



Bellyeoman Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 14 November 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	A	C.Cllr John Dudgeon	
C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	P	C.Cllr William Muir	A
C.Cllr Keith Omond	P	Cllr Helen Law	P
Cllr Gavin Ellis	A	Cllr Ian Ferguson	P

Others:

PC Kirsty Kay	P	PC Jim Graham	P
Anne Omond	P	Alan Whyte	P
Mary Whyte	P	Peter Collyer	P
Ruth Watson	P	Norma Farquharson	P
Alasdair McDonald	P	Ruth McDonald	P

AGM Business

- i. Madam Chairman, Wilma Allday, welcomed members to the meeting and asked Cllr Helen Law to take the chair to elect the office-bearers for the coming year. Cllr Law congratulated the CC on reforming at the recent election.
- ii. Cllr Helen Law took over for the election of office bearers. The existing office bearers were nominated en-bloc at their recent inaugural meeting on 23 October 2018. This had to be ratified at this AGM.

The nominees, proposers and seconders were as follows and these nominations were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Madam Chairman	Wilma Allday	Ian MacFarlane	Richard Davison
Vice-Chairman	Ian MacFarlane	Graeme Whyte	Keith Omond
Secretary	Graeme Whyte	Richard Davison	Wilma Allday
Treasurer	Richard Davison	Keith Omond	Ian MacFarlane

There being no other AGM business, the chair was handed back to C.Cllr Wilma Allday

Monthly Meeting Business

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. Overall crime figures in the area are quite low, which was welcomed. However particular issues included bad parking at the primary school; speeding issues in Bellyeoman Road; various issues of vandalism and firework related issues.



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3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. They were proposed by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane 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. Madam Chairman explained that the new Agenda was following a framework developed from the CC's Strategic Plan. It was agreed to use email addresses for each area, e.g. *planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk*. It was also agreed to work on a new 'corporate' look. William Muir & Richard Davison agreed to follow up the idea of asking the school to design a new logo.
 - b. **Secretary:** The secretary reported on the following matters:
 - i. A number of routine emails had been received and circulated to members for their attention. In addition, some routine matters had been reported through the Secretary to Cllr Law and Fife Council and these items are being acted upon and included: sunken drains in Ellon Place; sinking manhole in Farnell Way; and support for the Lauriston Nursery Development Plans.
 - c. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer reported that the CC bank balance stood at £7629.81.
 - i. The CC will look at allocating funds to each of the Strategic Plan areas when they next meet. Part of the new CC strategy is to develop a funding application system to distribute funds to needy local projects which will also be addressed.
 - ii. An application for a grant had been received from Balfour Court Retirement Housing to help with their Christmas Lunch. It was agreed to provide a grant of £100.
 - iii. It was also agreed to give £100 each to the Jean Mackie Centre and Bellyeoman Primary School.
 - iv. We also need to submit our annual return to Fife Council by 31/12/2018. This is now ready to be sent.
 - v. Next Strategic Plan Meeting date. C.Cllrs Ian MacFarlane and Graeme Whyte would liaise to arrange a suitable date.

The following headings 6 through 12 form part of the new Community Council Strategic Plan to help give a new and hopefully better order to matters of business.

6. **Planning - planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk**
 - a. **Taylor Wimpey Applications.** There was no update at this time.
 - b. **Paton Street Developments.** Madam Chairman and the Secretary had met with Dougie Herd, Director of Champion Homes in late October and it had been agreed that Champion Homes will remove the wall-screening plants that were not growing and replace them with a more suitable variety. Mr Herd also agreed to plant additional plants interspersed to improve the screening and to extend this planting along the



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length of the gabion wall. The sloped area was to be planted out with shrubs, but nothing has happened yet. Campion Homes were also to liaise directly with home owners about improvements to the boundary fence. The Secretary would ask Jan Carter to liaise with Dougie Herd directly on the boundary fence issue.

- c. **Bellyeoman Depot Re-Development.** Cllr Ferguson advised that the site is for sale and a developer is interested in low-density housing. The developer is said to be keen to work with the Community Council once they have plans
- d. **Kent Street Timeline.** It is not known what the timeline for this development is at the moment.

7. Public Services - publicservices@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **Whitefield Road Speed Limits.** It was requested that any speed monitoring be carried out on the immediate approaches to the mini-roundabout, in particular, to gauge any inappropriate approach speeds. The Secretary would pass this request on to the Community Police Officers who were organising this with Fife Council.
- b. **Grit Bin Cuts.** Many of the grit bins have been replaced by the Council which makes sense. Some have still to be replaced.
- c. **Whitefield Road Resurfacing.** It was noted that this work had started this week and was scheduled to take three weeks to complete.

8. Environment - environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).** This topic will be advanced at the next Strategic Plan meeting. Cllr Law suggested that one person takes this on as a project and can then be included in Dunfermline-wide support such as the Green Space Forum. It was suggested to use our Facebook page to recruit a suitably able and motivated volunteer(s).
- b. **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, and nothing has happened.
- c. **Band Hall, Paton Street.** The plans for the band hall are being progressed slowly as the Council establish authority to demolish it. Concern was raised that if there is asbestos in the building it may already be a danger to the public given the amount of vandalism inflicted on the shell of the building.
- d. **Railing at Lauriston Nursery Park.** Cllr Ellis had not provided an update on this.
- e. **Stagecoach bus emissions.** David O'Donnell had agreed to write to Stagecoach on this matter. There has been no update.
- f. **Drummond Place bushes.** They have been dealt with.
- g. **CoOp Lane Maintenance.** Ongoing, along with other areas.
- h. **Puddle at CoOp Pavement.** Cllr Ellis was looking at this. Nigel Hampton has taken over from Ian Jones at Fife Council. Ian Jones had not acted on this matter, so it was hoped Nigel Hampton will be more helpful. Cllr Helen Law agreed to follow this matter up with Nigel Hampton.



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9. Education - education@bellyeomancc.org.uk

As this brief will be developed in the New Year, there will be more to report then, in the meantime C.Cllr Richard Davison raised these points.

- a. **School Capacity.** Concern was raised about the lack of capacity in either Townhill or Bellyeoman Primary Schools. Cllr Ian Ferguson hinted that a new Primary School in Wellwood may be built sooner than planned if negotiations with the developer are successful.
- b. **Meeting with Schools.** Richard plans to meet with the schools and will ask the primary school if they are interested in designing a logo for the Community Council and he will discuss other issues.

10. Community Outreach - communityoutreach@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **Cold Weather Issues.** There was still no update at this stage and Cllr Ferguson did not know when or if the Council were planning to convene to learn from last winter's problems. It was noted that Fife Council appear to be leaving it too late to learn from the past winter's experiences which is highly regrettable given the disruption experienced earlier this year.
- b. **Community Resilience.** The latest *Community Emergency Resilience Newsletter* had been circulated by Fife Council and was now available from the Links page of the Community Council website.

11. Community Spirit - communityspirit@bellyeomancc.org.uk

There was nothing to report in this category. It is planned that a Community Councillor will be allocated this item of responsibility at the next Strategic Plan meeting.

12. PR & Marketing - prmarketing@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **Facebook.** C.Cllr William Muir was thanked for all the recent updates to our Facebook page.

13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **CC Review.** Cllr Law intimated that there will be a review of CCs next year which can include boundaries. More information will follow.
- b. **Carnegie Drive.** The problem with drainage had been resolved.
- c. **City Centre.** £1m of investment was being made in the City Centre. Cllr Law had managed to secure some of the funding to tidy up the Leys Park Road Car Park.
- d. **Kingsgate Car Park.** Cllr Law reported on problems drivers have experienced in the car park with faulty technology and no staff to help at certain times.
- e. **Council Tax Game.** Cllr Ian Ferguson will be playing a game at Baldridgeburn CC which aims to educate how the Council Tax is spent. Ian offered to bring this to a future meeting.
- f. **Lauriston Park Lighting.** Cllr Law hopes that the funds will be passed at next week's meeting for new lamp posts which includes the ones for Lauriston Park by the nursery.



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14. AOCB

- a. **Craigmyle Street.** Flooding problems there had been reported. Cllr Law stated that this issue is in the programme, so will be actioned in due course.
- b. **Kingseat-Halbeath Road.** Mr Alan Whyte noted that these works are now complete, and a good job has been done.
- c. **Strategic Plan.** C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane suggested that the Fife Cllrs may wish to divide the areas of the strategic plan amongst them. This idea will be progressed.

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 9th January 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Robertson Road, Dunfermline. The Community Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:05hrs.