



## Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

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

## AGM Business

- i. **Welcome and Chairman's Report:** Vice-Chairman, Ian MacFarlane, welcomed members to the meeting and asked Cllr Helen Law to take the chair to elect the office-bearers for the coming year.
- ii. **Election of Office Bearers for the coming year:** Cllr Helen Law took over the chair for the election of office bearers. The existing office bearers were nominated as follows.  
The nominees, proposers and seconders were as follows and these nominations were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconders
Madam Chairman	Wilma Allday	Ian MacFarlane	Keith Omond
Vice-Chairman	Ian MacFarlane	Graeme Whyte	Wilma Allday
Secretary	Graeme Whyte	Ian MacFarlane	Ross Cassidy
Treasurer	Ross Cassidy	Keith Omond	Wilma Allday

There being no other AGM business, the chair was handed back to C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane.

## Monthly Meeting Business

1. **Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Vice-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.
2. **Police Report:** It was noted that we would be receiving new Community Police Officers in the area imminently. Two Police-related matters were discussed:
  - a. **Abandoned Bicycles.** It was noted that a number of bicycles had been abandoned at locations in the ward on the same night. Two C.Cllrs, Ruth Watson and William Muir



had taken in the bicycles left near them and had reported them to the Police. At this stage there was no update on this matter.

- b. **Fireworks.** It was noted that there had been quite a lot of fireworks set off across the area this year, over several evenings. It was noted the distress and anxiety this causes so many pets. Cllr Law had received reports of large fireworks being set off across the ward.

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).

- 3. **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 Wilma Allday.

- 4. **Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**

There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.

- 5. **Officers' Reports:**

- a. **Chair/ViceChair:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- i. **Strategy Document.** Vice-Chair, Ian MacFarlane had prepared a draft, updated Strategic Plan document. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane was again thanked for all his work in preparing the document. The meeting agreed unanimously to adopt the updated plan and the CC would be able to act on it at an appropriate point in 2021. Clearly the pandemic restrictions have been seriously curtailing CC activities.

- b. **Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- i. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
- ii. **Beldorney Place Sink Hole.** Cllr Law had chased this matter and was assured that investigatory work would commence in the next 10 days.
- iii. **CC Boundary Changes.** Cllr Ferguson had asked Fife Council to amend the papers for the recent Council meeting to adopt the changes proposed and agreed by Townhill and Bellyeoman CCs. Unfortunately, the Council ignored this and have put the decision back to March 2021.
- iv. **Overgrowing Hedges, Robertson Road.** The Secretary had written to the new Park Surgery and Canmore Lodge Nursing Home asking them to cut their hedges back to their boundaries along the pavement on Robertson Road. The Secretary also brought the wind-broken tree to the attention of Canmore Lodge. The Surgery had responded very quickly and had also cut back their hedges, which the CC is very grateful for. There had been no response, as yet, from Canmore Lodge. Cllr Law would advise John O'Neill of Fife Council about these matters.



**c. Treasurer:**

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,030.67.
- ii. The Annual Accounts for the y/e 31 March 2020 were circulated, agreed, and adopted by the meeting. These would now be submitted to Fife Council ahead of the 31 December deadline.

**6. Planning**

- a. **37 Townhill Road.** The only matter arising was an application for a small change to a house design/floorplan at the 37 Townhill Road site. There were no objections to this plan and members were pleased to see the site moving towards completion.

**7. Public Services**

- a. **Speeding Issues.** Discussion ensued on the speeding issues previously raised at CC. It was noted that there had been an accident on the Kingseat Road in the last week and Cllr Law was chasing Phil Clarke of Fife Council and Ross Crawford (Police Scotland) about the provision of speed monitoring devices and speed checks.
- b. **Corroded Street name Signs.** It was noted that the Bellyeoman Road sign had been repaired and any other missing or damaged signs can be reported via the Fife Council website or to the Community Council.
- c. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** The poor state of this path was noted. It had been reported to Fife Council Ground Services who said this was a Transportation Department issue and should be passed on to Kane Smith or James Orr. The Core Path in question is P661/04 from its crossing with P594/02 - P594/01 and the Kingseat Road. The Secretary was asked to write to Kane Smith.
- d. **Pavements – overgrown bushes, Robertson Road.** The Secretary had written to the new Park Surgery and Canmore Lodge Nursing Home asking them to cut their hedges back to their boundaries along the pavement on Robertson Road. The Secretary also brought the wind-broken tree to the attention of Canmore Lodge. The Surgery had responded very quickly and had also cut back their hedges, which the CC is very grateful for. There had been no response, as yet, from Canmore Lodge. Cllr Law would advise John O'Neill of Fife Council about these matters.

**8. Environment**

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** The Primary School is keen to be involved in this project as and when it is possible to move forward with plans. The pandemic is severely restricting activity at the moment. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane suggested that the Primary School be formally be invited to any future meeting to further these plans, which was agreed.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllr Law reported that this matter is ongoing.
- c. **Verges.** This matter of verge maintenance was being addressed by Fife Council and members would further monitor the situation over the coming year.
- d. **Public Park Grass Cutting.** The meeting further discussed Fife Council's plans for grass-cutting cutbacks. Cllrs Law and Ellis were backing the Community Council in objecting



to the rewilding, as experienced in 2020. Cllr Ferguson was still to make up his mind. It was agreed that the Secretary compile views on this matter and submit a document to Fife Council by the 31 December deadline.

- e. **Lochhead Dump – stinks.** Cllr Law had sent emails which highlighted plans to cap the gases. Little improvement could be expected until Q1 2021 due to the scale and scope of the works. However, it was advised that any occurrences of pollution be reported to SEPA.

## 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. **COVID Testing Centre.** Cllr Law reported that the COVID-19 testing centre was being moved from Leys Park Road to Touch at an undercover site, which will be advantageous for the winter months.
- b. **Christmas Lights.** Cllr Law reported that the Dunfermline Christmas Lights would be switched on this year on 21 November but without any public event.
- c. **Free Parking.** Cllr Law reported that the Council were investigating free parking over the winter period to give some support to local businesses.
- d. **Paton Street Playpark.** Cllr Law and Sarah Robertson agreed to contact each other and discuss possible options for moving forward with plans to improve the Paton Street play park.

## 14. AOCB

- a. **Strategic Plan.** Sarah Robertson and Zoe Mayes expressed an interest in being involved with some of the strategic plans.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting.**

It was also noted that no conflicts of interest had arisen and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40hrs.