



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 7 October 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)	A
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	P	C.Cllr Ross Cassidy	P
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 Fergie	A
Anne Omond	A	Alan Whyte	A
Mary Whyte	A	Norma Farquharson	A
Sarah Robertson	P		

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Secretary, Graeme Whyte had been asked by the Chair and Vice-Chair to be Acting-Chair for this meeting. Graeme Whyte 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:** PC Jen Fergie had left the Community Police Team in Dunfermline North and PC Kirsty Kay would be leaving at the end of October 2020. There was no word yet as to who their replacements would be. 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 (v1.03). They were proposed by C.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Alan MacAskill.
- 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 Secretary reported on the following matters:
    - Strategy Document.** Vice-Chair, Ian MacFarlane had prepared a draft, updated Strategic Plan document. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane was thanked for all his work in preparing the document. The Secretary had circulated copies to Members for further discussion and future action.
  - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
    - Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated. A link to the Public Health Scotland webpage with latest COVID-19 data and stats would be circulated to Members, as requested.



- ii. **Meeting with Mark Blackman.** The Secretary had met with Mark Blackman, the new Supervisor for Fife Council Grounds Maintenance in our area. It had been a very constructive meeting and the CC look forward to working with Mark.

c. **Treasurer:**

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,332.17. A cheque for Email and V.C. facilities was still to be cashed (£201.50).
- 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.

## 7. **Public Services**

- a. **Lauriston Park Safety Railing.** The meeting was pleased to note that the Safety Railing was now in place.
- b. **Speeding Issues.** Discussion ensued on the speeding issues previously raised at CC. The Secretary had sent a letter to Phil Clarke of Fife Council about these issues and a reply was expected in the next week. It was noted that any speed-check equipment should not be installed until after schools returned after the October holidays and a more normal traffic pattern returned. The question was asked if 'PC Jim' might be available for deployment here?
- c. **Corroded Street name Signs.** Cllr Law had chased this matter with Fife Council and had also suggested including a reporting system on Fife Council's website, similar to the one for faulty streetlights. It was suggested that the CC note any corroded signs and pass them on to Fife Council. It was agreed to post this topic on our Facebook page.

## 8. **Environment**

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland inc. Sink Hole Update.** It was noted that it was hoped that between the Primary School and Fife Council work, it may be possible to move this project forward in the spring of 2021.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllr Law reported that this matter is ongoing.
- c. **Verges.** Work was to be undertaken by Council staff to try to improve the verges in the area.
- d. **Public Park Grass Cutting:** Grass-cutting cutbacks. The Secretary had met with Mark Blackman, as previously mentioned, and the CC was pleased to see that the park had been fully cut before the end of the grass-cutting season. Cllrs were asked to ensure that the park was maintained in the next financial year and that adequate funding was given to the Parks department. Cllr Law reported that budgets would be expected to be drawn up and agreed in January / February 2021 and that it was always a concern that the 'Cinderella Services' would receive the biggest cuts.



## 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

C.Cllr William Muir had suggested we might try spending approximately £10/month to raise the profile of the Facebook page and posts. William was asked to present full details to Members for consideration at a future meeting.

## 13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Our Dunfermline.** Cllr Law mentioned the Facebook page 'Our Dunfermline' which may be of interest to those in our area.
- b. **Armistice.** Cllr Law reported that there was no likelihood of organised Armistice events this year where we all come together to remember. We were encouraged to stand on our drives and pavements at 11am on Remembrance Sunday instead.
- c. **New Area Manager.** Cllr Law reported that we have a new Area Manager at Fife Council and his name is Andrew Gallagher.
- d. **Foodbank Storage.** Cllr Law reported that the James Allan Centre would be used for a temporary period by the Foodbank for storage.
- e. **COVID-19 Testing.** Cllr Law reported that the Leys Park Road testing site was working well and that the Scout Hall was being used for welfare issues.
- f. **Parking Concessions.** Cllr Law noted that the Council were considering parking concessions for the Christmas period. There could be no bus service from Leys Park Road to the Town Centre as in previous years.
- g. **Christmas Lights.** Cllr Law reported that the City Centre Christmas Lights will be switched on this year but without any ceremony due to the current COVID-related restrictions.

## 14. AOCB

- a. **Paton Street Playpark.** Sarah Robertson asked about any improvement works for the Paton Street play area. Cllr Law agreed to contact Sarah to discuss and look at the possibility of a sub-group being developed to further any improvement proposals for the play area.
- b. **NextDoor.** C.Cllr Muir reminded everyone about the NextDoor website.
- c. **Water Supplies.** Sarah Robertson had noted when the mains water was off recently that Scottish Water had not dropped off water supplies for households and discussions ensued about potential emergency hubs and other aspects of resilience planning.



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- d. **Dunfermline Stinks.** C.Cllr Ross Cassidy noted that there seemed to be an increasing prevalence of bad odours emanating from the Dunfermline Lochhead dump. Cllr Law said that the gas is believed to be Hydrogen Sulphide and that the operators of the dump were working on improving the situation. The Secretary expressed concern because in an email from John Conaghan of the dump operator [on 27 May 2016], similar promises had been made but there had been little or no improvement in over four years; indeed, the problem seemed to be becoming worse.
  - e. **Mossmorran.** Cllr Law noted the recent flaring incident at Mossmorran which affects our ward.

**15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting and **Annual General Meeting** of the Community Council was scheduled for ***Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting.***

The Acting-Chair noted that no conflicts of interest had arisen and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40hrs.