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Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 19:00hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Dunfermline.

ACTION

PRESENT:

Community Councillors & Councillors		Members of the public
C.Cllr Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman)	WA	Mary Whyte
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	GAW	Alan Whyte
C.Cllr Richard Davison (Treasurer)	RD	Jan Carter
C.Cllr Anne Omond		Peter Mitchell
C.Cllr Keith Omond		Guy Sidey
		Eric Keenan
		M. Mackay
		I. Hamilton
		L. Cameron

- 1] Welcome and Apologies: Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from C.Cllr John Dudgeon, C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane, Cllr Ian Ferguson, Cllr Gavin Ellis (GE), Cllr Helen Law (HL), PC Lee Morris, PC Carol Crawford, Craig White, Alan MacAskill, Peter Collyer, Paul Okroj, Ross Cassidy and William Muir.
- **2] Police Report:** There was no report but PC Lee Morris had asked for any Police matters to be relayed to him after the meeting.
 - **a.** The Chair had spoken to Bellyeoman Primary School the day before the meeting and they had reported recent vandalism issues in the playground. The meeting was informed that our planters at the school had been upturned on a number of occasions and the Secretary was asked to report this to the Community Police Officers. Thanks was recorded for C.Cllr Richard Davison's work in clearing up the mess on this most recent incident and to the street orderly for his help previously.

3] Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. They were proposed by C.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Richard Davison.

4] Tasks Update from Minutes:

- i. The Secretary had contacted John O'Neill about the positioning of the bench and planters near Lauriston Nursery and a site visit was planned with John O'Neill for Friday 23 February 2018. An update would be made to the next Community Council meeting.
- ii. The Secretary had started drafting the letter re Paton Street and this was circulating between interested parties for verification.
- iii. Cllr Law had been asked to provide a legal response from the Council on abandoned areas, specifically the Alderston Drive Tree Belt. Cllr Law had only received a general reply and was seeking something more detailed.
- iv. Cllr Ellis had forwarded information on the new TRA covering the Donald Street area to the Secretary.

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٧.	Cllr Law had not provided an update on the Townhill Cycle Path steps. We do	<u>ACTION</u>
	not know is she has contacted Andy Brown or if we are anywhere nearer	
	having this work completed as we rapidly approach a 12-month overrun.	HL
vi.	Madam Chairman had contacted the CoOp again about their fencing and	
	bushes and was frustrated with the lag of progress. She would continue to	WA
	press for action.	
vii.	Potential New Members. The Secretary had contacted those who had	
	expressed an interest at the last meeting. Two nominations were to be	
	considered at this meeting and some more were expected to be forthcoming	
	at the March 2018 meeting.	
viii.	Cllr Ellis had not provided any updates on the seepage and ice issues reported	GE
	on the lower cycle path and cemetery. Task carried forward.	
ix.	Cllr Law had been asked to query pavement snow clearing and gritting	HL
	priorities for streets at altitude. Whilst Cllr law had not provided any feedback	
	on this issue, members noted that there had been an improvement in the	
	service provided during recent snowy spells. It was further reported that grit	
	bins were not being refilled despite requests being correctly made to Fife	HL
	Council. Cllr Law was asked to inquire about this.	
х.	Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the CoOp lane bushes.	HL
xi.	Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the anti-skid surface at the north end	HL
	of Bellyeoman Road.	
xii.	Feedback was awaited from Cllr Ellis on the overgrowing ivy and trees at	GE
	properties off Townhill Road.	
xiii.	Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the 20mph signage issues in the Queen	HL
	Margaret Fauld area.	

The Meeting asked the Secretary to record our collective disappointment on the almost complete lack of feedback from Councillors on their action points from the last meeting.

5] Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:

There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.

6] Officers' Reports:

- a. Chair: Madam Chairman had nothing to report.
- **b.** *Secretary:* The Secretary noted the following points:
 - i. *Fife Council Waste Strategy.* Consultation on this is now under way and a public meeting was due to be held on 15 February 2018 in the Carnegie CC from 7-9pm.
 - **ii. Community Council Funding Meeting.** This meeting had been postponed due to bad weather and we await it being re-arranged.
 - **iii. Street Lighting:** New street lighting was due to be installed in various areas including Christie Street. The Secretary had received email

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communication from a resident Fife Council on this matter. The issues appeared to have been resolved.

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- **c.** *Treasurer:* The Treasurer updated the meeting on progress with changing signatories at the bank. Whilst no great progress had been made, he had received a blank statement from the bank correctly addressed.
- 7] Dunfermline Speed Limits Consultation: It was reported to the meeting that a motion had been submitted to the Dunfermline Area Committee to cap limits to 30mph and continue the expansion of 20mph limits in residential areas. Members were asked to feedback their view to the Secretary so that he could compile a response from the Community Council.

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- 8] Potholes Whitefield Road / Kingseat Road (B912): This matter had been reported to Councillors for action. Some of the potholes were considerable and could have posed a danger to cyclists as well as being potentially damaging to other vehicles.
- **9] Townhill Cycle Path Flooding:** In the recent heavy rains this path had been impassable near Townhill. The Secretary had reported this directly to John O'Neill who had added it to his list of works.
- **10] Townhill Road Residential Development:** The meeting noted the plans to build 90 residential properties off Townhill Road to the north of Kent Street.
- 11] North Dunfermline Community Group: The Secretary informed the meeting that the North Dunfermline Community Group was looking to become properly constituted and that they were seeking support from the Community Council. After considering this matter, the Community Council unanimously agreed to support the North Dunfermline Group. We had found their input extremely useful when considering strategic planning issues affecting our area. The Secretary was asked to pass on our decision to Gordon Harvey.

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12] Ongoing Issues:

- a. Taylor Wimpey Applications. No update at this stage.
- **b. Paton Street Developments.** A lengthy discussion was held about the ongoing issues at the Campion Homes development off Paton Street. As reported earlier, the joint letter from residents, the Community Council and Fife Councillors to the Planning Department was nearing completion. The letter would be finalised as soon as possible.

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- c. BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).
 - i. The placement of the Lauriston Nursery bench and planters would be discussed during a site visit with John O'Neill on Friday 23 February 2018.
 - ii. C.Cllr Richard Davison had tidied the vandalised planters at Bellyeoman Primary School and would investigate securing them to the ground.

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d.	Alderston Drive Trees. This matter is ongoing as we await legal advice sought by Cllr Law.	ACTION HL
e.	Band Hall / Paton Street Hall. There was no update available.	
f.	Townhill Cycle Path. As per the tasks above (4v), update awaited from Cllr Law.	HL
g.	CoOp fencing and bushes. This issue is ongoing.	
h.	CC Strategic Plan. Work on the strategic plan will recommence once the new	WA
	Community Council members have been co-opted.	
i.	Queen Margaret Station Car Park surfacing. We await an update from Cllr Law.	
		HL

13] Councillors' Reports: In the absence of any elected members there were no reports from Councillors.

14] AOCB:

a. Two new Community Councillors were nominated and unanimously co-opted as follows:

Name	Proposer	Seconder		
Alan MacAskill	Wilma Allday	Graeme Whyte		
William Muir	Richard Davison	Wilma Allday		
The Secretary would take the necessary action to update records.				

- b. Eric Keenan talked to the meeting about the Bellyeoman depot site and plans for its redevelopment. Mr Keenan thanked C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane for his input and advice. The Community Council agreed to continue to liaise with Mr Keenan and the other local residents on this matter. We were all keen to enter into dialogue with any potential developer as soon as possible to ensure the best outcome for all concerned and a key objective was to keep the north wall intact with no vehicular access.
- **c.** Members of the Leys Park Road TRA introduced themselves and a warm welcome was extended to them from the Chair. While their properties were strictly in the Dunfermline Central Ward, it was understood that some issues in Bellyeoman may affect them and vice versa. They agreed to keep in contact.
- **d.** Alan Whyte commented that he had contacted Fife Council re snow clearance issues and after 15 days had not received a reply while a Councillor had done the same thing and received a reply within 3 days.
- **e.** Residents had asked the Secretary about the Breedons Quarry site in Kingseat Road which appears to have shutdown. The Secretary had contacted Breedons asking for information on this matter but had yet to receive a reply.

15] Date and Time of Next Meeting: Madam Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 19:00hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:20hrs.

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