



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 6 October 2021
at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.**

v1.02

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

Others:

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

1. **Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The 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:**
The Police had met with the Secretary and discussed matters of interest to the residents of Bellyeoman.
 - a. 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 Wilma Allday and seconded by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane.
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. **John O'Neil:** the Secretary reported that John O'Neil was due to retire from Fife Council and that he had sent an email of good wishes to John from the Community Council and thanking him for all his work and co-operation over the years.



- iii. **Vizi-Vests.** The Secretary had sourced a vizi-vest that had been personalised with the Community Council logo and further supplies could be ordered for future activities. This was noted for future reference.

c. **Treasurer:**

- i. **Balance.** The C.C. bank balance was £8,382.57.
- ii. **Internet Banking.** The Treasurer had visited the bank about the slow progress of the internet banking setup. He was assured by the bank that a Welcome Pack would arrive in the next 10 days or so.
- iii. **Draft Annual Accounts.** The draft annual accounts were presented to the meeting. These would now be audited in time for formal presentation to the AGM in November.

6. **Planning**

There had been no significant planning applications in our area this month.

7. **Public Services**

- a. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Law had reported that we were now awaiting allocation of work resources for this project.
- b. **Overgrowing hedges.** The Secretary had written to Jane Aitken, the Senior General Manager at Barchester Homes in Robertson Road about the state of their hedges and was awaiting a reply.
- c. **Gritting Routes Review.** Ellon Place. The review had been discussed by Fife Council and Ellon Place would now be included in the gritting route when Farnell Way is gritted. This was welcome news for all the residents there who had campaigned for this over many years.
- d. **Potholes.** It was noted that potholes in Robertson Road had been marked for repair, so it was hoped this would happen soon. Meanwhile, the Secretary had been able to confirm with Roads staff that the pothole at the entrance to Robertson Road Park was not their responsibility, so it was most likely a Parks responsibility. Cllr Law had been chasing this.

Cllr Ian Ferguson left the meeting at about 8pm due to other commitments.

8. **Environment**

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** After the October holidays, it was hoped that focus can shift to this project.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** Cllr Law had met with Cllr Vettraino, although no members of the Community Council had been given the opportunity to attend, which was regrettable. Cllr Law reported to the Secretary that *'she did have the long-awaited meeting with Cllr Vettraino on [Monday] but sadly, was not really any further forward. Cllr Vettraino was really adamant that it is the responsibility of the owners and that the Council cannot intervene. He has asked that I get him a copy of a land certificate so he can scrutinise it in detail, but I did not feel hopeful of a different outcome.'* This was disappointing news as the Cllr seemed to have simply stated the obvious without taking any recognisance of the fact that the Council could take action if it wanted to. Where there is a will... ?



- c. **Lochhead Dump.** Cllr Ferguson gave an update that Works continue at the landfill site. Progress was going to be looked again in November 2021.
- d. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** There was no update in the absence of any Fife Councillors.
- e. **Paton Street Lane Barrier.** Phil Clarke of Fife Council had kindly agreed to investigate possible changes to improve disabled access through this barrier.
- f. **Play Park Reviews.** It was understood that Fife Council were reviewing play park provision, but we have no idea what stage this review is at. In addition, Alan Whyte had reminded the Secretary that Campion Homes had paid about £25k to Fife Council for upgrade of the Paton Street play area. Fife Council had done nothing with these monies for years and the question was asked, where is that money now?
- g. **Community Litter Pick.** It was intimated that the Church was organising a community litter pick on 9 October 2021. Details were on our Facebook page and as many people as possible were asked to help if they could. This was a welcome initiative by the Church to help the community.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

13. Councillors' Reports:

There was nothing to report at this time due to the absence of all Fife Councillors from this meeting.

14. AOCB

There was 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 November 2021 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting and that this meeting would include the Annual General Meeting business.***

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 20:23hrs.