



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 14 April 2021
at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.**

v1.01

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

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** Vice-Chairman, C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane 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.
- Police Report:** Community Police Officers Stewart Paton and Callum Jenkins had submitted a Police Report. A copy of the report was available on the C.C. website and had been circulated to members. Amongst other items, speeding issues at Kingseat Road and other areas had been targeted.
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 (v1.02). They were proposed by C.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday.
- Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
- Officers' Reports:**
 - Chair/Vice-Chair:**
 - Fife Council Recommendation on publication of minutes.** Madam Chairman noted that Fife Council were recommending that draft minutes should be published and made available to the public within 7 days of a C.C. meeting. It was agreed that draft minutes should be circulated to C.Cllrs in the first instance. This has been the case in everyone's experience for decades. This can be for a number of reasons such as safeguarding a member of the public in case sensitive matters are accidentally published. The 7-day rule was also questioned because if the secretary departs on holiday not long after a meeting then there is a good chance that they may need to wait until their return. Cllr Law indicated and it was understood that the recommendations were aimed at C.Cs that do not



publish minutes on time and was not meant as a criticism of C.Cs that are more organised such as Bellyeoman. It was unanimously agreed that this C.C. note the recommendations, however existing minute production procedures for Bellyeoman C.C. would carry on.

- b. **Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - i. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - ii. **Community Councillor Place Numbers.** Fife Council had intimated that due to population increases in our catchment area, the C.C could now have a maximum 13 instead of 12 Community Councillors. This was welcome news as with only 8 Community Councillors at the moment, this gave us good scope to recruit new Community Councillors.
 - iii. **Accessibility Statement.** Fife Council had written to C.Cs advising them that it had come to their attention that all C.C. websites in Scotland come under Public Body Accessibility Legislation. This means that C.C. websites must be tested for their accessibility against set standards and a statement published showing how well the website complies and giving advice to those who require additional assistance accessing content. The Secretary had prepared an Accessibility Statement which was reviewed by the C.C. It was agreed unanimously that this statement should be adopted and published on our website. This statement would be reviewed on a regular basis, as appropriate.
- c. **Treasurer:**
 - i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,834.29.
 - ii. The online banking forms had been submitted and the Treasurer was following these up with the Bank.

6. Planning

- a. **SESPLAN SESTRAN Survey.** The Secretary reminded Members that any feedback on this survey would need to be submitted by 19 April 2021.
- b. **Bellyeoman Depot – update.** Cllrs Ferguson and Law had checked for any planning applications for the Bellyeoman Depot site. There were none lodged at this time. It had also been noted that any property that is not ‘listed’ can be demolished by the owner; this appears to be the case at present.

7. Public Services

- a. **Speeding Issues.** Cllr Law read a summary of the speed survey report conducted from Fife Council. It reportedly stated that the average speed of vehicles was around 30mph. Many suggested that this was not their experience when viewing the speed warning sign. Cllr Law was asked to obtain a copy of the data from the survey, which she agreed to do.
- b. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** The Secretary commented that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 suggested that Section 19 gave powers to local authorities to do what they considered appropriate to maintain core paths in public or private



ownership, although there is no statutory duty or obligation to do so. The Secretary was sure that a responsible Council, such as Fife Council, would do the right thing and improve access along this section of core path. Cllr Law agreed that the Council should be doing this work but feared that on top of normal budgetary restrictions, the current Covid restrictions would mean there would be little likelihood of work being carried out in the near future. The C.C. understood that some residents had already injured themselves as a result of the poor state of this section of path.

- 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.** This hole had now been repaired.
- e. **Gritting, winter services.** Ellon Place. Cllr Law intimated that the review of gritting routes had not yet taken place but would happen before the next winter season.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** This item is being carried forward as current Covid restrictions are restricting options.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** The Secretary summarised an email received from an Alderston Drive resident on the loss of visual amenity from their property. The Secretary, once again, declared an interest in this matter, as his property looked on to the woodland. Cllr Law indicated that Cllr Vettraino was working on this matter in the sense that he is looking at all areas of common ownership where factors have not been appointed. Cllr Law suggested that she could invite Cllr Vettraino to a future meeting. The meeting agreed that this would be a good idea.
- c. **Public Park Grass Cutting.** The Fife Council Committee deciding upon this was due to meet at the end of April 2021. Both Cllrs Law and Ellis expressed their view that the grass cutting abandonment was not acceptable and would be voting against such a proposal.
- d. **Lochhead Dump – stinks.** Cllr law shared an update on works at Lochhead. Progress was being made and would carry on over coming months. Affected residents would need to keep on monitoring the issue and report any breaches.

9. Education

- a. Zoë Mays reported that the previously agreed questionnaire would be circulated to pupils in the next few weeks, once pupils return to school.
- b. Zoë Mays also reported that the new Headteacher at Bellyeoman Primary School is Ashley Brown. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane offered to meet with Zoë and the headteacher. Zoë would organise this in due course.

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:

Cllr Helen Law

- a. **Covid Testing Centre.** An asymptomatic testing centre was available in Abbeyview. All are welcome to pop in.
- b. **City Centre.** The Council are to launch a promotion of Dunfermline City Centre, as we move out of lockdown, in an effort to attract visitors to the city centre.
- c. **Touch Community Pantry.** This facility is still active.

Cllr Gavin Ellis

- d. **Nitrous Oxide use had been detected in Kingseat.** If any signs were detected elsewhere then they should contact Cllr Gavin Ellis.
- e. **Donald Street Defibrillator.** The meeting was informed of moves to try and acquire a defibrillator and with a view to place it in the disused telephone box in Donald Street.
- f. **Walkabout.** Cllr Ellis would be doing a walkabout in the area on Friday 16 April 2021 to look at issues.
- g. **Level Crossing Closure.** It was noted that the railway crossing at Halbeath is due to be closed from the 1st to the 2nd of May 2021 with the usual diversion in place.

14. AOCB

- a. **Potholes.** C.Cllr Keith Omond raised the issue of the number of potholes in the area. He also wondered how long the coned off area at the corner of Townhill Road and Methven Drive would be left as it is. Cllr Law would check on this.
- b. **Pavement Grit.** It was noted that there had been a number of residents complaining to Fife Council about the winter grit left behind on pavements. It had been hoped that the Council would be able to send around the mechanical street sweepers. It was understood that Fife Council were four street sweepers short due to a number of reasons.

- 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 12th May 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 20:30hrs.