyway. The view was expressed that the Co-Op across the road could be approached to open a PO counter. It was agreed that the CC would watch developments on this issue.

**9] Police – Community Consultation:**

The Police Consultation letter was discussed. The Secretary was asked to respond on the issues of Call Centre; Callout Times; Beat Police; Zero-Tolerance; Visibility; Legislation.

**10] Council:**

Many items on the Agenda in this section have already been covered or will be addressed by a site visit with Andy Jones (Fife Council) in the New Year. Other issues raised included...

- **South Bellyeoman Farm:** No known change.
- **Robertson Road Park – Limited Vehicular Access:** Still no solution.
- **Townhill Road Pavement:** Cllr Wood continues to press for this pavement to be resurfaced. It has been in a terrible state for many years and although it is technically 'in the country', it is a safe route to school.

**11] AOCB:**

**Alderston Drive Steering Group:** The Secretary asked if he could put this item on the January agenda.

**Forth Road Bridge Roadworks:** Members were invited to submit their views on the proposed roadworks for summer 2004 to FETA.

**Community Council Insurance:** It was agreed that CC should investigate the insurance cover provided by Fife Council and check if it covers such items as the OAP lunch.

**Xmas OAP Lunch:** Details of the lunch were discussed and certain members agreed to help with setup on the Sunday evening and at the lunch on the Monday.

**12] DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The date & time of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at 7.00pm in the James Allan Centre, Paton Street, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date: