



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 19:00hrs 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)	A
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	P	C.Cllr Ross Cassidy (Treasurer)	A
C.Cllr Gordon Harvey	P	C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	U
C.Cllr William Muir	P	C.Cllr Keith Omond	P
C.Cllr Ruth Watson	A		
Cllr Auxi Barrera	P	Cllr Gavin Ellis	A
Cllr Gordon Pryde	P		

Others:

PC Stewart Paton	A	PC Paul Scougall	A
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
Zoë Mays	P	Alex Allan	P

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey had kindly agreed to chair the meeting and he welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded. Members were asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest either now or at the appropriate point in the meeting.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.04). They were proposed by C.Cllr Keith Omond and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday.
- Matters arising from Minute not on the Agenda:**
There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
- Police Report:**
There was no Police report this month.
 - Madam Chairman reported that there had been a break-in at the CoOp around 1am on Sunday. Cllr Ellis reported catching persons the previous week in Robertson Road with a road-centre bollard that had been removed and the surgery bins were being tampered with. Cllr Ellis confronted the individuals and retrieved the bollard for Fife Council for re-instatement.
 - Members asked the Secretary to contact the Community Police before the next meeting as there were now a number of issues in the area and wider afield that were concerning to residents.
 - Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email – police@bellyeomancc.org.uk.
- Officers' Reports:**
 - Chair/Vice-Chair:**
Madam Chairman had nothing additional to report at this stage.
 - Secretary:** The Secretary reported on the following matters:
 - Misc. Correspondence.** Misc. correspondence had been received and circulated. The Secretary was asked to add the Local Place item on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** The Secretary reported that the Community Council had no success in gleaning support from partners such as Fife Council, or Police Scotland with



plans for a beacon at the Townhill viewpoint for the Jubilee. It was now too late to order a beacon.

c. **Treasurer:**

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

6. **Planning**

- a. **Northern Link Road.** There was nothing new to report on this matter. C.Cllr Gordon Harvey suggested that we split the issues of road safety, previously raised against this topic to an item of their own.
- b. **Whitefields.** There was nothing new to report.
- c. **Bellyeoman Depot.** Madam Chairman and the Secretary had noted that comments to a planning application were not being added to the planning portal when received, but instead appeared to be held back until after the date for submission of comments. It was thought that this was lacking transparency and did not allow the public to view comments raised and allow them to support or object to them. Cllr Barrera agreed to take this matter up with the Planning Department. It was noted that Fife Council Transportation had raised similar concerns to ours about access and parking issues, as well as the lack of a turning point within the proposed site.
- d. **Kent Street Development.** C.Cllr Wilma Allday attended a meeting with the developers and Townhill Community Council. Wilma felt that the new plans were an improvement on the previously submitted plans. Wilma had noted that houses facing onto Townhill Road must have a turning area in their plots for vehicles. The development entrance was still a standard 'T' junction with no sign of traffic lights or a roundabout. This had been a concern with the last proposal. A public display of the pre-planning information will be made public quite soon.
- e. **Passivhaus Bill Consultation.** Alex Rowley MSP had consulted on his upcoming bill on Passivhaus building standards. Discussion ensued with concerns of cost, e.g., the cost of installing when new is considerably lower than retrofitting in properties. C.Cllr Gordon Harvey had previously written to the First Minister on this subject. C.Cllr Harvey indicated that he was happy to draft a response to this consultation, this offer was unanimously welcomed and agreed.

7. **Public Services**

- a. **Core Path – Bellyeoman - Townhill.** Cllr Ellis had reported to the Secretary that he had been promised an update from the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust within the next 7 days on their plans to work on the core path.
- b. **Overgrowing hedges.** The Community Council wished to record their thanks to James Dewar of Fife Council for his quick work in ensuring a number of overgrown hedges were attended to by their owners.
- c. **Potholes.**
- i. **B912.** The state of the B912 was not much better and it was noted that the state of the road could be a danger to motorcyclists. The big hole near to the Whitefield Junction coming from Kingseat had been of greatest concern. The B912 resurfacing programme may be due to start in July. It was also noted that the road towards Knockhill was in a similar state of disrepair.
- ii. **Bellyeoman Park.** The Secretary was asked to contact Fife Council's Mark Blackman on this matter. The Chair suggested that Potholes be added to the agenda items of Road Safety at our next meeting. Cllr Barrera asked about the Council's pothole reporting site and how



easy it was to use? C.Cllr Harvey commented that he had previously used the website, although no action had followed until he was contacted directly by Fife Council to see how things were and only then was the repair work completed.

8. Environment

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Zoë Mays had received a quotation from one company for £2,500 to create access to the woodland area. Zoë agreed to chase other companies for quotes. The school children are using the space each week, weather permitting.
- b. **Unkempt Factored Areas.** It was agreed that this was a matter for our MSPs such as Alex Rowley, Shirley-Anne Somerville & others. Cllr Auxi Barrera and the Secretary agreed to contact MSPs with a view to them attending a future CC meeting to discuss the issues.
- c. **Lochhead Dump.** There was no update on this matter.
- d. **Unmarked Speed Bumps.** There was no progress, yet, on this matter. It was agreed to keep it on the agenda but move it under the Road Safety item.
- e. **Play Park Reviews.** Zoë Mays had been in touch with Wellwood CC, and Youth Club. Zoë was looking to arrange a meeting with residents in June. Zoë had also contacted various organisations re potential funding. Cllr Pryde stated that he was happy to assist with information on applying for Section 75 funding.

9. Education

Zoë Mays reported that the school was to hold events to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was also reported that families etc., would be allowed into the school again, following the Covid-19 restrictions.

10. Community Outreach

There was nothing to report at this time.

11. Community Spirit

- a. **Chow & Chat.** Cllr Pryde intimated about the 'Chow & Chat' initiative at Paton Street Hall, every Friday between 11am and 1pm. Lunch is provided. C.Cllr William Muir agreed to post this information on Facebook.

12. PR & Marketing

- a. William asked that any items for posting on Facebook be sent to him. Zoë Mays said that she would send Youth Club posts to William.

13. Councillors' Reports:

- a. **Cllr Pryde.** A Housing Needs Online Survey was being run and Cllr Pryde would share the information with C.Cllr William Muir.
- b. **Cllr Barrera.** Cllr Barrera thought that the Housing Survey mentioned by Cllr Pryde was for all residents and not just Council House tenants.

14. AOCB

- a. **Townhill Allotments.** Alex Allan mentioned that Townhill allotments were available to residents across Fife. While there was a big waiting list, many allotments are not attended to or apparently used. The Chair invited Cllrs to link with Alex directly. Cllr Pryde agreed to follow this matter up with Alex Allan.

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15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 19:00hrs.**

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 20:25hrs.