



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 11 August 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 (Treasurer)	P
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	A
Cllr Helen Law	P		

Others:

PC Stewart Paton	A	PC Callum Jenkins	A
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
Richard Murrell	A	Zoë Mays	A

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Secretary, C.Cllr Graeme Whyte 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.
Kate Findlay: It was sadly reported that our former treasurer, Kate Findlay, had passed away. Kate had been a long standing and active supporter of this Community Council as a Community Councillor and as our Treasurer. It was remembered that the Community Council was only a small part of Kate's community involvement as she was involved in so many local organisations from a political party to the Jean Mackie Centre. Kate will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her. 1924-2021.
- Police Report:**

The Police had met with the Secretary and discussed matters of interest to the residents of Bellyeoman.

 - Primary School Planter.** It had been reported that one of the planters at the primary school had been vandalised. It was agreed that this would not be replaced at the moment but would be reviewed at a future date. Thanks were recorded to John O'Neill (Fife Council) and his team for clearing up the resultant mess so quickly.
 - 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 Wilma Allday and seconded by C.Cllr Keith Omond.
- 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:**

Madam Chairman had nothing specific to report that was not covered on the agenda.



- b. **Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
- Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - Park Weeds:** The secretary wanted to record thanks to C.Cllr Ruth Watson and Alex Wood for the work they had done in areas of Bellyeoman Park. They had cleared nettles and brambles etc., from a number of key areas where they were overgrowing pathways. The Secretary had cleared this work with John O'Neil (Fife Council) in advance, and he was very grateful for the assistance.
 - GDPR Policy Review.** The GDPR Policy was reviewed and agreed.
 - Future Meeting's Format.** As Covid 19 restrictions continue to lift it is likely to become possible for the CC to meet in-person if appropriate and desirable. It was agreed that this situation could be reviewed once the restrictions are lifted and the availability of a Covid-safe meeting space.
 - Zoom and Office 365 Renewals.** Considering the above decision, it was agreed to renew the Zoom subscription. The ongoing Office 365 subscription was agreed and authorised as this provides the CC with email addresses and cloud storage for archived documents in addition to the website.

- c. **Treasurer:**
- The C.C. bank balance was £8,584.29.
 - The Treasurer had met with the Bellyeoman Primary School Headteacher and reported that she was delighted with our donation.
 - Internet banking forms had been submitted for some time and the Treasurer reported that he was chasing the bank for completion of their processes.

6. Planning

- a. **Taylor Wimpey - Halbeath.** It had been noted that Fife Council had asked elected members for their approval to grant Taylor Wimpey the necessary rights to access Council-owned service strips when they construct a realignment of Whitefield Road. The Secretary had written to our elected Councillors and to Michael McArdle (Fife Council officer) for clarification on this request, given that he planning permission had not yet been granted. Neither the Councillors nor Mr McArdle had responded at this point. Cllr Law stated that she believed it to be normal practice for the Council to operate in this way.
- b. **Bellyeoman Road Depot.** There are still no plans advertised for this site. Cllr Law agreed to check on the current situation.
- c. **37 Townhill Road.** It was reported that all the new properties would soon be occupied and that the planned garage alterations would go ahead at one of the properties in due course.

7. Public Services

- a. **Speeding Issues.** The meeting noted that there seemed to be no acknowledgement by Fife Council of the speeding issues experienced by residents and others. It was



agreed to keep monitoring this issue and work with the Police, where possible, in having regular speed checks.

- b. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Law reported that she had a meeting arranged for later in August when it was hoped this matter could be progressed.
- c. **Overgrowing hedges, Robertson Road.** It was agreed that the Secretary should now write to Barchester Homes about the state of their overgrown hedges.
- d. **CoOp Lane.** The issue of the CoOp lane's overgrown bushes and weeds was raised. It had been reported that the Council would not be cutting this area until October! Cllr Law agreed to contact John O'Neil about this issue to see if this could be tackled sooner.
- e. **Gritting, winter services.** Ellon Place. Cllr Law reported that the review had not yet taken place.
- f. **Defibrillator — Donald Street.** Cllr Law would try to find a map of defibrillator locations around Dunfermline and West Fife. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until more was known about possible plans.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** This item is being carried forward until current Covid restrictions ease. Once restrictions ease, this matter would be revisited by the CC.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllr Law had spoken to Cllr Vettraino with whom she hoped to have a site visit in August to see areas affected such as Alderston Drive.
- c. **Lochhead Dump.** The works were reportedly ongoing but appeared to have stalled. It was noted that a dedicated Facebook page about the problems had been created.
- d. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** It was reported that the speed bumps in Paton Street had been marked by verge-bollards. These were fine when the street was empty but when cars are parked, they were of little use in warning drivers of the existence of a speed bump, as they were often obscured.
- e. **Recycling Centres.** Many Councillors were pushing to remove the much-criticised booking system, but it was reported to the meeting that the SNP Group on the Council were not keen, such a position was felt to be irrational and unhelpful and didn't encourage recycling.
- f. **Special Uplifts Concerns.** It was noted that on a number of recent occasions that special uplifts which were paid for by the householder, had been collected by the normal blue-bin refuse lorry. This seemed to include items that could be recycled. It was also reported that it appeared that green, white, and brown glass was being emptied into the same refuse vehicle. Cllr Law would ask questions about the above.
- g. **Benches and Planters.** This was dealt with at item 2a above.
- h. **Fireworks Consultation.** The Secretary advised members that they only had a few days left should they wish to comment on the Scottish Government's Fireworks Consultation.
- i. **Paton Street Lane Barrier.** The Secretary reported that a member of the public had reported the difficulty with travelling on a mobility scooter from Townhill Road to the cemetery, for example. The safer route takes one along Paton Street Lane from the



Paton Street Park to Alderston Drive. The existing barriers are so close together that they prevent a Motability scooter from passing through and could also impede a large buggy or pram. The Secretary had written to Cllr Law on 10th July about this issue. Cllr Law had not had a chance to investigate this but promised to do so.

9. Education

- a. It was reported that interviews for the permanent headteacher post at Bellyeoman Primary School had been delayed.

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. **Dunfermline City Status.** Cllr Law reported that it was hoped that Dunfermline would be put forward into the next round of applications for City status.
- b. **Super Campus.** Plans for the new super campus at Duloch were moving forward.

14. AOCB

- a. **Recycle Centre.** C.Cllr Ruth Watson reported on difficulties experienced trying to use the recycling centre.
- b. **Flooding.** C.Cllr Wilma Allday reported on recent flooding problems in the Robertson Road area.
- c. **Potholes.** It was good news to hear that the main street in Kingseat would be resurfaced earlier than expected now that the Council has decided not to wait until all major building works in the village are completed. This work is long overdue.

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 8th September 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 20:45hrs.