



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 14 August 2019  
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 Alan MacAskill	P
C.Cllr William Muir	P	C.Cllr Keith Omond	P
Cllr Gavin Ellis	P	Cllr Ian Ferguson	A
Cllr Helen Law	A		

**Others:**

PC Kirsty Kay	A	PC Jen Fargie	A
Anne Omond	P	Alan Whyte	P
Mary Whyte	P	Ruth Watson	P
Norma Farquharson	P	Peter Collyer	A
Pearl Kilpatrick	P		

- Welcome and Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.
- Police Report:** PCs Kirsty Kay & Jen Fargie had provided a report which was published on our website. Recorded crimes and calls to the Police were broadly similar to previous reports and fortunately relatively low.  
Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email - [police@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:police@bellyeomancc.org.uk).
- 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 Keith Omond.
- Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**  
There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.
- Officers' Reports:**
  - Chair:** Madam Chairman reported on the following.
    - Replacement C.Cllrs.** Wilma noted the resignation of John Dudgeon from the Community Council. The Secretary had written and thanked John for all his work and support over many years. Wilma also noted that we could do with recruiting some new, active C.Cllrs. This should be a priority for the C.C over the coming months. C.Cllr William Muir is preparing an animated video for Facebook to help with recruitment.
  - Secretary:** The secretary reported on the following matters:
    - C.C. Meeting Venue.** In the effort to make the Community Council meetings as accessible as possible, it was proposed that the CC change their monthly meeting venue to the CR Smith Bistro from January 2020. This was agreed. The Chair agreed to convey our thanks to the Jean Mackie Centre for all their hospitality



over the years and that we would hope to continue to support them even after we move.

- ii. **C.C. Scheme Review.** The deadline for feedback had been extended, although the Secretary had already submitted the views of the C.C. There was now a small window to submit any additional comments.
  - iii. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated. In addition, a response from John O'Neil (Parks) updated the CC on various issues including the CoOp lane which is due for maintenance; the lower railway cycle path which had its bike gate removed for reasons of disability access; and the upkeep of path surfaces in the Bellyeoman Park. A general discussion ensued around green area maintenance and in some cases, the lack of it. Cllr Ellis suggested that we compile our concerns and send them to him, and he will gather the same from other CCs and take these constructive suggestions to the Parks Department.
- c. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer had reported to the Secretary that the CC bank balance remained unchanged at £7890.49.
- i. A draft Grant Funding Application policy has been circulated to members. After some discussion, it was agreed that Members would further agree a final draft in due course.
  - ii. Annual Grant Application – Fife Council. The Treasurer will check on progress. We have not yet received funds for 2019/20.

## 6. **Planning - [planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**

- a. **Taylor Wimpey Development.** There was no update on this matter.
- b. **Paton Street.** The following update was reported on planting on the Campion home site. Gabion wall - nothing has yet been planted. The Secretary was asked to once again write to Campion Homes. Campion Homes Director, Dougie Herd, first committed to replant trees and plant additional trees along the gabion wall in October 2018.
- c. **Bellyeoman Depot Re-Development.** The Secretary has written to Pam Ewen as requested. After a couple of email messages to and fro with Pam, she gave her assurance that her staff would encourage any developer of the Bellyeoman Depot site to consult with the Community Council at the earliest possible stage.
- d. **Kent Street.** This application has been before the Planning Committee and has been rejected by Councillors. It was felt that this was a victory for common sense and good planning, despite Council staff recommending it for approval. We await to see if the developer submits revised plans or seeks an Appeal.

## 7. **Public Services - [publicservices@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:publicservices@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**

- a. **Lauriston Park Safety Railing.** Cllr Ellis is still waiting to hear from Gillian Taylor of Fife Council about when the railing will be erected.
- b. **Whitefield Road Speed Limits.** No update at present.
- c. **Pedestrian Crossing - Lauriston Park/Robertson Road.** Discussion ensued on the reply received from Mr Clarke from Fife Council on this matter and his apparent



inappropriate bias. C.Cllr William Muir had agreed to take on this matter. The C.C. takes the safety of all pedestrians crossing our roads very seriously.

- d. **Paton Street Play Area.** Further discussions on possible funding solutions ensued and it was agreed that Cllr Law would brief the Community Council Officers on what might be involved, should the CC take on this project. It was also noted that should £170k be spent on playparks in the area, the CC would be keen that all play areas in our ward that require attention are looked at before any funding or spending is decided.

## 8. Environment - [environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk)

- a. **BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).**
  - i. **Bulbs for Nursery & Church.** The Treasurer had still to give the cheque to the Church. We look forward to seeing the Church and the Nursery planting bulbs in their grounds over the autumn.
- b. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** It is hoped that this project can be finalised over the coming months so that any works could be carried out in late winter / early spring 2020 to minimise the clearing required. At the moment the woodland floor is densely covered in nettles and bracken.
- c. **Alderston Drive Trees.** Cllr Law had previously intimated that she was helping to facilitate a meeting for residents to move this matter forward. She is investigating a new approach with Estates. This is still ongoing.
- d. **Band Hall, Paton Street.** Cllr Ellis reported on progress. The Council are awaiting disconnection from Scottish Power and has sent the demolition job out to tender.
- e. **Puddle at CoOp Pavement.** Cllr Ellis and the Secretary has received notification that the works will be carried out during the w/c 21 October 2019. Whilst the meeting expressed dismay at the delays involved, we were glad that we now had a date 'in the diary'. Council staff gave no explanation as to why they had not communicated sooner with the CC.
- f. **Virgin Cable - Works.** The main outstanding issue seemed to be the test mono block area in Neidpath Place and the area dug out for a comms cabinet at the entrance to the street which had been left untarred. The Chair had written to Kevin Hughes of Virgin Media about these issues. Whilst Mr Hughes said they would be completed; he gave no indication of when. It was suggested that the Chair forward the complaint to Rory Parker-Sherwood, cc to Cllr Ellis.
- g. **Alderston Drive Verges.** No progress had been made on controlling on-verge parking at Alderston Court or any of the other verge areas that required attention. Cllr Ellis to investigate options.

## 9. Education - [education@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:education@bellyeomancc.org.uk)

Nothing to report until Schools return.

## 10. Community Outreach - [communityoutreach@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:communityoutreach@bellyeomancc.org.uk)

- a. **Cold Weather Issues.** There was still no update. Cllr Ferguson had promised to bring an update to the Community Council. The CC expressed their concern on Cllr Ferguson's poor attendance at meetings.

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11. **Community Spirit - [communityspirit@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:communityspirit@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**

Nothing to report.

12. **PR & Marketing - [prmarketing@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:prmarketing@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**

Nothing to Report

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

Nothing additional to report.

14. **AOCB**

a. **Weedkilling.** The problem of weeds across the area was discussed.

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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:45hrs.