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# Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 10 November 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)	Р	C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane (Vice-Chairman)	Р
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	Р	C.Cllr Ross Cassidy (Treasurer)	Α
C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	U	C.Cllr William Muir	Α
C.Cllr Keith Omond	Р	C.Cllr Ruth Watson	Р
Cllr Gavin Ellis	U	Cllr Ian Ferguson	Α
Cllr Helen Law	Р		
Others:			
PC Stewart Paton	Α	PC Callum Jenkins	Α
Alan Whyte	Α	Mary Whyte	Α
Zoë Mays	Р		

- 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. 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.
- 3. Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:

There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.

### 4. AGM Business

- Madam Chairman's Annual Report: Wilma thanked Ian for taking the Chair over this difficult year and while we continue to meet via Zoom. She also thanked Graeme for his support as Secretary. Fife Council activities continue to be limited by COVID restrictions as have CC activities such as the Community Woodland. Ian MacFarlane added his thanks to the Secretary for all his work and the minutes and also to all Members involved in activities over the year.
- b. Election of Office-Bearers for the coming year: Cllr Helen Law kindly took the Chair for this item of the agenda and asked for and received the following nominations for office-bearers. All nominations were unanimously supported. It was noted that the Treasurer was nominated in absentia but had agreed to accept any nomination.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Wilma Allday	Ian MacFarlane	Graeme Whyte
Vice-Chair	Ian MacFarlane	Graeme Whyte	Wilma Allday
Secretary	Graeme Whyte	<b>Keith Omond</b>	Ian MacFarlane
Treasurer	Ross Cassidy	Ian MacFarlane	Wilma Allday

c. Presentation and adoption of Annual Accounts: The Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021 were received and unanimously agreed. Thanks were recorded to the

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Treasurer and Auditor for their work in preparing the document. A copy of the accounts is attached as an appendix to this minute.

### 5. Police Report:

There was no Police Report this month due to the demands of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow.

- a. It was noted that firework debris was found in Bellyeoman Park.
- b. Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email <a href="mailto:police@bellyeomancc.org.uk">police@bellyeomancc.org.uk</a>.

#### 6. 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:
  - Misc. Correspondence. Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated.
  - ii. **Greenspace Forum.** the Secretary read out an email that had been received about a Greenspace initiative funded by Fife Council. Cllr Law assured the meeting that this was not re-wilding by another method and the Secretary would try to find out more to aid the CC's understanding of the initiative.
  - iii. Northern Relief Road. Cllr Ferguson had reported to the Secretary by email that the Council was hoping to receive some of the UK Govt Levelling Up Funds to help with the Kingseat Road bridge works for the proposed Northern Relief Road. It was hoped that more detail would be made available as the Council have never officially published plans for the Northern Relief Road, to the knowledge of the CC or Cllrs.

#### c. Treasurer:

- i. Balance. The C.C. bank balance was £8,382.57.
- ii. Internet Banking. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no update on this.
- iii. Annual Return Preparation. The Secretary agreed to complete the CC Annual Return to Fife Council in time for the 31 December 2021 deadline.

#### 7. Planning

- Local Development Plans etc. Bill Lindsay of Fife Council had kindly advised CCs that
  information on consultation of future Local Development Plans would be made
  available in the New Year. The status of SESPlan 1 and 2 would be significant in
  determining local Plans.
- 2. Taylor Wimpey Site. There were no firm plans or decisions yet, however Cllr Law agreed to follow up the proposals being formulated for the new junction.

#### 8. Public Services

a. Core Path - Bellyeoman - Townhill. Cllr Law had nothing additional to report.

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- b. Overgrowing hedges. There did not appear to be any work being carried out by the Council. The Secretary was asked to contact Mark Blackman (FC) to progress these matters, including the inaction of Canmore Lodge (Barchester Homes) over their overgrown hedges which were blocking up to 50% of the public footpath. The Community Council had written to Canmore Lodge's Jane Aitken twice about this matter and spoken to her in person, but still nothing is being done to remedy the problem.
- c. Potholes. The main pothole at the Bellyeoman Park entrance had been filled in.

#### 9. Environment

- a. Bellyeoman Community Woodland. Cllr Law reported that £17,850 of funding had been found and she would investigate the possibility of whether some of this funding could be used for the Woodland project next year.
- b. Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing. Cllr Law stated that she felt that she had met a 'brick wall' in terms of any action by Fife Council. The CC noted that this was regrettable given that FC were the authority that had the legal powers to change matters. C.Cllr lan MacFarlane suggested that he investigate any HSE (Health & Safety) issues about the woodland areas that my help progress the matter. The CC agreed to this course of action.
- c. Lochhead Dump. There was no update available.
- **d. Unmarked Speed Bumps.** There was no update on the marking of speed bumps in Paton Street, for example.
- e. Paton Street Lane Barrier. Phil Clarke of Fife Council had advised that improvements to the barrier would be going ahead following his department's investigation.
- f. Play Park Reviews. It was reported by Cllr Law that the Draft Review was with Cllrs, and it would then be published for Consultation in the new year. It had been noted that £25k had been paid by Campion Homes to Fife Council for the improvement of the Paton Street play area. Cllr Law would chat with Sarah and Zoe with parents from the school to investigate how this project could be advanced. Zoe kindly agreed to contact Cllr Law to progress this matter.

#### 10. Education

- The Headteacher at Bellyeoman Primary School would be in touch with C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane to discuss future plans that the CC could help with.
- **b.** Prefects were in place for the school's 'Pupil Voices' initiative.
- c. It had been noted that there were accessibility issues into the Community Woodland. It was hoped that these could be addressed early into 2022, if possible.

### 11. Community Outreach

There was nothing to report at this time.

#### 12. Community Spirit

a. The Secretary proposed that the CC consider a Beacon to commemorate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary

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should follow up on the idea with relevant partners at the Council and Emergency Services to see what can be arranged.

b. Zoe Mays reported that the school were looking at planting opportunities with the Queen's 'Tree Canopy' project.

## 13. PR & Marketing

There was nothing to report at this time.

It was noted that C.Cllr William Muir welcomed items for posting to our Facebook page.

### 14. Councillors' Reports:

- a. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Law for all the updates throughout the meeting.
- **b.** Plans were in place for the City's Remembrance Day Commemorations.

#### **15. AOCB**

There was no other competent business raised.

16. 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19:30hrs in a Virtual Zoom meeting. Ian also wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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 20:54hrs.

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## **Appendix – Annual Accounts**

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### Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st March 2021

Receipts	2020/2021	2019/2020
Fife Council Annual Grant	889.96	878.08
Total Receipts	889.96	878.08
Payments		
Bulbs for Nursery	0,00	150.00
Bulbs for Erskine Church	0.00	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	0.00	86.40
School Bench Repair	,0.00	37.40
Homebase	0.00	34.00
Tesco: Gift Cards	0.00	90.00
Balfour Court Donation	0.00	100 00
Jean Mackie Centre Donation	0.00	100.00
Bellyeomen P.S. Donstion	0.00	100.00
Office 365 & Zoom subscriptions	201.50	0.00
10 Year Web Domain Fee	86.34	0.00
Total Payments	287.84	847.80
Surplus I (Deficit) for year	602.12	30.28

### Statement of Balances at 31st March 2021

Bank		2020/2021	2019/2020
Opening Bank Bala	noe	B,232.17	8,201.89
Cash in Hand		3.62	3.62
		8,235.79	8,205.51
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		602.12	30.28
		8,837.91	8,235.79
Closing Balance	Bank	8,834.29	8232.17
	Cash in Hand	3.62	3.62
		8,837.91	8235.79

I have examined the above account and found it to be in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Brian McLaren Independent Examiner

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