



Bellyeoman Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Dunfermline.

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PRESENT:

Community Councillors & Councillors

C.Clr Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman)
C.Clr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)
C.Clr Anne Omond
C.Clr Keith Omond
C.Clr Alan MacAskill
Cllr Gavin Ellis
Cllr Ian Ferguson
Cllr Helen Law

Members of the public

Alan Whyte
Mary Whyte
Jan Carter
Peter Mitchell
Myra Parkes
Peter Parkes
Eric Keenan
Chris Keenan

- 1] **Welcome and Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from C.Clr John Dudgeon, C.Clr Ian MacFarlane, C.Clr Richard Davison (Treasurer), C.Clr William Muir, PC Lee Morris, PC Carol Crawford, & Louise Cameron.
- 2] **Police Report:** PC Lee Morris had supplied a report. This was read to the meeting and a copy of the most recent Police Report is made available on the Community Council website.
- 3] **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. They were proposed by C.Clr Anne Omond and seconded by C.Clr Wilma Allday.
- 4] **Tasks Update from Minutes:**

The tasks from the previous meeting were updated as follows. It was agreed that, in future, tasks would be an appendix to the minute and would also be available from the Community Council website.

 - i. Lauriston Park Path Lighting. Cllr Law had received a reply from Ken Gourlay saying that the Council would not provide lighting due to the ongoing maintenance burden. Members found this excuse for inaction to be unacceptable and Cllr Law agreed to follow this matter up.
 - ii. Alderston Tree Belt. Cllr Law told the meeting that Andrew Ferguson from Fife Council had agreed to send out another letter to the residents involved pointing out their legal duties in their Title Deeds. This move was welcomed and the meeting asked that the Secretary liaise with Mr Ferguson via Cllr Law on the wording of the letter and to review previous attempts made by the Community Council. Cllr Law agreed to follow this up.
 - iii. The repair work to the Townhill Cycle Path steps was now complete and thanks were recorded to those involved. Cllr Law reported that Andy Brown, Fife Council, had apologised for the delay in the implementation of these repair works.
 - iv. The anti-skid surface had never been replaced at the north end of Bellyeoman Road after it was resurfaced. Cllr Law agreed to follow up on this matter.
 - v. Cllr Ellis reported that enforcement notices were being sent from the Council to the owners of the properties in Townhill Road who have the ivy overgrowing the public footpath.



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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 secretary reported on the following matters:

- i. The Design Dunfermline initiative is due to take place from 25-29 April 2018. Further details available on the Community Council website.
- ii. The secretary had written to John Anderson about a resident's concerns over the restrictions in Methven Drive due to the ongoing street lamp replacement works. The Community Council were happy with Mr Anderson's reply.
- iii. Food bin bag posters had been received and Wilma agreed to put one on the CC noticeboard.
- iv. A poster had been received about an alopecia initiative in the summer and this was circulated.

c. **Treasurer:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Madam Chairman reported that the CC bank accounts were now set up. It was agreed to send £100 to the Jean Mackie Centre and £100 to Bellyeoman Primary School.

7] Queen Margaret Hospital Garden Funding:

The CC supported this initiative by volunteers to create a hospice garden. The CC agreed to a £50 donation to the group.

8] Ongoing Issues:

a. **Taylor Wimpey Applications.** There was no update available at this time.

b. **Paton Street Developments.** The meeting was updated on the various issues and correspondence on this matter. A press release was discussed and agreed given the unsatisfactory responses from senior Fife Council officials. A question was raised over the sale of the triangle of land to a householder by Fife Council, who we understand do not even own the land. The latest issue surrounds the construction of boundary fences. *Madam Chairman noted just how angry the Community Council is about the inconsiderate behaviour of certain officers in the Planning Department.*

c. **BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).** The primary school planter has some flowers in it, despite the previous vandalism. The Church had planted a selection of flowers in the church planter. The Lauriston Park planter position was still to be finalised and was dependent upon discussion between the nursery and Fife Council.

d. **Alderston Drive Trees.** This matter was covered at 4.ii above.

e. **Band Hall / Paton Street Hall.** Cllr Law reported that the Council was considering steps to demolish the band hall after due process.

f. **Townhill Cycle Path.** This item was now complete and thanks recorded to those involved.

g. **CoOp fencing and bushes.** Wilma updated the meeting. The shrub areas are to be tidied and the entire car park to be resurfaced. The secretary was asked to write to John O'Neil about the ivy triangle at the entrance to the CoOp car park.



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- h. CC Strategic Plan.** C.Cllrs would meet on 25 April to take this forward.
- i. Dunfermline Speed Limits Consultation.** Cllrs agreed to fight for a 30mph limit on Whitefield Road.
- j. Bellyeoman Depot Site.** Discussion of this matter ensued and Cllr Ferguson agreed to contact Bill Lindsay to suggest the Council use this development as an example of good practice in terms of early and effective community and Community Council engagement. It was also noted that the historic prison wall was not a Listed structure. Cllr Law agreed to investigate what would be required to apply for Listing of the old prison wall.
- k. Cold Weather Issues.** Cllr Ferguson advised that a sub-committee of Fife Council was due to meet to discuss all the issues and lessons that could be learned from this winter's cold weather issues. Cllr Law suggested that the CC adopt a Resilience Strategy to mitigate against some of the issues experienced. The CC agreed this is a good idea and would include this topic in forthcoming CC Strategic Plan meetings.

9] Councillors' Reports:

- a.** Cllr Ian Ferguson commented on Dunfermline wide flooding problems. Once the immediate damp spell passes, residents were asked to feedback any lingering flooding issues to the Council and they will be used as part of a wider investigation into flooding issues in Dunfermline North.
- b.** Cllr Ellis agreed to contact John O'Neil to check on the status of the flooding problems on the Townhill Cycle path, near Townhill.
- c.** Cllr Ellis updated the meeting on flooding and seepage issues on the lower railway track, near the Cemetery. Sustrans are looking for a long-term solution to the problems and Fife Council are considering temporary solutions. The Secretary suggested that due the lack of ongoing drainage maintenance over the last 20 years by successive Councils, part of the problem we are now experiencing could be down to these false economies.

10] AOCB:

- a.** It was noted that the footpath on the north end of Bellyeoman Road was in poor repair. Cllr Ellis agreed to take up this matter. It was mentioned that some potholes had been previously marked with yellow paint for repair, but the repairs had never taken place and the yellow marks had since worn away.
- b.** The Kingseat Road from Halbeath level crossing to Kingseat is in an atrocious state with many sections unable to accommodate two vehicles passing each other due to the potholes due to the potholes and washed away road edges. While we understand this road is in the 2018/19 repairs schedule, Cllr Ferguson agreed to chase this up as a priority and see when repairs can be carried out.
- c.** It was noted that a new speed monitoring display sign would be erected on the northbound Townhill Road at its southern end, heading uphill from Leys Park Road roundabout.
- d.** Madam Chairman once again mentioned the dip in the Robertson Road pavement outside the CoOp. This section becomes badly flooded at times and affects everyone including children walking to the nursery and primary schools. The footpath across the road,



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heading south, also runs with water and in cold weather becomes a 'sheet of ice'. Cllr Law agreed to write to Ian Jones about these issues.

- e. The Townhill cycle path has suffered from flooding issues. Cllr Ellis would follow this up.
- f. The Secretary raised the issue of the norm of a safety barrier being placed at the end of footpaths which lead straight on to a busy road. The new path in Lauriston Park has no barrier where it exits on to Robertson Road. Cllr Ellis would raise this with the Council.
- g. The Secretary drew the meetings attention to proposed changes to Stagecoach bus timetables from May 2018. Links to the information about the listed services were available on the CC website.

11] 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 9th May 2018, once again, 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 21:20hrs.