



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 9 October 2019  
at 19:30hrs in the Jean Mackie Centre, Dunfermline.**

v1.02

**Sederunt: ( Present / Apologies ):**

**Community Councillors & Councillors:**

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

**Others:**

PC Kirsty Kay	A	PC Jen Fargie	A
Anne Omond	A	Alan Whyte	P
Mary Whyte	P	Ruth Watson	P
Norma Farquharson	A	Peter Collyer	A
Frances Henderson	A	Liz Paterson	P

- Welcome and Apologies:** Madam Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded. Members were asked to declare any perceived conflicts of interest, but none were raised. Due to the number of attending C.Cllrs being low, the meeting was inquorate. As a result, any decisions made at this meeting would need to be ratified at the next CC meeting with a quorum. It was agreed to proceed with the meeting on that basis.
- Police Report:** PCs Kirsty Kay & Jen Fargie provided the following report. 18 crimes and 150 calls recorded. The parking issue which has been raised by Bellyeoman Primary School is being monitored. 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 (v1.01). They were proposed by C.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday.
- 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.** C.Cllr William Muir is continuing to work on an animated video which may aid recruitment to the C.C.
    - Date of next Strategy Meeting.** The next Strategy Meeting is to be held on Thursday 24 October 2019.
  - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
    - Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated. In addition, Members were reminded to check the website for the dates and venues of future meetings.

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- ii. An email and complaints had also been received from residents about maintenance issues at Alderston Gardens. The Secretary has written to the appropriate authority to seek actions.
    - iii. Another email was received about verge parking at Alderston Court. This item is detailed at 8.f below.
  - c. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer had reported that the CC bank balance was £7,804.09.
    - i. A draft Grant Funding Application policy is to be finalised at the next Strategy meeting.
    - ii. Annual Grant Application – Fife Council. The deadline is 31/12/2019. Audited accounts will be sent by that date too.
    - iii. Cllr Ferguson reported that at a recent Councillors meeting on 30 September 2019 it was noted that 4 CCs in the Dunfermline area had not yet applied for their annual grant, which included Bellyeoman. Cllr Ferguson also reported that they had discussed CCs with large amounts of cash in their bank accounts, although he did not indicate why this was relevant to the Councillors' who met.
- 6. **Planning - [planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**
  - a. **Taylor Wimpey Development.** There was no update on this matter.
  - b. **Bellyeoman Depot Re-Development.** There was no update at this stage.
  - c. **Kent Street.** The developer has submitted an appeal.
- 7. **Public Services - [publicservices@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:publicservices@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**
  - a. **Lauriston Park Safety Railing.** Cllr Ferguson reported that the barrier installation was just waiting for Officers to sort out cost codes to be agreed before work can begin. The CC noted with re-assurance that Phil Clarke of Fife Council appears to have realised his views on the requirement for a barrier were flawed and that the CC's responsible request was now being actioned.
  - b. **Whitefield Road Speed Limits.** No update at present.
  - c. **Pedestrian Crossing - Lauriston Park/Robertson Road.** No update at present.
  - d. **Play Area Consultation - Fife Council.**
    - i. **General Consultation including loss of Lorimer Gardens Play Area.** Everyone was reminded that the Council has asked for views on the proposals for all play areas in and around our boundary. Cllr Ferguson reported that he had raised our CC's concerns about ongoing playpark provision with a neighbouring Councillor.
    - ii. **Paton Street Play Area.** This issue will be discussed at our next Strategy Meeting.
- 8. **Environment - [environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**
  - a. **BiB (Bellyeoman in Bloom).**
    - i. **Bulbs for Nursery & Church.** The Secretary had been contacted by the Church and Nursery who have plans to plant bulbs in the spring.
  - b. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** This item is ongoing at the moment and will be reported on in the new year.



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- 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. **Puddle at CoOp Pavement.** Works are due to commence during the w/c 21 October 2019. It was noted that another, similar puddle forms near to the old folks' home. This issue had been raised with Cllr Gavin Ellis. The issue of flooding near the old Band Hut was raised by Alan Whyte and Cllr Ellis had reported this with Fife Council. Fife Council had made initial investigations and tidied the path. Cllr Ellis is following this up.
  - e. **Virgin Cable - Works.** Rory Sherwood-Parkin, Regional Affairs Manager of Virgin Media has promised that the monobloc in Neidpath Place will be replaced by as close a match as possible. The CC will keep in touch Rory about progress.
  - f. **Alderston Drive Verges at Alderston Court.** The C.C. has received a further complaint about the state of the verge outside Alderston Court and the persistent offending vehicles have been identified. Cllr Ellis had previously agreed to investigate options to control verge parking at Alderston Court. Cllr Ellis to forward a Kingdom Homes contact to the Secretary.
9. **Education - [education@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:education@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**  
Fife Council continue to make every effort to return Woodmill pupils at the earliest possible date. Cllr Ferguson reported that the Scottish Government are to spend £135m to help with the Joint Learning Campus at Halbeath. It is still unclear if this is new money and if it will be up-front cash for capital expenditure?
10. **Community Outreach - [communityoutreach@bellyeomancc.org.uk](mailto:communityoutreach@bellyeomancc.org.uk)**  
a. **Cold Weather Issues.** Cllr Ferguson provided the latest "Winter Services" document from Fife Council, dated September 2018.
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:**
- a. Cllr Ellis reported on the increased Police presence in the area to help with certain issues.
  - b. Fireworks. Cllr Ellis is asking Police Scotland to increase patrols around bonfire night and for Fife Council anti-social officers to be on duty too.
  - c. Cllr Ellis reminded the meeting of the two road closures at Halbeath Level Crossing.
  - d. Cllr Ferguson reported that the school was still working on the book donations scheme and would report again when the scheme was finalised.
  - e. Cllr Ferguson reported there was currently no ultimate way to evict a Council tenant as a punishment for their bad behaviour.



## 14. AOCB

- a. **Potholes & Corroded Street name signs.** Cllr Ferguson had agreed at the last meeting to investigate these issues. The Secretary would ask Cllr Ferguson what was happening on this issue.
- b. **Garden Maintenance.** An ongoing issue in Drummond Place was raised at the last meeting. Cllr Ferguson had agreed to investigate this issue. The Secretary would ask the Cllr for an update.
- c. **The CoOp lane.** Maintenance is desperately needed. Cllr Ellis will ask John O'Neill for an update.
- d. **Craigmyle Street Surface Drains.** They still require attention. Cllr Ellis to investigate.
- e. **General Maintenance.** A discussion ensued about the lack of maintenance carried out by the Council, presumably linked to poor budgeting by the Council. The Council appears to be spending huge sums on 'vanity' projects while not carrying out their basic functions.

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

Madam Chairman noted that no conflicts of interest had arisen and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:55hrs.