



Bellyeoman Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Dunfermline.

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Sederunt: (Present / Apologies):

Community Councillors & Councillors:

C.Cllr Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman)	P	C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane (Vice-Chairman)	P
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	P	C.Cllr Richard Davison (Treasurer)	P
C.Cllr Ross Cassidy	P	C.Cllr John Dudgeon	P
C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	A	C.Cllr William Muir	A
C.Cllr Anne Omond	P	C.Cllr Keith Omond	P
Cllr Gavin Ellis	P	Cllr Ian Ferguson	A
Cllr Helen Law	P		

Others:

PC Kirsty Kay	P	PC Jim Graham	P
Peter Collyer	A	Alan Whyte	P
Mary Whyte	P	David O'Donnell	P
John McDonald	P	Frances Henderson	P
Lynne Paton	P	Janet Gilmour	P

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.
- 2. Police Report:** PC Kirsty Kay & PC Jim Graham were welcomed to the meeting and presented their report. The crime stats were encouraging, suggesting we enjoy a low level of crime in our area. It was noted that needles had been found in bushes in the CoOp lane. Some of the bushes had subsequently been cut back by the Council. Issues of speeding were discussed across the area and PC Graham stated that he would be carrying out several speed checks in the affected areas. The meeting was reminded that the CC email address for the Community Police is police@bellyeomancc.org.uk but should only be used for non-emergency communication. A copy of the most recent Police Report is 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.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday.
- 4. Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.
- 5. Officers' Reports:**
 - a. Chair:** Madam Chairman reported on the following issues:
 - i.** Fife Council have complained about low interest in Community Council Elections. Wilma noted the issues of poor communication from Fife Council officers and their resistance to communicating with the Community Council. A discussion ensued on why this might be the case and the effect it may have on interest in being a Community Councillor.



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ii. Madam Chairman updated the meeting on the resurfacing of the CoOp car park which had been completed earlier this week.

b. Secretary: The secretary reported on the following matters:

i. Residents had reported issues about road conditions in Ellon Place, including poor weed control and sunken drains. Cllr Helen Law was helping with these issues.

ii. The Secretary had written to Mike Melville at Fife Council thanking him and his team for their work in administering the Community Council Elections.

iii. The Secretary had communicated with Ewan Cameron of Lauriston Nursery, who were still in negotiations with Fife Council about the purchase of part of the park. Ewan asked if the CC would continue to lend its support for a pedestrian crossing point to serve the hospital and the nursery, as well as the wider community. The CC agreed to support this initiative whenever possible.

iv. The Secretary had been asked at the last meeting to contact the press re Planning Enforcement and Grit Bin issues. Considering the meeting organised with Champion Homes and the positive communication with Mr Little about the grit bins, it was thought that this action was not appropriate at this time. This was agreed.

v. The Secretary had circulated plans submitted for 5 Hawthorn Grove. It was agreed that no action be taken by the CC at this stage.

c. Treasurer: The Treasurer has reported that the CC bank balance stood at £7644.21. Expenditure had been on plants & compost and the email system annual charge. Part of the new CC strategy is to develop a funding application system to distribute funds to needy local projects.

6. CC Elections, October Meeting and CC Strategic Plan. It was reported that Fife Council had received nine valid nominations for Bellyeoman Community Councillors. The maximum number of Community Councillors allowed is twelve. Presuming no-one withdraws a nomination by 4.00pm on Friday 14 September 2018, then those nominated will form the new Community Council on 4 October 2018. Given the timing of this year's CC elections, amongst other issues, it has been agreed that there will be no CC public meeting in October this year. Therefore, the next public CC meeting, including the AGM, will be held on 14 November 2018.

A meeting of the new Community Councillors will be needed to plan the rollout of the new CC Strategy. It is hoped that all Community Councillors attend this meeting. It was agreed that this meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 October 2018.

7. Ongoing Issues:

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

b. Paton Street Developments. Madam Chairman, the Secretary and Mr & Mrs Carter met with Dougie Herd, Director of Champion Homes recently, facilitated by Pam Ewen of Fife Council. At the meeting, we learned that Fife Council had not passed on many of the Communities complaints to Champion Homes. Mr Herd was sympathetic to the



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issues that had arisen and was offering to assist with an improved boundary fence. He also stated that ongoing works were being planned to try to improve drainage near the old band hall. He also offered to meet on site with the CC to see what could be planted to improve the screening of the gabion wall. Mr Herd also said that the owner who had 'scalped' their fence was going to have to reinstate the fence to the proper height. Mr Herd also informed us that the sloped area within the north site would be planted with shrubs to allow for a low-maintenance area that would also be aesthetically pleasing. Mr Herd made the offer to replace the boundary fence of affected properties in Balvaird Place. The Secretary was liaising with residents on this matter. Hacking & Paterson have been appointed as the factor, which was welcome news. The CC agreed that in future, we should attempt to liaise with developers directly early on and not rely on the Council as intermediaries.

- c. BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).** The Lauriston Park planter was still subject to a successful outcome of negotiations between the nursery and Fife Council. Cllr Law agreed to see what is happening. The Church continue to maintain their planter which is very much appreciated, as is the work of the primary school with theirs. Cllr Law reported that in the Keep Scotland Beautiful awards, a Gold award was given to central Dunfermline and a Silver Gilt for the wider area.
- d. Alderston Drive Trees.** Cllr Law had previously intimated that she was helping to facilitate a meeting for residents to move this matter forward. This is still ongoing.
- e. Band Hall / Paton Street Hall.** Cllr Law had high hopes for a Nursery in this area, however Halbeath is the preferred site. The plans for the band hall are being progressed slowly as the Council establish authority to demolish it.
- f. Whitefield Road Speed Limit.** The Secretary updated the meeting on correspondence with Mr Phil Clarke of Fife Council. Mr Clarke refused a site meeting based on a lack of resources but did make a site visit without the courtesy of inviting the Community Council. Mr Clarke still refuses to entertain the request of this CC and the elected Cllrs. It was agreed to write to Mr Clarke advising him that the CC is keeping his response on file and in the event of injury or harm, the CC will refer to his decision.
- g. Bellyeoman Depot Site.** No update at this stage.
- h. Cold Weather Issues.** No update at this stage in the absence of Cllr Ferguson. It was noted that Fife Council appear to be leaving it rather late to learn from the past winter's experiences.
- i. Railing at Lauriston Nursery Park.** Cllr Ellis is still working on this issue despite the difficulties experienced dealing with Mr Phil Clarke of Fife Council. Once again, the CC and Cllrs are concerned about someone running/cycling out on to Robertson Road and being injured, despite Mr Clarke's optimism to the contrary.
- j. Townhill Path Flooding.** Nothing to report yet. Cllr Law has asked for an update.
- k. Kingseat - Halbeath Road. Extremely poor condition of carriageway.** Works were due to start on 9 September 2018.
- l. Lauriston Park Path Lighting.** Cllr Law updated the meeting. The lighting has been secured and Cllr Law is now working through the complex procedures in the Council of inter-departmental approval to fund and action the work.



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- m. **Bellyeoman Road Pavement (North End).** The pavement is in poor repair. Cllr Ellis reported that this is now due for resurfacing.
- n. **Grit Bin Cuts.** The Secretary reported to the meeting that Bill Liddle of Fife Council had taken on board the feedback from residents, the Community Council & Councillors. The grit bins that were of concern in our area are now being retained. The Community Council thanked Mr Liddle for working with the Community Council on this matter.

8. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Church Fun Day.** Cllrs Law & Ellis reported a successful day had been enjoyed and that over £800 had been raised.
- b. **Play Park in Paton Street.** Cllr Law reported that the Council is still working on improvements to the play park.

9. AOCB:

- a. **Stagecoach buses.** David O'Donnell reported the problem of dirty emissions from buses on routes around the hospital and through the Bellyeoman area. David had written to Stagecoach and has not had a response. It was suggested that the issue be raised with Brian Soutar directly. David O'Donnell agreed to write and copy in the CC. Cllr Law agreed to follow up this issue with the Transportation Dept. at Fife Council.
- b. **Bushes.** Frances Henderson raised the issue of bushes and the maintenance problems in Drummond Place. Cllrs would help to organise a solution to the issues.
- c. **Whitefield Road Surface.** C.Cllr Richard Davison raised the issue of the poor road surface at the north end of Whitefield Road, north of Robertson Road. It was noted that the surface had been marked as if awaiting resurfacing. Cllr Ellis agreed to investigate the issue.
- d. **CoOp Lane Maintenance.** Members reported problems of no/poor maintenance and the issue of grass cuttings left strewn across the path. Cllrs agreed to report back the complaint to John O'Neil so that the relevant team could be informed.
- e. **Hospital banking in Robertson Road.** This is due for maintenance now that the Council realise that this land belongs to the Council rather than the Hospital.
- f. **Robertson Road Park Path.** The Secretary raised the issue of the deteriorating condition of the path through the park and asked how this could be added to a future maintenance scheme. Cllr Law agreed to investigate.
- g. **CoOp puddle.** Cllr Ellis agreed to take up the issue of the big puddle across the pavement near to the CoOp entrance in Robertson Road.

- 10. **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 November 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:15hrs.