



**Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 9 February 2022  
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 (Treasurer)	P
C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	P	C.Cllr William Muir	A
C.Cllr Keith Omond	P	C.Cllr Ruth Watson	A
Cllr Gavin Ellis	P	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	P	Sarah Robertson	A
Claire Swan	A	Paul D'Arcy (Fife Council)	P
Carlene Simpson (Fife Council)	P		

1. **Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Vice-Chairman, C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane, welcomed everyone to the meeting including Paul D'Arcy and Carlene Simpson from Fife Council. 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 (v1.03). They were proposed by C.Cllr Alan MacAskill and seconded by C.Cllr Keith Omond.
3. **Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**  
There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
- 3a. **Bellyeoman Depot.** Item 6c from the Agenda was agreed to be taken now. Thanks were once again expressed to Paul D'Arcy and Carlene Simpson from Fife Council who had kindly agreed to attend our meeting to discuss the outline plans for the old Bellyeoman Depot site. While the site is owned and being marketed by Fife Council, a developer is in the process of buying the site. The site will be used for Fife's affordable housing programme. The expectation is that 44 homes will be built on the site: 30 extra care homes and 14 x 3-bed townhouses (3 storey).  
There will be an information event held for the public ahead of any formal Planning Application. It is envisaged at this stage that the information event would be held late February / early March. In any event, the dates will be advertised in the press and the Community Council will be advised as well.  
Concern had been raised previously by residents about the retention of the old prison wall, adjacent to Bellyeoman Road. It is believed that the wall will be retained, although may be reduced in height. There will be pedestrian access from Bellyeoman Road to the site, but vehicular access will be restricted to Leys Park Road. The properties that will back on to Bellyeoman Road will have their rear gardens facing Bellyeoman Road.



C.Cllr Alan MacAskill commented on the potential impact of additional traffic on the mini roundabout at the junction of Leys Park Road and Townhill Road etc., which is already a busy junction.

Cllr Ellis asked if a layout map was available. Mr D'Arcy said that they were still being worked on but would be available at the planned information event .

It had been hoped that the Bellyeoman Road residents would have been in attendance, however the Secretary would keep them informed. C.Cllr MacFarlane thanked Paul and Carlene for their time and input.

At this point Paul D'Arcy and Carlene Simpson left the meeting.

#### 4. Police Report:

There was no Police report this month.

- a. The Secretary was awaiting contact from the Police Events Officer about potential plans for the Platinum Jubilee event.
- 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](mailto:police@bellyeomancc.org.uk).

#### 5. Officers' Reports:

##### a. Chair/Vice-Chair:

Madam Chairman had nothing additional to report at this stage.

##### b. Secretary: The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- i. **Misc. Correspondence.** Miscellaneous correspondence had been received and circulated. This included information on consultation by the Scottish Government on the upcoming NPF4 (National Planning Framework 4).
- ii. **2023 Community Council Elections.** It was noted that the Community Council Elections would not take place this year because Fife Council had delayed them until October 2023 to avoid too many elections occurring close to the May 2022 Council Elections.

##### c. Treasurer:

- i. **Balance.** The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £9,272.53 following receipt of the annual Fife Council Grant of £889.96.
- ii. **Internet Banking.** The Treasurer hoped to receive the PIN number for Internet Banking in the next few days.

#### 6. Planning

- a. **Northern Link Road.** There was discussion about unconfirmed information regarding the Northern Link Road. There have still been no plans put forward by Fife Council for consultation or for planning permission. However, the following concerns were noted:
  - i. The possibility that Taylor Wimpey may be trying to dilute their responsibility by removing pavements from the north side of the road they are set to construct.
  - ii. There was some confusion about the re-alignment of the B912. It is understood that the intention is for the B912 from Whitefield Road to Kingseat will traverse to traffic-light controlled T-junctions.



- iii. A road such as the NLR should be subject to an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment), however, concerns were raised that the Council may try to avoid this important requirement because the road is to be built in a piece-meal fashion.

- b. **Taylor Wimpey Site - Whitefields.** Cllrs reported that it was thought that the Taylor Wimpey planning applications may be finally decided upon in March, however they have been outstanding since 2017.
- c. **Bellyeoman Depot.** This item had been discussed as item 3a above.

## 7. Public Services

- a. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Complaints had been received about the steps that the Council had put it. They were narrow and with the potential to be slippery in bad weather conditions. Cllr Ellis expressed his surprise at the poor workmanship and agreed to take this matter up with the Council.
- b. **Overgrowing hedges.** The hedges at the nursing home had not yet been cutback but this was being monitored by the Council.
- c. **Potholes.** The very poor state of the B912 from Whitefield Road to Kingseat and onwards to Hill of Beath and Kelty was noted again. Cllr Ellis told the meeting that he would be pushing at a meeting next month to have this road included in the Area Roads Programme. There was some confusion as Cllr Law had previously indicated that this work was already planned but delayed until construction works were completed in Kingseat.
- d. **Lauriston Lane.** The Secretary had received complaints about the Lauriston Lane footpath at its southerly end. The grass and weeds at the side of the path were encroaching and causing concern to some users of the path with disabilities as they approach the steps. The Secretary was asked to raise this matter again with Mark Blackman of Fife Council.

## 8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Once again, it was hoped that more planning and work can happen in the spring. Meanwhile Zoë Mays reported that the school were doing some tidying in the woodland of litter and removing the old plastic tubes that had been used to protect the tree saplings. The Secretary agreed to try and find out the best way for the rubbish bags to be uplifted by the Council.
- b. **Alderston Drive Trees, ongoing.** C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane suggested that we keep this item on the agenda and bring it to the attention of the Council Election Candidates. The Secretary was also asked to invite Shirley-Anne Sommerville MSP to attend a future meeting to discuss this issue. Although we had areas in our CC area that were impacted by 'factored' areas, the problem was a Scotland wide issue, and the solution most probably lies with the Scottish Government.
- c. **Lochhead Dump.** We had previously been led to believe that the capping was nearly finished but apparently it is only 7% complete?
- d. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** There was no update on the marking of speed bumps in Paton Street, for example.



- e. **Play Park Reviews.** It was reported that Zoë Mays had chatted with some parents in the area to find out what may be wanted and what can be achieved. It is understood that the Youth Club may be meeting again in the James Allan Centre. While it was noted that the housing developer had lodged £25k with the Council for this playpark, unfortunately, this would not go far, given the cost of playpark equipment.

As previously indicated, C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane left the meeting at this point (20:50hrs) and the Secretary, C.Cllr Graeme Whyte assumed the Chair.

## 9. Education

- a. Further discussion ensued on possible plans for the Platinum Jubilee and how we might help or engage with the Primary School. Zoe Mays said that she would hopefully know the school's plans at a future meeting.

## 10. Community Outreach

There was nothing to report at this time.

## 11. Community Spirit

- a. The Secretary had not yet been contacted by the Police planning officer about the Platinum Jubilee event that we might stage. It was hoped that progress might be made in the coming weeks.

Cllr Ian Ferguson left the meeting at 9pm.

## 12. PR & Marketing

There was nothing to report at this time.

## 13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Email from Claire Swan.** Although Ms Swan could not attend the meeting, she had kindly emailed her questions and concerns to the Secretary. She raised issues of anti-social behaviour in certain areas; the question of CCTV to monitor this behaviour and the issue of dog fouling. Cllr Ellis agreed to take these issues forward on behalf of the Community Council and Ms Swan. Some discussion ensued about the dog fouling issue with mixed views. Many felt that pavements were relatively clear of the issue but grass areas adjoining paths and lanes seemed to be a free-for-all.

## 14. AOCB

- a. **Potholes.** C.Cllr Wilam Allday expressed everyone's concerns about the number of very bad potholes on our road network and the time they are left unrepaired; sometimes months and years.
- b. **Woodland Rubbish.** Zoe Mayes reported that the school were tidying up litter and tree-wraps from the Bellyeoman Community Woodland. The Secretary was asked to investigate with the street cleaning department what would be the best way to have such litter bags collected by the Council. The CC thanked all involved in this work.

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15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The Secretary thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 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 21:28hrs.