



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 9 September 2020
at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.**

v1.03

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	A
Cllr Gavin Ellis	A	Cllr Ian Ferguson	A
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
Sarah Robertson	P	Ian Thomson	P
Zoe Mays	P		

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** Vice-Chairman, Ian MacFarlane 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.
- Police Report:** There had been 16 recorded crimes and 155 calls to the Police. 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 (v1.03). They were proposed by C.Cllr Wilma Allday 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/ViceChair:** The Vice-Chairman reported on the following matters:
 - Strategy Meeting.** The draft of the latest strategy document was completed, and a final version would be circulated to members in the next few weeks.
 - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - CC Scheme Review Update.** This process was ongoing and would next be presented to the full Fife Council meeting in November.
 - Flooding.** The Secretary had attended a virtual meeting with Councillors and officers where the Dunfermline Flood Study was discussed and attendees updated on plans and progress. The pandemic had had an impact on progress but work was about to restart.



c. Treasurer:

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,332.17.
- ii. The bank form submitted for change of signatory had been the wrong one but the correct form had been sourced by the bank and would now be processed.

6. Planning

There were no new planning matters to discuss. It was noted that good progress was being made on the 37 Townhill Road development.

7. Public Services

- a. **Lauriston Park Safety Railing.** Cllr Ellis is still chasing Phil Clarke on this matter.
- b. **Speeding Issues.** Cllr Law reported that she had attended a site visit at Kingseat Road with residents and Phil Clarke of Fife Council to discuss the speeding problems there. Residents also reported on the problems they have had raising this issue with Fife Council and Phil Clarke. It was generally agreed that speeding is generally an enforcement issue. Given the lack of action on speeding issues in the area over many years, the question was raised as to whether Phil Clarke was the problem and a block to getting things done? Cllr Law was asked to investigate who should be contacted at Fife Council who is superior to Mr Clarke. C.Cllr Alan McAskill suggested raising the issue with the Dunfermline Press. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane also agreed to drafting a letter to Phil Clarke on this matter.
- c. **Recycling Centres.** Mr Alan Whyte had raised a question, via correspondence, about the recycling centres and when they might re-open. Cllr Law suggested that the Council may be moving towards relaxing and re-opening centres such as the one at Cuddyhouse Road, but this would depend upon availability of staff and the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- d. **Corroded Street name Signs.** Cllr Law would continue to chase this. C.Cllr Alan McAskill suggested that the Council could have page on their website where such matters could be reported in a similar way to streetlight faults. Cllr Law agreed to take this idea back to Council.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland inc. Sink Hole Update.** Zoe Mayes reported that the primary school had cleared the old entrance steps to the woodland and cleared some of the nettles and bracken to create pathways. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the school was not yet able to make full use of the woodland. The Secretary had reported to members that the Coal Authority had filled in the sink hole, fenced it off and re-seeded the surrounding earthworks. It was also noted that although colloquially referred to as a sink hole, it was in fact caused by collapsed historical mine workings. It was hoped that as and when restrictions (COVID related) are lifted more can be achieved in the woodlands and it was agreed that the CC would facilitate a meeting between the Council and the Primary School with the CC when appropriate.



- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllr Law reported that this matter is ongoing with no progress made.
- c. **Verges.** The general state of grass verges in the area was discussed. The Secretary was due to meet with Mark Blackman, the new Grounds Maintenance Supervisor and agreed to raise this issue with Mark along with other matters.
- d. **Public Park Abandonment:** Grass-cutting cutbacks. The Secretary had met with Cllr Ferguson at the park to let him see for himself how the park was being destroyed by the lack of maintenance. The Secretary had hoped that Cllr Ferguson would be as supportive of the Community Council on this issue as Cllrs Law & Ellis, however, Cllr Ferguson was yet to show his hand on this issue and come off the fence.

9. Education

There was nothing to report at this time.

10. Community Outreach

There was nothing to report at this time.

11. Community Spirit

There was nothing to report at this time.

12. PR & Marketing

There was nothing to report at this time.

13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Anti-vandal spikes at James Allan Centre.** Cllr Ellis had reported the vandalism to the spikes and they were quickly attended to by Fife Council.
- b. **James Allan Centre.** Cllr Law reported that the centre may be used as storage for the Dunfermline Foodbank.
- c. **Paton Street Roadworks.** Cllr Law reported that works were planned to be carried out in Paton Street. While there will be temporary disruption, the improvements will be very welcome.
- d. **COVID Testing.** Cllr Law reported that the Dunfermline COVID testing centre in Leys Park Road car park had been setup and was being well used, saving locals having to travel ridiculous distances, in some cases, for a test.
- e. **QMH Ward 16.** Concern was being widely expressed about the temporary closure of Ward 16 at Queen Margaret Hospital, reported Cllr Law. Many were fearful that this would not become a permanent closure and the situation was being closely monitored.
- f. **City Centre Works.** Cllr Law noted that there would be improvement works being carried out in the City Centre over the coming months which would include signage.
- g. **Potholes.** Cllr Law noted that the Council was trying to move to a 'do it once' approach to pothole repairs. Whilst progress may be slower, it was hoped that this would avoid the current situation where many potholes are given a temporary repair which lasts no time at all.

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14. AOCB

- a. **Funding.** It was noted that local community groups could apply for funding from Connecting Scotland – Connecting Communities Fund if they were eligible.

15. 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 7th October 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 21:00hrs.