



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 19:30hrs in a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

v1.04

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)	U
Gordon Harvey	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 Paul Scougall	A
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
Zoë Mays	A	Gordon Pryde	P
Alex Allan	P		

1. **Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** The Secretary, C.Cllr Graeme Whyte, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in the absence of C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane, he acted as Chairman for this meeting. 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 Keith Omond and seconded by Gordon Harvey.
3. **Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
4. **Police Report:**
There was no Police report this month.
 - 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.
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.** Misc. correspondence had been received and circulated.
 - ii. **Nomination for a Casual Vacancy.** The Secretary presented a nomination paper for the election of Gordon Harvey as a Casual Vacancy. This nomination had been correctly completed as per the terms of the Scheme for Community Councils. Mr Harvey's nomination was unanimously agreed by the meeting and so he was duly elected as a Community Councillor.



- iii. **Whitefield Road Crossing.** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey raised the issue of Whitefield Road speed limits. It was noted that Mr Alex Allan had been contacting Fife Council on this matter for 4 years. The CC have, once again, recently requested 30mph limits on Whitefield Road via Cllr Gavin Ellis. The Secretary gave a background summary of the issues experienced over the years with Fife Council Officers and Councillors. Cllr Ellis is seeking a site visit with the new Fife Council staff responsible for this matter. Cllr Law would lend her support to this call too. The Secretary noted that point 14d had been added to the final minute (v1.03), agreed at item 2., above, of the 9 March 2022 meeting. He noted that this had been omitted from earlier drafts due to it being originally raised out of order of the agenda and had been overlooked. This emphasised the importance of sticking to the agenda whenever possible.

c. **Treasurer:**

- i. **Balance.** In the absence of the Treasurer, it was presumed that the bank balance still stood at £9,333.

6. Planning

- a. **Northern Link Road.** Cllr Law reported that a 'Pink' paper had been presented to Committee on this matter, so the Council intended its details to remain private from the public. The meeting understood that options had been discussed regarding the level crossing and that negotiations were ongoing with Network Rail. Discussion of known details ensued.
The topic of Whitefield Road crossings was also raised by Mr Alex Allan and C.Cllr Gordon Harvey. It was noted that a pedestrian crossing was the minimum option to calm traffic in order to make a safe pedestrian crossing, however the provision of a pedestrian crossing, and mini roundabouts at key junctions would be preferred together with a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph.
- b. **Taylor Wimpey Site - Whitefields.** There was no update at this stage. Building was presumed to start in the north-west corner of the entire site, however no confirmation on this had been forthcoming from the developers or Fife Council yet.
- c. **Bellyeoman Depot.** Members had reviewed the public consultation documents for this site and whilst many points about the development were not controversial in Planning terms, the CC was seriously concerned about Transportation issues regarding Bellyeoman Road parking which had been raised by C.Cllr Gordon Harvey. A full discussion of the issues ensued, and plans were shared with members on screen. It was agreed that the CC would object to this development on the issue of access for bins and 'shopping', which could mean exacerbated parking problems in Bellyeoman Road. C.Cllrs Harvey and Whyte agreed to liaise on this matter.
- d. **Kent Street Development.** The Kent Street Development Pre-Planning Consultation was due to start soon. Lochay Homes had invited the CC to a meeting with them to review plans and discuss matters arising. C.Cllr Wilma Allday agreed to attend the proposed meeting on 26 April 2022 and to report back.



7. Public Services

- a. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Ellis noted that he was awaiting an update from the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT) on this matter and when works may start.
- b. **Overgrowing hedges.** It was noted that Stephen Duffy had now replaced John O'Neill at Fife Council. The Secretary agreed to follow up relevant issues with him.
- c. **Potholes.**
 - i. **B912.** The very poor state of the B912 from Whitefield Road to Kingseat and onwards to Hill of Beath and Kelty was discussed. It was noted again that no substantive repairs had started. Cllr Law reported on the Council's commitment to future works.
 - ii. **Pothole Reporting.** The Secretary has added a pothole reporting link to our website.
 - iii. **Park Potholes.** Cllrs Ellis and Law agreed that the Bellyeoman Park's potholes should be fixed no matter whether they were the responsibility of Parks or Roads.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Zoë Mays had updated the meeting via email. She had been in touch with a couple of landscape companies about creating access and was awaiting replies from them. The school continue to use the woods each week and they hope to have more classes going along this term. Cllr Law noted that Kevin O'Kane, Clare Hill, and Kathleen Illingworth should be useful contacts re Section 75 funding when needed.
- b. **Unkempt Factored Areas.** It is planned to take up this issue later in the year with MSPs for a Scottish Government solution.
- c. **Lochhead Dump.** There was no update on this matter.
- d. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** This matter was ongoing with no update at the moment.
- e. **Play Park Reviews.** Zoë Mays had contacted a couple of funders about accessing funding for the park and had also contacted Kari from Wellwood Community Council about how they secured funding. Zoë was planning to meet with Cllr Helen Law and some others as soon as possible to see how to move forward with this. Cllr Law intimated that while she was retiring at the election, she would be more than happy to meet with Zoë to help with continuity and transfer of knowledge. The CC thanked Cllr Law for this kind offer.

9. Education

There was nothing to report at this time.

10. Community Outreach

There was nothing to report at this time.



11. Community Spirit

a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022.

- i. The difficulties in finding contacts that can assist with permissions to organise a beacon event were noted. Cllr Helen Law offered to see if she had any contacts that could assist.
- ii. Cllr Law reported on a planned Picnic in the Park (The Glen) on 5th June.
- iii. Zoë Mays would share any school plans when they are known. Cllr Law suggested that the school could participate in the Picnic in the Park, if they wish.
- iv. Cllr Law also noted other nearby Jubilee events planned include the Kelty Tattoo and events at the old coal site operated by National Pride – we would all need to watch out for any advertising.

12. PR & Marketing

There was nothing to report at this time.

13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Cllr Law.** Helen reported on residents parking issues in the southern area of Bellyeoman North. The Council are working on improving parking for residents. A pilot in Foundry Street is going ahead.
- b. **Cllr Ellis.** Gavin reported on the Kingseat Road car accident debris issue. Gavin had followed up on the complaint about the Council staff dumping the rubbish over the wall. Following Gavin's intervention, the Council had been out to clear up the debris.
- c. **Retiring Councillors.** Gavin thanked Helen for all her work over so many years. Helen thanked everyone for their support. The Secretary and Madam Chairman thanked Helen and Gavin for all their work and support as our Councillors. The CC wished all the those standing in the forthcoming Council election the best of luck and looked forward to working with the successful candidates.

14. AOCB

There was no AOCB raised.

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 18th May 2022 at 19:00hrs 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 20:40hrs.