



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

v1.03

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	P	C.Cllr William Muir	A
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

1. **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.
2. **Police Report:**
 - a. **Cemetery Graffiti.** Discussion ensued about the recent incidents of graffiti in the City Cemetery. This was unanimously criticised. Cllrs reported that the Council and Police were investigating and monitoring these crimes and it was hoped that progress was being made at identifying the culprit(s) responsible.
 - b. Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email – police@bellyeomancc.org.uk.
3. **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 Wilma Allday.
4. **Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**

There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
5. **Officers' Reports:**
 - a. **Chair/Vice-Chair:**

Madam Chairman had nothing specific to report that was not covered on the agenda.
 - b. **Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - i. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - ii. **Benches and Planters.** The Secretary had noted that the benches and planters at the church and primary school could do with a coat of wood stain. C.Cllr MacFarlane suggested that at the moment it might be difficult finding someone to do the work, given the move out of lockdown. It was agreed to revisit this



later in the summer with a view to the work being completed in the autumn ahead of the winter.

c. Treasurer:

- i. The C.C. bank balance was £8,834.29.
- ii. The online banking forms were proceeding and now required only signatures for the bank to complete their last stage in the process. The Treasurer would collate the required signatures over the next day or two.

6. Planning

- a. **St. Ninian's Site Development.** Cllr Ellis reported that this site had been sold for future development. There were some interesting plans being reported in the press.
- b. **37 Townhill Road.** It was reported that 2 of the 4 homes were now occupied and works carried on apace. Discussion ensued about various aspects of the development and concern was noted about the state of the public footpath. Cllr Ellis agreed to investigate this issue.

7. Public Services

- a. **Speeding Issues.** Cllr Law has asked Phil Clarke for a copy of the survey results but had not yet received them.
- b. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Law reported that John O'Neil has this item on his ToDo list and that the step at Kingseat Road may be repaired by the Community Payback Team, but no details were yet secured.
- 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. **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.
- e. **Defibrillator — Donald Street.** The C.C. had learned that fundraising plans were ongoing with a view to buying a defibrillator for the area. One option being considered was the former BT phone box on Donald Street. It was noted that this type of equipment needs a power source and access for maintenance and has to be secure against vandalism. It was thought that the nearest defibrillators are currently at QMH and Fife Council offices in Edgar Street (?).

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** This item is being carried forward until current Covid restrictions ease. It was hoped that this will be revisited in August or September 2021. Cllr Ellis and Zoë Mays would investigate whether the Forestry Commission might be a source of bark for some path coverings. Zoë also noted that the school survey was ongoing and it was hoped that results may be available in the early autumn.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllrs Law and Ellis intimated that they had emailed June Barrie of Fife Council who is investigating such factoring issues across Fife. It was also hoped that Cllr Ross Vettraino may be invited to talk at a future C.C. meeting.



- c. **Public Park Grass Cutting.** The Secretary was delighted to inform the Community Council that John O'Neil of Fife Council had contacted him and reported upon the outcome of the rewilding consultation — Fife Council will continue to cut ALL of the grass in Bellyeoman Park. The Community Council wished to thank all those who had supported this outcome during the consultation period and at the relevant decision-making Council meetings.
- d. **Lochhead Dump – stinks.** The works were reportedly on track.
- e. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** Cllr Law had written to Phil Clarke about unmarked speed bumps in the area and is awaiting a response.

9. Education

- a. Bellyeoman Primary School is planning an Escape Room event at the end of term. Following discussions, C.Cllr Alan MacAskill proposed that the C.C. give £250 towards this initiative. This was unanimously agreed by members. Zoë Mays expressed her gratitude on behalf of the school.

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. **Policy and Co-ordination Committee.** Cllr Law reported that this committee would be meeting and started its bid for £4.85m for works including the Northern Link Road. There are still no detailed plans for this road, only an indicative route. These monies would be part of a 5-year plan covering the Northern Link Road and the South Western Relief Road.
- b. **Shepherd Offshore Site.** The MasterPlan for this site would be coming to Council for decision. There is a proposal for a petrol filling station, a coffee drive through and a family pub/restaurant. Concerns have been raised locally regarding traffic movement around the Campus area. Some aspects of the plan are undesirable, but it is being presented as a whole.
- c. **Methven Drive Area Roads.** Kane Smith at Fife Council had been contacted by Cllr Law about the state of the roads in this area.

Cllr Gavin Ellis

- d. **Nitrous Oxide use had been detected in Kingseat.** This, previously reported, situation appeared to have been resolved.
- e. **Balfour Court Sensory Garden.** Cllr Ellis mentioned the possibility of a sensory garden for Balfour Court.



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- f. **Walkabout.** Cllr Ellis would be doing a walkabout in the area.

14. AOCB

- a. **James Allan Centre.** C.Cllr Wilma Allday asked about the level of use of the centre. It was understood that use had been much reduced during the last year due to the pandemic; it was also noted that a number of local groups were expressing interest to the Council to use the facility in the future.

- 15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The Vice-Chairman and Madam Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting.**

It was also noted that there had been no potential conflicts of interest intimated and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:35hrs.