



# Bellyeoman Community Council

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

### **PRESENT:**

Community Councillors & Councillors		Members of the public
C.Cllr Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman)	WA	Alan Whyte
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	GAW	Mary Whyte
C.Cllr Anne Omond		Jan Carter
Cllr Gavin Ellis	GE	Alan Hutcheson
Cllr Ian Ferguson	IF	Jim Drummond
C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane	IM	Audrey Drummond
C.Cllr Keith Omond		Aileen Farlam
C.Cllr William Muir		Catherine Appleby

- 1] **Welcome and Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from C.Cllr John Dudgeon, C.Cllr Richard Davison (Treasurer), C.Cllr Alan MacAskill, Cllr Helen Law (HL), PC Lee Morris, PC Carol Crawford, Peter Collyer, Ross Cassidy and Paul Okroj.  
A tribute was recorded to Judy Broderick who died recently. Judy had been a stalwart supporter of the Community Council over many years and will be greatly missed by all who worked with her.
- 2] **Police Report:** There was no report. Madam Chairman reported that following C.Cllr Richard Davison securing the planter and bench to the ground near the primary school, no further incidents of vandalism had occurred.
- 3] **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. They were proposed by C.Cllr Wilma Allday and seconded by C.Cllr Keith Omond.
- 4] **Tasks Update from Minutes:**
  - i. The Secretary had reported the planter issues to the Police. The Police suggested that we contact the Primary School to advise pupils to look after the planters.
  - ii. The Secretary updated the meeting on the issues about the Lauriston Park path. The unfinished path edges would be completed. A spotlight had been erected on the lighting column in Colliston Road. It was noted that this only lit the steps and a small section of the path. Further requests will be made for proper lighting for the path
  - 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. *No update.*
  - iv. Cllr Law had not provided an update on the Townhill Cycle Path steps. We do not know if she has contacted Andy Brown or if we are anywhere nearer having this work completed as we rapidly approach a 12-month overrun. The Secretary had made enquiries and the Fife Council Youth Team would be carrying out the work later in the month.



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- v. Madam Chairman had contacted the CoOp again about their fencing and bushes and was frustrated with the lag of progress. She would continue to press for action.
- vi. Cllr Ellis is to meet with officers about the seepage and ice issues reported on the lower cycle path and cemetery.
- vii. Cllr Law had been asked to query pavement snow clearing and gritting 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 Council. Cllr Law was asked to inquire about this. No update, carried forward.
- viii. Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the CoOp lane bushes.
- ix. Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the anti-skid surface at the north end of Bellyeoman Road.
- x. Feedback was awaited from Cllr Ellis on the overgrowing ivy and trees at properties off Townhill Road. This was now in hand and officers would be investigating.
- xi. Feedback was awaited from Cllr Law on the 20mph signage issues in the Queen Margaret Fauld area.
- xii. Dunfermline Speed Limit Consultation: It was agreed that the Secretary formulate a response for the summer deadline.
- xiii. The secretary had written to the North Dunfermline Group giving Bellyeoman CC's support.
- xiv. The letter to Pam Ewen from BCC, Cllrs and residents had been sent by the Secretary. A response had been received just before the meeting from a subordinate, Mr Hamilton. The response was felt to be risible and raised more questions about the competency of the Fife Planning Department than it answered.
- xv. The site visit with John O'Neill went well and Mr O'Neill was to action points on the path edges, tarring of a small section of the pavement in Robertson Road at the entrance to Lauriston Nursery and he would inquire about path lighting. The placing of the seat and planters may be determined by development of the land to be taken up by the Nursery.
- xvi. C.Cllr Richard Davison had secured the seat and planters to the ground at the Primary School. Thanks were recorded to Richard for his quick response and work on this issue.
- xvii. We are still awaiting a response from Cllr Law on the Council legal opinion on the tree belt in Alderston Drive.
- xviii. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane is continuing to work on the Strategic Plan and is meeting with the Chair and Secretary to progress this matter.
- xix. The Secretary had received a reply from Breedons about their quarry site off Kingseat Road. It is understood that it is now no longer in use or required, although a number of years are left on the lease.



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## 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 only additional item to report was that Carol Millar (Fife Council) would be updating our contact details on the Fife Council website.
- c. **Treasurer:** Nothing to report.

## 7] Cold Weather Issues:

A wide ranging discussion ensued on the numerous issues encountered during this winter's cold and wintry spells. Given the lessons that should have been learned from 2009 and 2010, it appeared that Fife Council had no real strategic plan to deal with bad weather. Suggestions made by residents in Neidpath Place were fed into the discussion and Cllr Ian Ferguson would be feeding all the information back to the Council.

## 8] Election Rules for Community Council:

Correspondence had been received detailing a tidying up of the election rules. It was agreed that these appeared to be in order.

## 9] Ongoing Issues:

- a. **Taylor Wimpey Applications.** Cllr Ferguson suggested that due to the strategic nature of the proposed development, there would be a delay in any planning decision.
- b. **Paton Street Developments.** Given the recent correspondence, it was agreed that a press release be issued to the Courier and the Dunfermline Press. This should focus on the closeness of the new houses to existing homes; and the height and finish of the gabion basket wall.
- c. **BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).** Progress on this topic this year will be small. We await the outcome of the Lauriston Nursery extension plans. Also, with the loss of Judy Broderick and her input, a replacement will be sought to take these plans forward for spring 2019.
- d. **Alderston Drive Trees.** This matter is ongoing as we await legal advice sought by Cllr Law.
- e. **Band Hall / Paton Street Hall.** There was no update available.
- f. **Townhill Cycle Path.** Work on the steps is to start later this month. The flooding issues are to be investigated by John O'Neil's team.
- g. **CoOp fencing and bushes.** This issue is ongoing and in hand with the Chair.
- h. **CC Strategic Plan.** This is being progressed at a meeting on 16 March.
  
- i. **Queen Margaret Station Car Park surfacing.** Some potholes had been repaired.
- j. **Dunfermline Speed Limits Consultation.** This had been dealt with at item 4.xii.
- k. **Bellyeoman Depot Site.** It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda and Cllrs would find out what information they could about any proposed development.



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## 10] Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Ian Ferguson mentioned the Green Belt / Common Good Fund issues being consulted upon. The only Green Belt land in our area is that at the phone masts between Alderston Drive and Town Hill viewpoint.

Craigmyle Street flooding was being investigated.

Paton Street road surface was being investigated with a view to being resurfaced.

## 11] AOCB:

- a. The ladies from the new TRA were welcomed to the meeting.
- b. The lids on the Paton Street recycling bins needed fixing to prevent rubbish blowing away.
- c. Paving outside the James Allan Centre in Paton Street had been lifted and relaid.
- d. There are ongoing issues of seepage at the James Allan Centre and the path from the Campion Homes development.
- e. The start time of meetings was discussed. It was agreed to trial a 7.30pm start time until the end of September 2018, to see if this helps those attending who may be delayed commuting back to the area.
- f. A communal garden proposal has been made for the Donald Street and Lauder Street areas.

**12] 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the new later start time of 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:35hrs.