



## Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

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### Sederunt: ( Present / Apologies / Unknown ):

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

#### Others:

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

1. **Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Secretary chaired this meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded. Members were asked to declare any perceived conflicts of interest either now or at the appropriate point in the meeting.
2. **Police Report:** Community Police Officer Stewart Paton had submitted a Police Report. Speeding issues at Kingseat Road are to be monitored with the use of speed guns, 'PC Jim' and a new illuminating speed warning sign would be installed, replacing the existing faulty one.  
**Park tyre marks.** Madam Chairman noted that there were new tyre marks in the bottom area of the football training pitch in the Bellyeoman Park. The Secretary was asked to bring this to the attention of 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](mailto:police@bellyeomancc.org.uk).
- 2a. **Cllr Ferguson's Report:** Cllr Ferguson would need to leave the meeting early to attend another meeting and it was agreed to take any business from Cllr Ferguson at this stage.
  - i. **Solar Farm at Lochhead.** Plans were being submitted for a large solar farm in the fields to the south of the Lochhead landfill site. The project aimed to help local projects as well as providing a renewable source of electricity.
  - ii. **Cemetery Graffiti.** It had been a matter of concern that headstones in the cemetery were being attacked by graffiti. The Council had promptly cleaned up the vandalism, but it had been repeated. It was hoped that this would stop, and it was clearly difficult for the authorities to 'police' this 24 hours per day.
  - iii. **Pavement Parking.** The Secretary had asked for an update on the new Scottish Government pavement parking legislation and how this might impact our ward. Cllr Ferguson had received a comprehensive reply from Fife Council outlining the issues that will need to be addressed to ensure that any parking restrictions do not have a negative knock-on effect. In summary, it would be another couple of years before the Council would be able to make comprehensive proposals on this matter. The



Community Council understood the issues and thanked the Cllr and Fife Council for the update on this matter.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.01). They were proposed by C.Cllr Ruth Watson and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday.

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

The Council had just reported that the previously proposed and agreed boundary change had been passed by the Council. It has not been clarified exactly when the change will take place but the new northern boundary with Townhill C.C. would run along the middle of Kingseat Road from the top of Townhill Road to the Whitefield Road junction.

5. **Officers' Reports:**

b. **Chair/Vice-Chair:**

- i. **Council Action/Inaction.** Madam Chairman, Wilma Allday, expressed her frustration that while the Council take months and sometimes years to carry out tasks and all too frequently fail to communicate with the Community Council, it was incredulous that in the next Scheme for Community Councils being drafted by Fife Council, they seem to be imposing a rule that draft minutes be made available to the public within 7 days. The Council staff are paid and fail on reasonable deadlines all the time and they in return, expect unpaid volunteers to 'jump through hoops'.
- ii. **SMART Policy.** The Community Council agreed to adopt the SMART Policy as intimated in the agenda papers and the policy is available from the Community Council website. The C.C. look forward to adopting this policy, going forward, with Fife Council and other partners.
- iii. **Strategic Plan Meeting.** Following the recent Strategic Plan meeting, Zoë Mays reported that she had created a survey form to circulate to school children to see what their views were on improving their community. A draft of the form had been circulated to members and the C.C. were unanimous in agreeing for this project to move forward and thanked Zoë for all her work to date.
- iv. **P.S. Headteacher.** It was confirmed that the primary school headteacher was moving out of post soon. The Community Council had written thanking her for all her work during her time at Bellyeoman P.S.

c. **Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- i. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.

d. **Treasurer:**

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,834.29.
- ii. The online banking forms had been submitted and it was hoped that this facility would be up and running soon.
- iii. It was quite normal for the Community Council to give out donations at this time of year. It was agreed that this year, due to lockdown restrictions, some of the



typical recipients had not been in a position to request or use our donations; and so, it was agreed to postpone this matter until a future meeting when, hopefully, some normal activity returns to our community organisations.

## 6. Planning

The Secretary had been approached by Bellyeoman Road residents to see if there was any update on development of the old Bellyeoman Road Depot site. No plans had been submitted, however, the Secretary agreed to take this matter up with Councillors to seek further information if it was available.

## 7. Public Services

- a. **Speeding Issues.** Cllr Law reflected on participation in Community Speed Watch (CSW). It was hoped that this initiative could be used in our affected areas but CSW was currently suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- b. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Law reported that this matter had been passed to Alan McLean of Fife Council and that John O’Neil had visited the path to see it for himself. While this issue will, in future fall within the new boundary of Townhill C.C., Cllr Law and Bellyeoman C.C. would keep up pressure in the meantime for the path to be restored to a passable surface. The Secretary would write to Townhill C.C. with an update on this matter.
- c. **Overgrowing hedges, Robertson Road.** It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda with a view to raising it again with the nursing home once the current COVID restrictions eased a little.
- d. **Beldorney Place Lane, sink hole.** There was still no action on this matter and Kane Smith (F.C.) had chased Scottish Water to complete the repair to the pavement.
- e. **Bellyeoman Park Barrier.** The barrier had been repaired.
- f. **Gritting, winter services.**  
Ellon Place. Cllr Law would ask Kane Smith when the gritting routes review would be taking place.

## 8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Zoë Mays reported that some rubbish had been cleared and there was anecdotal evidence that some more people had been using the woodland area in recent months.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** The Secretary read out an email received from resident, Andrew Dawson on this issue. The Secretary, once again, declared an interest in this matter, as his property looked on to the woodland. There was still no progress on this matter and Cllr Law suggested that there would not be any whilst Covid restrictions were limiting Council activity. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda despite the ongoing lack of action.
- c. **Public Park Grass Cutting.** There was no update on this matter in relation to our park. However, Cllr Law reported that she would be voting against the proposals and reported that similar proposals in Cowdenbeath had recently been rejected by Councillors there.



- d. **Lochhead Dump – stinks.** Cllr law reported that works are still ongoing at the dump to mitigate this problem. Affected residents would need to keep on monitoring the issue and report any breaches.

## 9. Education

- a. Zoë Mays had reported at 5.b.iii above.
- b. Cllr Law reported that Queen Anne High School were detailing their return to school plans.

## 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. **Council Budget Meeting.** Cllr Law reported that the Council budget for 2021/22 would be discussed at Full Council tomorrow. There was £5m in for road repairs and the toilets would be fixed at The Glen.
- b. **Draft Scheme.** The latest draft of the Scheme for Community Councils would be reviewed at the Council meeting tomorrow and it was expected that this would be circulated to Community Councils in due course for the next stage of consultation.

## 14. AOCB

No other competent business raised.

- 15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The Secretary and Madam Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting.**

It was also noted that any potential conflicts of interest had been intimated at the appropriate point in the meeting and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40hrs.