



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

v1.04

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 Ross Cassidy	A
C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	P	C.Cllr William Muir	P
C.Cllr Keith Omond	P	C.Cllr Ruth Watson	P
Cllr Gavin Ellis		Cllr Ian Ferguson	
Cllr Helen Law	P		

Others:

PC Kirsty Kay	A	PC Jen Fargie	A
Anne Omond	A	Alan Whyte	A
Mary Whyte	A	Norma Farquharson	A

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** Vice-Chairman, Ian MacFarlane welcomed everyone to this first virtual Zoom meeting and apologies for absence were recorded. Members were asked to declare any perceived conflicts of interest, but none were raised. A particularly warm welcome was recorded to Ruth Watson who was attending her first meeting as a Community Councillor.
- Police Report:** The Police report had been received and there were 4 recorded crimes, 2 of which had been vandalism at the school. Our Community Police Officers continue to go about their daily duties and are still within the local area. Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email - 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 Wilma Allday and seconded by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane.
- Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.
- Officers' Reports:**
 - Chair/ViceChair:** Madam Chairman and the Vice-Chairman had nothing to report that was not already on the agenda.
 - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - Thanks.** The Secretary wished to record thanks to the Fife Council workers that were continuing to empty bins, maintain the parks and fill potholes during this time.



c. Treasurer:

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,332.17.

6. Election of new Community Councillor.

Ruth Watson had been duly nominated by Graeme Whyte and seconded by Wilma Allday ahead of the last planned meeting on 11 March 2020. The Community Council had unanimously agreed to this election prior to the planned meeting on 11 March, but this decision needed to be ratified this evening. Ruth Watson's election was agreed unanimously, and Ruth was welcomed as a new Community Councillor. The Secretary would submit the relevant paperwork to Fife Council in due course.

7. Planning - planning@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **37 Townhill Road – 19/01769/FULL.** The developer has contacted the Council Planning Department on 17 April and 1 May 2020 about a decision. No decision has yet been reported on the planning portal. It was thought this may be down to reduced staffing levels during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was noted that although the plans had previously been met with the general approval by the Community Council, the planned drive accesses onto Methven Drive would reduce on-street parking and at the same time reduce any negative impact of vehicles entering or leaving properties onto Townhill Road.
- b. **Alderston Pharmacy – 20/00980/FULL.** The pharmacy is applying to install a 24/7 prescription collection point. The proposal was discussed, and this was met with broad approval. Madam Chairman noted that she was not aware of neighbourhood notification notices being issued for this application.

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

- a. **Potholes.** Some potholes have been filled but others remain unfilled such as the one at the entrance to Colliston Road. Cllr Law asked members to collate a list of unfilled potholes and forward it to her. Any unfilled potholes for this list should be intimated to info@bellyeomancc.org.uk.
- b. **Bin Collections.** Fife Council were praised for having maintained bin collection services throughout this difficult COVID-19 period. Cllr Law mentioned that the Council was working with the Scottish Government to try to re-open the recycling centres as soon as possible to try to limit the problem of fly-tipping.

9. Environment - environment@bellyeomancc.org.uk

- a. **Grass & Shrub Maintenance.** It was noted that the Council had been able to start the grass cutting season, despite the difficulties posed by COVID-19 and thanks were recorded for their work in cutting grass and weed-killing paths. All of the areas were looking in good order.



10. Councillors' Reports:

Councillor Helen Law reported on the following issues:

- a. Food deliveries to the vulnerable were being made. In conjunction with the Carnegie Trust, some electric bikes had been purchased to help with this task. These would then be deployed to The Glen once things return to normal.
- b. The Foodbank was open and functioning along with Community Pantries.
- c. Although the Council had been unable to do much for VE Day, there had been a display of poppies on the Sinclair Gardens roundabout.
- d. John O'Neill's team we're doing a great job.
- e. Some discussions were being made across the country about extended bike and pedestrian routes. Whilst these would be most relevant in busy urban environments, some thought was being given to extending such a plan to the High Street. Nothing was being proposed yet, the idea is only being floated.
- f. The Chair noted that there appeared to have been an increase in dog-fouling since lockdown. This may be due to areas being quieter than usual at certain times of the day.

11. AOCB

- a. **Community Woodland Hole.** The Secretary showed members a photograph of a hole which is in the Community Woodland. It was unknown how long this had been there, but the Secretary had reported it to John O'Neill at Fife Council and his team for investigation.
- b. **Thanks.** Madam Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman once again for chairing the meeting.

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting.**

The Vice-Chairman noted that no conflicts of interest had arisen and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:08hrs.