



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 13 January 2021
at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.**

v1.07

Sederunt: (Present / Apologies / Unknown):

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	P
C.Cllr Keith Omond	P	C.Cllr Ruth Watson	P
Cllr Gavin Ellis	U	Cllr Ian Ferguson	A
Cllr Helen Law	P		

Others:

PC Stewart Paton	A	PC Callum Jenkins	A
Richard Murrell	P	Chris Osborne	A
Zoe Mays	A	Norma Farquharson	A
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
Anne Omond	A		

- 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.
- Police Report:** It was noted that two new Community Police Officers were now in place and had met with C.Cllrs Graeme Whyte and Ruth Watson by way of introduction. They are Stewart Paton and Callum Jenkins. We look forward to welcoming them to meetings when we next have an in-person meeting.
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 Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Ross Cassidy.
- Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not catered for on the agenda.
- Officers' Reports:**
 - Chair/Vice-Chair:** C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane reported on the following matter:
 - Strategic Plan.** Following the adoption in November 2020 of the CC's latest Strategic Plan, it was agreed to have a Strategic Plan meeting on 24 February 2021.
 - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - COVID-19 Vaccinations.** It was noted that the vaccination programme was well under way in the ward with vaccination centres being set up at various locations including Queen Margaret Hospital.



- iii. **New MRI Equipment for QMH.** It was noted that the MRI equipment at QMH had been removed by crane on 10 January 2021 and that new equipment would be fitted in about four weeks. It is welcome news to know that such investment continues at QMH.

c. **Treasurer:**

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £7,944.33.
- ii. The Annual Accounts for the y/e 31 March 2020, along with the annual return form had been submitted to Fife Council on 20 December 2020.

6. **Planning**

There was nothing to report at this time.

7. **Public Services**

- a. **Speeding Issues.** Cllr Law reported that Phil Clarke of Fife Council had completed the traffic/speed surveys on Kingseat Road and that she was awaiting the results.
- b. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** This matter had been reported to Kane Smith of Fife Council who had, in turn, passed it on to a colleague, Ian Jones, and we await his response. The Core Path in question is P661/04 from its crossing with P594/02 - P594/01 and the Kingseat Road.
- c. **Overgrowing hedges, Robertson Road.** The Secretary had met the manager of Canmore Lodge and discussed the overgrowing hedges just prior to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 which sadly resulted in the deaths of a number of residents. The CCs thoughts are with the care home staff, residents and relatives at this difficult time.
- d. **Beldorney Place Lane, sink hole.** It was noted that Fife Council had investigated the hole in November, as promised. The hole was excavated but has not yet been filled in. Cllr Law agreed to contact Kane Smith of Fife Council to find out when this work is planned to be completed.
- e. **Bellyeoman Park Barrier.** The yellow vehicle barrier at Bellyeoman Park had been damaged and reported to Fife Council by a local resident. The Council had replied stating that it could not be repaired at this time. The reply was quite unhelpful and was anonymous and from a 'no-reply' email address. Another example of the poor communication skills of Fife Council. Just before the meeting, a temporary fix had been made with a chain and padlock holding the barrier closed. It is hoped that this will be repaired in the spring.
- f. **Gritting, winter services.**
 - i. The Community Council heard how the overall service experienced in our area this winter had been much better than in previous years with both roads and pavements being cleared of snow and gritted quite quickly. This was most welcome. However, residents had again raised the issue that Fife Council do not grit Ellon Place when they travel in and out of Farnell Way. Ellon Place has resident-access priorities and because of its shaded, northerly aspect, is particularly susceptible to snow and ice, particularly when untreated. Cllr Law had responded very quickly to a request from the Community Council and had managed to have Ellon Place gritted on this occasion of bad weather. It was



hoped that the Council would keep Ellon Place in mind whenever it reviews its gritting routes.

- ii. It was noted that a Lamp post at the junction of Whitefield Road and Robertson Road had been hit in the recent bad weather and Fife Council have it in hand to replace the lamp post in due course.
- iii. Residents had also reported that a vehicle had left or entered Farnell Way onto/from Alderston Drive by driving across a steep embankment and crossing the footpath and pavement. It was agreed to monitor this matter and should it happen again then it would be reported to the Police.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** This project is ongoing at the moment and progress has been severely restricted by the pandemic.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** An email from a resident in Alderston Drive was read out to the meeting and the meeting shared the disappointment that this issue had been on the agenda with no resolution for the best part of 20 years. It was noted that the Council send a tractor along Alderston Drive once a year to cut back the overhanging trees. The question was asked why the Council do not charge this activity to the residents who are failing in their legal obligation to maintain the tree belt? Cllr Law, once again, promised to keep this matter live.
- c. **Public Park Grass Cutting.**
 - i. The Secretary had submitted a six-page response to the Fife Council consultation. It was hoped that the Fife Council Officers and Councillors would now work with the Community Council on this matter. The Secretary was asked to make the submission document available on the Community Council website.
 - ii. It was also noted that areas of shrub at the side of the park near the cycle path (old railway line) had been ripped out and this was thought to be Scottish Gas Networks investigating a possible leak.
- d. **Lochhead Dump – stinks.** A number of residents had reported incidents to SEPA. SEPA are duty bound to contact the complainant within 5 days. If a resident simply wishes to log an incident via the SEPA website without receiving a call-back then they should start their report with 'For Information Only'. Cllr Law reported that it was hoped that the ongoing works at the dump would see an improvement over the coming weeks and months. On a related issue, Cllr Law reported that the Fife Council dumps are still open and bookable slots were available. It was reported that the booking slot system was working well.

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 reported that a further 53 people had joined the CC Facebook group, which is encouraging.

13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Schools and devices.** Cllr Law reported that many devices and Wi-Fi had been made available to school pupils who were unable to access these resources at home.
- b. **Volunteering and Vaccine roll-out help.** Discussions ensued about how people could volunteer and help with the forthcoming vaccine roll-out. It was agreed that any helpful numbers would be circulated to members and posted on our Facebook page, if appropriate.
- c. **Empty buses.** It was noted that many buses are running a regular but empty service at the moment. Whilst this was regrettable from a cost and environmental aspect, it was understood that key workers may need these services, even if it is only for part of any given bus route and there was a clear need to keep our key workers mobile.

14. AOCB

No other competent business raised.

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 10th February 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.